BELIEVE
LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

KINDNESS/GOODNESS
I choose to be kind and good
in my relationships with others.

1 Thessalonians 5:17
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 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.
April 24, 2016: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Order of Worship

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message  Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor  Pastor Jim Hulberg
Organist/Accompanist  Michael Olson
Reader  Mavis Tjon (9:00), Lowell Disrud (11:00)
Cantor  Gene Okerlund
Cathedral Choir  David Ferreira, conductor

PRELUDE  “Canzon #1” - Peueri; “Nearer, My God to Thee” - arr. Henderson;
“Canzon duedecimi toni” - Gabrieli
Dakota Brass Ensemble

CRUSADER CHOIR – 9:00 - “Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”
Kathy Ferreira, conductor
Michael Olson, accompanist

JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR – 11:00 - “I Choose Jesus” - Moriah Peters
Katie Damico, conductor & accompanist

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 - “I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES” - LBW 352

(Please be seated)

CATHEDRAL CHOIR - 9:00

“Assurance” - John Ness Beck
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.

G Lord God, heaven-ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther:

We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

G Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

G You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. G And also with you.
P: Let us pray.

C: Holy Father, teach us to be generous in prosperity and thankful in adversity; fair in judgment, and guarded in speech. Guide us to be a lamp to those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger. Keep us to be kind and good, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.


HYMN - “COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” - LBW 499

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-enezer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt— or dai-ly I’m con-strained to be;

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet-er bind my wan-d’ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo-ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d’ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev-er to a-dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

SERMON - Pastor Corey Bjertness
HYMN OF THE DAY - “LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS” - LBW 469

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:

be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

“Voluntary in C Major” - Purcell
Dakota Brass Ensemble

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.
BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

HYMN - “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW” - LBW 565

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE “Glory Bound” - arr. Pethel; Dakota Brass Ensemble

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

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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.

Ushers Needed
We are in need of ushers in the Sanctuary for both services. Please contact Del Herrmann at 235-9785 if you are interested.

“The Christians” Play
Thursday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $5 at the door
Join Theatre NDSU for the Midwest premiere of The Christians, a new play by Lucas Hnath: Pastor Paul presides over a congregation of thousands, with classrooms for Sunday School, a coffee shop in the lobby, and a baptismal font as big as a swimming pool. The Christians is a play about faith in America—and the trouble with changing your mind. Following this play there will be a discussion panel with Pr. Corey Bjertness as one of the participants. This will be a fun event, don’t miss it!

First in Mission Week Volunteers Needed
We still have spots open for First in Mission week this week! This is such a fun way to spend time with family or friends. Register today at the table!

FM Choral Artists Concert
Saturday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 at 2 p.m.
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, as well as Michael Olson 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.

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, Betty Johnson, Lavonne Rustad, Delores Sandbeck, Lorraine Grefsrud, Shirley Peterson, Chris Tietz.

FLC offers sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Sue Nettum’s father, James D. Thomas and Barb Ruddy’s mother, Myra Ulmer.

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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THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 24
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
11 a.m.  FLC Brunch Bunch at Marlin’s Restaurant
1:30 p.m.  Open Door For All Nations Church, Chapel
2 p.m.  High School Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge
5:30 p.m.  Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
6 p.m.  Wednesday Worship, Celebration Hall
6 p.m.  CrossTalk Wednesday, CrossTalk Café
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

Monday, April 25
9 a.m.  Quilting, Fellowship Hall
8 a.m.  North Dakota Chaplain Meeting, Adult Education Room
1:30 p.m.  FLCW Board Meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, April 26
6:45 a.m.  Men’s Breakfast Believe Bible Study, 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 Café
6 p.m.  Tae Kwon Do, Gym
6:30 p.m.  Missing Pieces Women’s Study, Fellowship Hall
7 p.m.  Financial Peace, CrossTalk Café
7 p.m.  Student Recital of Michael Olson’s Students, Sanctuary/Celebration Hall

Wednesday, April 27
8 a.m.  Meal Prep for Churches United, Celebration Kitchen
12:45 p.m.  NO Organ Recital by Michael Olson
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

Friday, April 29
6 p.m.  Thompson/Kastner Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 30
9 a.m.  First in Mission Cookie Baking, Celebration Kitchen
11 a.m.  Memorial Service for Val Jundt, Chapel
4:30 p.m.  Thompson/Kastner Wedding, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 1 - 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
11 a.m.  FLC Brunch Bunch at Marlin’s Restaurant
2 p.m.  High School Girls Bible Study, Youth Lounge

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