BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

GENTLENESS
I am thoughtful, considerate and calm
in my dealings with others.

Philippians 4:5
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 to 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.
May 8, 2016: Seventh Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
Message  Pastor Laurie Neill
Assisting Pastor  Pastor Bill Ahlfeldt
Organist/Accompanist  Michael Olson
Reader  Lois Ivers Altenburg
Cantor  Vangie Parker
Men’s Choir  David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE  “Prelude and Fugue in C Major” - J.S. Bach; arr. Ted Blumenthal
“Amazing Grace” - arr. Luther Henderson
FM Brass Quintet

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 - “BE THOU MY VISION” - WOV 776

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
4 Light of my soul, after victory won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
may I reach heaven’s joys, O heaven’s Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tower,
thou, and thou only, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what ever befall,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
raise thou me heav’nward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

(Please be seated)

MEN’S CHOIR - 9:00

“Gentle Shepherd” - arr. David Ferreira
“The Navy Hymn” - arr. David Ferreira
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

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

C  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: Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS - Isaiah 42:1-4, Pew Bible page 584
Matthew 11:28-30, Pew Bible page 792
John 8:1-11, Pew Bible page 870

SERMON - Pastor Laurie Neill

HYMN OF THE DAY - “SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS” - WOV 684
(verses on the next page)
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

“His Eye is on the Sparrow” - Charles Gabriel
Vangie Parker, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING (Please stand)

(C) Cre-ate 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.
HYMN - “FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION” - WOV 760

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
In our world-wide task of caring, for the hungry and despairing,
For the wonders that astounded us, for the truths that still confound us,

Future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.
In the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Galliarda Battaglia” - Samuel Scheidt; FM Brass Quintet

Please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, cookies and conversation.
ATTENTION Graduating Seniors!
If you have not been contacted by Shirley Tietz about the senior recognition day on May 22, please call her at 701-235-7389.

Advanced Directives Presentation
Sunday, May 15 at 10 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Come and learn about the gift of advanced care planning. The session will include information on how we can help you to complete your advanced directives as well as setting up your home safety checks.

Prayer Bead Workshop
Monday, May 23 at 6 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Cost: $10
Prayer beads have been associated with prayer for a long time. Join us to make these wonderful expression of prayer. Make one for yourself and one to give.

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! 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.

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.

FLOWERS
The flowers on the altar are in memory of Hazel Thompson, from her daughters DeLores Wolf & Bev Vandrovec.

RADIO
The radio broadcast today is given in memory of Armond Erickson’s birthday on May 8, from Nancy and family.

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:

Brent Thompson, Glenda Sanford, Rolland Ruff, Sandra Mattson, Lavonne Rustad, Delores Sandbeck, Lorraine Grefsrud, Shirley Peterson, Chris Tietz.

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Katie Damico’s grandmother Nancy Forsberg and Mark & Paul Speral’s brother Dave Speral.

CELEBRATE GOD’S WORK
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.

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CHURCH OFFICE: 701-235-7389
### Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

- **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.:** Men’s Choir Rehearsal, Celebration Station
- **10 a.m.:** FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- **10:10 a.m.:** Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- **11 a.m.:** FLC Brunch Bunch, Marlin’s Restaurant
- **2 p.m.:** FM Choral Artists Concert, Sanctuary

### Monday, May 9

- **9 a.m.:** Quilting, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, May 10

- **6:45 a.m.:** Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- **9 a.m.:** Prayer Partners, Heritage Room
- **9 a.m.:** MomTalk Brunch, Celebration Hall
- **9:30 a.m.:** Miriam Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **Noon:** Large Group Believe Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- **1 p.m.:** Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- **1 p.m.:** Learn to Knit & Crochet, The Gathering Place
- **2 p.m.:** Mary Magdalene Circle Meeting, Heritage Room
- **5:30 p.m.:** Yoga, CrossTalk Café
- **6 p.m.:** Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- **6:30 p.m.:** Missing Pieces Women’s Study, Fellowship Hall
- **7 p.m.:** Family Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café

### Wednesday, May 11

- **9:30 a.m.:** Abigail Circle Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **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
- **5:15 p.m.:** First in Mission Meeting, Main Level Conference Room
- **6 p.m.:** Wednesday Worship, Celebration Hall
- **6 p.m.:** CrossTalk Wednesday, CrossTalk Café
- **6 p.m.:** FaithTalk Wednesday, classrooms

### Thursday, May 12

- **7 a.m.:** Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- **8:30 a.m.:** Helping Hands, Celebration Hall
- **10:15 a.m.:** Program Staff Meeting, Luther Room
- **10:15 a.m.:** Noon Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- **1:30 p.m.:** Ruth Circle Meeting, Heritage Room
- **5:30 p.m.:** Health Ministry Meeting, Heritage Room
- **7 p.m.:** FM Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Group Meeting, Adult Ed Room

### Friday, May 13

- **11:30 a.m.:** Organ Demonstration/Lunch following, Sanctuary/Celebration Hall

### Saturday, May 14

- **10 a.m.:** FLCO Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- **11 a.m.:** Memorial Service for Peggy Thompsen, lunch following, Chapel/Celebration Hall

### Sunday, May 15 - Day of Pentecost

- **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
- **9 a.m.:** Belong!, Luther Room
- **10 a.m.:** FaithTalk Sunday, classrooms
- **10:10 a.m.:** Large Group Study, Adult Ed Room
- **10:30 a.m.:** Violin Recital of Mary Weisser’s Students, Celebration Hall
- **3 p.m.:** Fibromyalgia Support Group, Library
- **4 p.m.:** South High Composition Recital, Sanctuary

### 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.*