BElIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

SPIRITUAL GIFTS
I know my spiritual gifts and use them to fulfill God’s purposes.

Romans 12:4-6a
WELCOME! If you believe Jesus is the risen son of God, or if you want to explore the mysteries of faith...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 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.
January 31, 2016: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor Pastor Jim Hulberg
Organist/Accompanist Michael Olson
Reader Mavis Tjon (9:00); Isabella Kirch (11:00)
Cantor Herb Parker

PRELUDE - “Overture in D Major” - J.S. Bach; Michael Olson, organist

SUNDAY FAITH TALK STUDENTS - 11:00 - “El Shaddai”
Kathy Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRAYER

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word
made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of peace,

C: we confess that we are not at peace— with others or with ourselves. We bring
to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our
world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to
one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince
of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon
grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken
heart. Hear this word of God’s pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior,
you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C: Amen.

(Please stand)
HYMN - "RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD!" - LBW 383

1. Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
2. Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
3. Rise up, O saints of God! His kingdom's task embrace;
4. Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain;
5. Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR - 9:00 - "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" - William Dawson
David Ferreira, conductor; Herb Parker, soloist

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.

☪ Lord, have mercy.

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

READING - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Pew Bible page 933

HYMN - “GOD’S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE” - LBW 239
HYMN OF THE DAY - “SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART” - LBW 486

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no prophetic ecstasies,
3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,

wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one holy passion filling all my frame:

stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dimness of my soul away.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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 - “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” - Doris Akers
Herb Parker, vocalist
Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)

(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.
HYMN - “LORD, SPEAK TO USE, THAT WE MAY SPEAK” - LBW 403

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so we may feed your straying children, lost and lone.

2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the wandering and the waver'ing feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing our words, that glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts overflow in kindling thought and

POSTLUDE “Prelude and Fugue in C Major” - J.S. Bach
Michael Olson, organist
NEWS & EVENTS

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

Snow Shoe Sunday
Today at 4 p.m.
Snow shoes will be available for check-out on a first come, first served basis. Reserve your spot with Rollie by email at rjohnson@flcfargo.org. All outings depart from Rollie’s house (505 66th Ave N in Moorhead) promptly at 4pm and head out to various locations. Join us for some outside winter fun!

Valentine’s Gala Luau
Saturday, February 13, 6-9p.m.
Mark your calendars for our annual Valentine’s Gala—Luau Style! This has become a very fun tradition at FLC, and it is a wonderful night out for the whole family! Great food, great fellowship and DANCING to the music of Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome! Gather the family for this evening of family fun! Tickets are on sale NOW at the FLC front desk.

SKYZONE Trampoline Park Day
Sunday, February 21
5:30-7 p.m.
Cost: $11/person
Come jumping with us! We are headed to SkyZone Trampoline park! If you have never been there, it is a whole arena of trampolines and is great exercise and tons of fun! Register online.

REEL Faith Movie
February 21
12:30 p.m.
Riley’s emotions live in Headquarters, the control center inside her mind where they take turns helping her get though everyday life. Since Riley is a pretty happy kid, most of the time Joy is in charge. Occasionally, Anger, Fear, Disgust, and Sadness get a turn at the controls, but Joy runs a tight ship. Don’t let the animation fool you, this is a great movie for adults too! It teaches a good lesson on the importance of acknowledging all emotions, even the not-so-fun ones. Rated PG.

FLOWER SPONSORS
We are in need of sponsors for the flowers on the altar on Sundays. These can be sponsored for any special occasion that you would like to highlight! Cost is $35. Contact Becki at the front desk if you are interested.

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:
Curt Tjon, Alan Halverson, Maasha Kapphahn, Helen Shirley, Ethan Parmer.

DONATE BY TEXT
You can now make a contribution to First Lutheran Church with a quick text message! Simply send a text to 701-354-1495 with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. You will receive a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and email receipt. It’s that easy!

CELEBRATE STUDY
Large group studies Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m., Tuesdays at noon & Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Various small groups (LifeGroups) meet at various times of the week. Join a LifeGroup or a Circle. Any of the staff can get you connected!

GOT KIDS?
Kids are an important part of First! Christian Ed classes run Sept.-May for 3-years-olds through high school.
Nursery (0-5 yrs): Open during worship
FaithTalk (age 3-4th grade): Sunday at 10:05 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
CrossTalk (5th-6th grade): Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
LifeTalk (7th-8th grade): Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
RealTalk (9th-12th grade): Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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OFFICE HOURS: 8 am-5 pm, M-F
### Sunday, January 31
- **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
- **8:15 a.m.** FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- **10:10 a.m.** Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
- **2 p.m.** HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge
- **4 p.m.** Snow Shoe Sunday, Rollie’s House

### Monday, February 1
- **9 a.m.** Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- **6:30 p.m.** Zumba, Gym

### Tuesday, February 2
- **6:45 a.m.** Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.** MomTalk Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.** Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- **Noon** Large Group Believe Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- **1 p.m.** Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **1:30 p.m.** Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
- **5:30 p.m.** Yoga, CrossTalk Cafe
- **6 p.m.** Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- **6 p.m.** Befriender Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **6:30 p.m.** A Woman’s Heart Beth Moore Study, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 3
- **12:45 p.m.** Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- **1:30 p.m.** Wednesday Fellowship Chapel/Celebration Hall
- **5 p.m.** Family Meal, Gathering Place
- **5:30 p.m.** Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
- **5:30 p.m.** Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- **6 p.m.** Celebration Worship, Celebration Hall
- **6 p.m.** CrossTalk Wednesday, CrossTalk Café
- **6 p.m.** FaithTalk Wednesday, classrooms
- **6:30 p.m.** Men’s Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **7 p.m.** LifeTalk Wednesday, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.** RealTalk Wednesday, How Great Thou Art Studio

### Thursday, February 4
- **8:30 a.m.** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.** Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **Noon** Me, Myself & Lies, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.** Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, The Gathering Place

### Friday, February 5
- **5 p.m.** Men’s Winter Cabin Getaway departs
- **6 p.m.** Frye/Moncada Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Saturday, February 6
- **4 p.m.** Teah Frye/Aaron Moncada Wedding, Sanctuary

### Sunday, February 7
- **Communion Sunday**
  - **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.** FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
  - **10:10 a.m.** Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
  - **10:15 a.m.** Baptism Training Session, Chapel
  - **1:30 p.m.** Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
  - **2 p.m.** HS Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge
  - **6 p.m.** Men’s Winter Cabin Getaway returns

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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

**I WOULD LIKE TO:**

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www.flcfargo.org

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- Fargo channel 68
  - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. Sundays
- Moorhead channel 69
  - 7 p.m. Tuesdays; 5 p.m. Sundays

**Listen to traditional services on the radio**
WDAY; 9 a.m. Sundays

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