BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

FAITHFULNESS
I have established a good name with God and others based on my loyalty to those relationships.

Proverbs 3:3-4
WELCOME! If your life has been blessed or if you are looking to be blessed...we are glad you are here.

Please make yourself at home and let us know if there is anything you need. This bulletin will help you navigate worship at First Lutheran and opportunities to serve and connect with our faith community.

WHAT ARE WE ABOUT? We want to make Jesus famous. It is as simple as that. Our purpose in gathering here today is make Jesus known and to know him better. Because if this isn’t about Jesus, it isn’t worth doing.

WORSHIP We believe that all instruments, all voices and all people should praise the Lord. We do not worship a “style,” we worship Jesus.

Traditional Worship follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin. [9 and 11 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel]

Celebration Worship uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall. [9 and 11 a.m. Sundays and 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Celebration Hall on the south end of the church]

Please join us in the Gathering Place after each Sunday service for coffee, cookies and conversation.

COMMUNION The sacrament of Communion is celebrated the first Sunday and the following Wednesday of each month and welcome all to participate in this act of worship and remembrance. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Communion is also offered every Sunday in the chapel after worship, except for the first Sunday of the month.

CONNECTING We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events. Fill out the “connect” card in this bulletin so we can keep in touch.

OFFERING We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, and thanksgiving. If you are a guest, you are not expected or obligated to give.

BELONGING If you would like to call FLC your church home, come to our “Belong” gathering the third Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. Contact Shirley Tietz for more information or with questions; stietz@flcfargo.org or 701-235-7389.

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.
May 1, 2016: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor Pastor Laurie Neill
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Terry Yoney
Cantor Katherine Noone
Cathedral Choir David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE “All Things Bright and Beautiful” - Diane Bish; Michael Olson, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Lord who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)
HYMN - "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST" - LBW 320

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2. Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Joseph Martin
David Ferreira, conductor
Michael Olson, accompanist

GREETING

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.
KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  ☪ Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.  ☪ Lord, have mercy.

☪ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  ☪ Amen.
HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Matthew 25:14-30, Pew Bible page 807

**SERMON** - Pastor Corey Bjertness

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - “LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS” - WOV 780

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?

What a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.
APOSTLES’ CREED (please stand)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
    and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
    was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated
    at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
    the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
    the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
    and the life everlasting. Amen

(Please be seated)

PRAYERS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY SOLO

“My Redeemer is Faithful and True” - Chapman and Elliott
Katherine Noone, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (please stand)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
OFFERTORY PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD’S PRAYER  *(spoken by the congregation)*

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN
HYMN - “WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS” - LBW 439

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
3 Are we weak and heavy-laden, burdened with a load of care?

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
Jesus knows our every weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he’ll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

POSTLUDE “Toccata in Seven” - John Rutter; Michael Olson, organist

Please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, cookies and conversation.
NEWS & EVENTS
Visit our website for more detailed information. Most events require online registration, www.flcfargo.org.

Geranium Plants
Abigail Circle is taking orders for geranium plants. Each plant is $5 and is available in Red, Pink, Salmon or White. For every plant purchased, $2.45 will benefit the children of Nokomis. Plants will be available for pick up on Friday, May 13 or Sunday, May 15. Sign up at the table in the Gathering Place or online at www.flcfargo.org.

FM Choral Artists “Pipe Up!”
Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m.
First Lutheran Church Sanctuary
This concert will be a collaborative event with members of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists and will include music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Felix Mendelssohn and Morten Lauridsen. Several FLC members are performers in this ensemble, and Michael Olson will be featured on the organ. Tickets are $15 or $5 for students and are available at the door or at www.fmchoralartists.org. Don’t miss this fun musical event!

Valleyfair
Saturday, May 28
Grades 5-12
Cost: $50
Put your hands in the air and scream as loud as you can! Join us for a wonderful bus ride to Minneapolis and a super fun day of rides, delicious food and fun! Friends are more than welcome! Register today online at www.flcfargo.org.

Pocket Prayer Cloths
As a partner to prayer shawl ministry, we are offering pocket prayer cloths. They are available to anyone in need of comfort and prayer. They are in a basket at the front desk.

Family Financial Peace University
Tuesdays May 3 - May 24 at 7 p.m.
CrossTalk Café
Cost: FREE
Questions? Email Kelly Binfet at kelly@rmhcfargo.org.

Church Women United May Friendship Day
Friday, May 6, 7 p.m.
Faith United Methodist Church (909 19th Ave N)
You are invited to participate with Christian Women of every continent in “Fellowship of the Least Coin”. Everyone welcome!

FLOWERS
The flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of VaLora Jundt, whose memorial service was held here yesterday, from her family.

BAPTIZED TODAY

Today we celebrate the baptism of:
Boe Nathan Stumpf – 11 a.m., Celebration Hall

FIRST COMMUNION

Today we celebrate the First Communion of:
Chase Bry – 11 a.m., Celebration Hall

CELEBRATE PRAYER

Our prayer partners meet every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. and the staff gathers daily for prayer at 10 a.m. in the chapel. Everyone welcome. The following have asked to be prayed for publicly:
Glenda Sanford, Sandra Mattson, Lavonne Rustad, Delores Sandbeck, Lorraine Grefsrud, Shirley Peterson, Chris Tietz.
FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Kory Kliner’s father - Bob Kliner.

CELEBRATE GOD’S WORK

THANK YOU to all the FLC volunteers who spent a week working at the Emergency Food Pantry!

CELEBRATE SERVICE

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in First in Mission week! It was a great success again this year, and we are already looking forward to next year!

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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CHURCH OFFICE: 701-235-7389
## THIS WEEK

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6 p.m. **FaithTalk Wednesday**, classrooms

7 p.m. **LifeTalk Wednesday**, Fellowship Hall

7 p.m. **RealTalk Wednesday**, How Great Thou Art Studio

7 p.m. **Large Group Believe Bible Study**, Luther Room

7 p.m. **Cathedral Choir Rehearsal**, Celebration Station

7 p.m. **Men’s Bible Study at Old Broadway**

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**Stay Connected**

I WOULD LIKE TO:

- request a prayer
- learn more about First Lutheran
- receive a pastoral call
- receive daily devotions in my email
- update my information

Name ________________________________
Address ______________________________
Email ________________________________
Phone ________________________________

Please drop this in the offering plate or turn in at the front desk.

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