When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you in all truth.

John 16:13
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]

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 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 22, 2016: The Holy Trinity
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Matt Cordes
Assisting Pastor Pastor Jim Hulberg
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Marlowe Kulish
Cantor Marla Fogderud
Cathedral Choir David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE “Fantasy on Holy, Holy, Holy” - Piet Post; Michael Olson, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS /PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)
HYMN - “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” - LBW 165

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR - 9:00

“How Excellent Thy Name” - G.F. Handel
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.  G Lord, have mercy.

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

G 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.

G Lord, have mercy.

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

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  G Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.
PSALM - 8: Melody - St. Anne CM

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent
In all the earth your name!
Your praise reaches up to the heavens; it is sung by children and babies. You are safe and secure from all your enemies; no one opposes you.

Your glory fills the firmament;
The heav’ns your praise proclaim.
When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in their places--what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mere mortals that you care for us?

Your glory fills the firmament;
The heav’ns your praise proclaim.
Yet you have crowned us with glory and honor and given us mastery over all that you made. Sheep and oxen, birds and fish, even wild animals and the creatures in the seas--you placed us over them all.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent
In all the earth your name!

SECOND READING - Romans 5:1-5, Pew Bible page 917

ALLELUIA (Please stand)

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

Glory to you, O Lord.
READING OF THE GOSPEL - John 16:12-15, Pew Bible page 879

(Please be seated)

SERMON - Pastor Matt Cordes

HYMN OF THE DAY - “COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING “- LBW 522

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)

OFFERING/OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Sing Ye A Joyful Song” - Antonin Dvorak  
Marla Fogderud, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)

(G) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

(Please be seated)

THANK YOU GOD MOMENT

PRAYERS
THE LORD’S PRAYER - (sung by the congregation)

C: Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

HYMN - “HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME” - LBW 535

POSTLUDE “All Glory Be to God on High” - J.S. Bach; Michael Olson, organist

Please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, cookies and conversation.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information. Most events require online registration, www.flcfargo.org.

Great Plains Food Bank Volunteer Day
Thursday, May 26 at 1:30 p.m.
It’s that time again! We are in need of 40 volunteers to pack food at the Great Plains Food Bank. This is a fun way to spend time with family or friends doing some wonderful ministry volunteer work. Contact Shirley Tietz at stietz@flcfargo.org with questions. Register online.

Valleyfair
Saturday, May 28
Grades 5-12
Cost: $50
Put your hands in the air and scream as loud as you can! We will have spots available! Register online.

Planned Giving Presentation
Sunday, June 5 at 10:10 a.m.
Adult Education Room
Craig Johnson will give a presentation on “Two Compelling Giving Methods for North Dakotans.” He will provide valuable information on methods for giving that help to provide supplementary retirement income and great tax benefits.

FLC Night at the RedHawks
Tuesday, June 21, 6 p.m.
Cost: $21/Adult, $15/Kids 12 & under
Come enjoy some baseball at Newman Outdoor Field with your FLC family again this summer! We will spend the evening on their NEW Third Base Party Deck, which includes an all-you-can-eat buffet with your ballpark favorites, soda, water and more that we can enjoy through the 5th inning! Register online.

Bike Ride for “Jesus Calling” Devotional Book
Paul Shol, Fargo North High teacher and First Lutheran attendant, is preparing to ride bike across the country this coming summer. He is fundraising to purchase/ship the books to the places he is going so he can spread God’s presence and peace. To support Paul’s effort, checks can be written to FLC with “Paul’s Legacy Tour” in the memo line. Paul will have a table set up outside the Celebration Hall for you to put a personal message in some of the books if you would like!

Note from Council President
Dear Friends,
As the council of First Lutheran Church, we have set a high priority on taking care of our staff. As a result, we are continuing to encourage our pastoral staff to take care of themselves. Part of the rhythm of self-care in church life is the pastoral sabbatical.

A pastoral sabbatical is for our leaders to renew their energy and passion for ministry through continuing education, study and rest. We are pleased to announce that Pastor Corey is taking a sabbatical this summer. Our prayer is that he finds it a time of renewal. Until his return Pastor Laurie Neill will be serving as Acting Senior Pastor.

Dave Rogness
Council President

MANGE TAKK to everyone who helped make the Syttende Mai Celebration a success. There were many hands who played a role in this fun day! Special thanks for Chair Woman Pat McCabe for coordinating the whole event!

Today we celebrate the baptism of:
Roy David Mickelson—9 a.m., Celebration Hall
Claudia DeCrans Kietzman—11 a.m., Celebration Hall

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:
Mercille Moen, Amanda Nelson, Brent Thompson, Glenda Sanford, Sandra Mattson, Lavonne Rustad, Delores Sandbeck, Lorraine Grefsrud, Shirley Peterson, Chris Tietz.

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**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 22**

- **9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Sanctuary Worship
- **9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Celebration Hall Worship
- **8:15 a.m.** Intern Meeting, Youth Lounge
- **10 a.m.** Teacher Appreciation Reception, Fellowship Hall
- **10 a.m.** Confirmation Parent Meeting, Chapel
- **11 a.m.** Graduating Senior Recognition, Celebration Hall
- **11 a.m.** FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin’s Restaurant
- **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel

**Monday, May 23**

- **9 a.m.** Quilting, Fellowship Hall
- **Noon** Homeless & Hungry Steering Meeting, Luther Room
- **6 p.m.** Prayer Bead Workshop, Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 24**

- **6:45 a.m.** Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.** Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- **1 p.m.** Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **1 p.m.** Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
- **7 p.m.** Family Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café

**Wednesday, May 25**

- **8 a.m.** Meal Prep for Churches United, Celebration Kitchen
- **12:45 p.m.** Piano/Organ Duet Recital, Sanctuary
- **1:30 p.m.** Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/ Celebration Hall
- **5 p.m.** Family Meal, Gathering Place
- **6 p.m.** Wednesday Worship, Celebration Hall
- **7 p.m.** Teacher Appreciation Reception, Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, May 26**

- **8:30 a.m.** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.** Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **1 p.m.** Prayer Shawl Ministry, The Gathering Place
- **1:30 p.m.** Great Plains Food Bank Volunteer Day
- **2 p.m.** Worship at Rosewood

**Saturday, May 28**

- **7 a.m.** Valleyfair trip

**Sunday, May 29**

- **9 a.m.** Sanctuary Worship
- **11 a.m.** Celebration Hall Worship
- **11 a.m.** FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin’s Restaurant
- **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel

**Monday, May 30**

- **CHURCH CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY**

*Beginning Tuesday, May 31, Summer Office Hours Begin:

**Monday—Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.** and Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.*

**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 ____________________________

**I WOULD LIKE TO:**

**Name ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Email ____________________________
Phone ____________________________

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

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WDAY; 9 a.m. Sundays