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JOHN 17:20-26

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LOVE
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like Jesus

ON BROADWAY



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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*let your
light
shine*

MATT. 6:18



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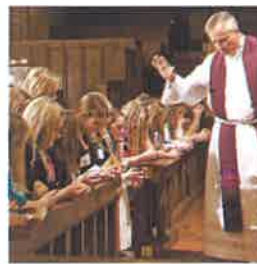
WELCOME! If you sailed into church this morning on the tides of triumph or if you crawled in under the crushing blows of defeat... **WELCOME.** We are just glad you are here.

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.



COMMUNION The sacrament of Communion is celebrated at all services the first and third Sundays of each month. All are welcome to participate in this act of worship and remembrance. Children who do

not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church.]



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 blue post-it note so we can keep in touch.



Celebration Worship uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall. [9 & 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Celebration Center on the west end of the church]



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 Each quarter, we host a new member BELONG class to introduce and welcome new members to First Lutheran. The next class is planned for this spring (date TBD). Contact the church office for details.

January 31, 2021
Live, Love, and Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Laurie Neill
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Beverly Bjertness

PRELUDE:

Prelude and Fugue in D minor – J.S. Bach
Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

P: God, wonderful counselor,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way.
We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.
We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.
Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.

We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

(ELW 810)

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

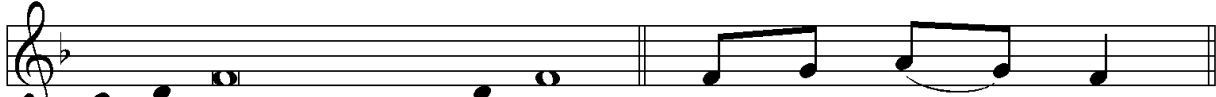
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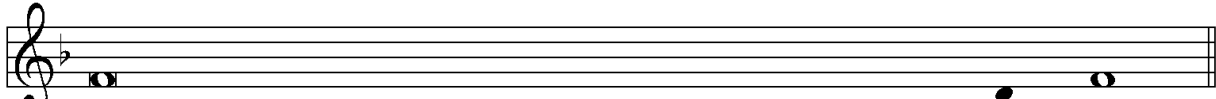
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**


KYRIE



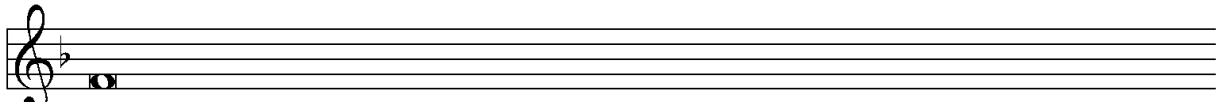
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



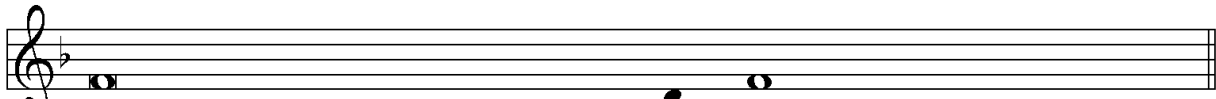
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



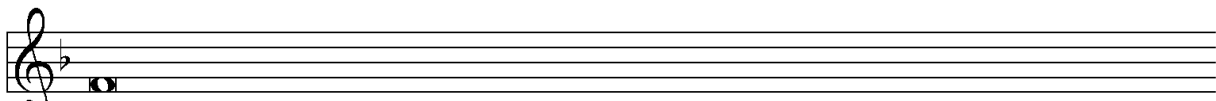
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



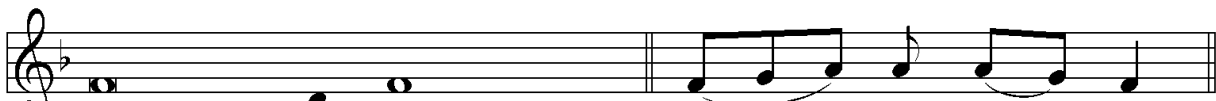
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



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



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;



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: Let us pray.

C: **O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE:

I'll Walk With God – arr. Douglas MadLean
Kathy Ferreira, Miriam Vogel, Beverly Bjertness, Kate Moe, Bettye Hoff
Michael Olson, accompanist

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

MESSAGE: Pastor Laurie Neill

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1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.






OFFERING:

OFFERING OPTIONS

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. In-person offerings may be dropped in the offering baskets at the entry/exit. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office and we encourage you to use our online giving and texting options.

Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to "set it and forget it."

-  **ONLINE GIVING:** www.flcfargo.org (from the Quick Links banner select "Donate Now")
-  **TEXT TO GIVE:** Text 701.354.1495 with the dollar amount you would like to give
-  **MAIL A CHECK:** 619 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

How Can I Keep From Singing – Robert Lowry
Beverly Bjertness, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

APOSTLES' CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

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 FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER: *(spoken by the congregation)*

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.

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN (please stand as you are able)

SENDING HYMN: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

(ELW 650)

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

DISMISSAL (please exit row by row to avoid close contact)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

No One Understands Like Jesus – arr. Harold DeCou
Michael Olson, organist

NEWS&EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information and to register: www.flcfargo.org.

COVID-19 Guideline Reminders

Motivated by our concern for all people, we will be diligent regarding safety precautions. Adherence to these best practices will allow us to keep our doors open to gather for worship with consideration for the health and well-being of our members and visitors. Key guidelines to follow:

- Respect social distancing. Maintain 6-feet of personal space wherever possible. *Share hands-free hellos!*
- Frequent hand-washing/sanitizing is recommended. *Scrub for 20 seconds!*
- Wearing a mask is required. If you did not bring your own mask, masks are available upon entering the church and at the Welcome Desk. *Spread the Gospel, not germs.*
- If you are feeling sick or taking care of someone who is ill, stay home. *Worship online at home!*

Ash Wednesday Worship—February 17

Ash Wednesday worship details include:

In-person:

- 12 p.m. (noon), Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 6 p.m., Celebration Center

Radio, TV, Online broadcasts:

- 6 p.m., television: The CW (Midcontinent 16/616, Sparklight 38/1038)
- 6 p.m., online: flcfargo.org and Facebook
- 7 p.m., radio: 970 AM/93.1FM

Watch your mail for upcoming details on our 2021 Lenten theme—*Learning to Walk in the Dark*.

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OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, WEDS, THURS 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
FRI: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.
SUN 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Wi-Fi: FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619

CELEBRATEPRAYER

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly:

Fran Nelson, Jordan Nettum, Mark Nettum, Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Kathy Otheim, Jim Frisk, Gail Zimprich, Clark Hoffman, Julie Anderson, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Richard Driesbach, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Kristi Jarolimek, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, George, Shauna, Jeff, Amanda, Nancy, and Marcia.

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Margot Rising**, aunt of Kathy Ferreira; **Gerald Sloan**, father of Kathy Sloan; and **Jeffrey Rogerson**, father of Jayne Martinez.

CHRISTIANEDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021. Online classes and at home resources will continue through the school year.

Nursery (0-5 yrs): Closed until further notice (COVID precaution)

Kids at First (age 3-4th grade): FLOCK Magazine and FLOCK online resources

56ers (5-6th grade): Wednesdays 6 p.m., online Zoom (will be on break during Lent through Easter)

Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation

(7-8th grade): online Zoom, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Youth Group (9-12th grade): Wednesdays, 8 p.m. (will meet in-person beginning February 3), The Great Hall

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THISWEEK

Sunday, January 31

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online & Radio**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 4 p.m. **Snowshoe Sunday**, MB Johnson Park, Moorhead

Monday, February 1

- 9 a.m. **Quilters Ministry**, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. **Staff Meeting**, Adult Ed Room

Tuesday, February 2

- 1:30 p.m. **Online Women's Ministry Study**, Zoom meeting
- 6 p.m. **Tae Kwon Do**, Gym
- 7 p.m. **Online Men's Tuesday Night Ministry Study**, Zoom meeting

Wednesday, February 3

- 12:45 p.m. **Online Organ Recital by Michael Olson**
- 6 p.m. **56ers**, Online Zoom meeting
- 7 p.m. **Confirmation/SLA**, Online Zoom meeting
- 8 p.m. **High School Youth Group**, The Great Hall

Thursday, February 4

- 7 p.m. **Online Women's Ministry Study**, Zoom meeting

Friday, February 5

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closed**
No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, February 6

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, February 7—Communion Sunday

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online & Radio**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 12:30 p.m. **Open Doors For All Nations Worship**, CrossTalk Café
- 7 p.m. **Snowshoe Sunday**, MB Johnson Park, Moorhead

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UPCOMING FAMILY LIFE EVENTS

PJs, Pancakes, and Prayers (5th-6th Grades)

Sunday, February 14, 5—9 p.m., \$5
First Lutheran—The Great Hall and Gym
Register at flcfargo.org

Come celebrate winter with us! Come in your PJs and we will have breakfast for supper. Games, jokes, music, dance parties and more... Bring your friends. All 5th-6th graders are welcome. Kids are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for a donation to the Emergency Food Pantry (favorite box of cereal, pancake mix, syrup, etc.). Contact Erik Carlson, ecarlson@flcfargo.org, with any questions.

Winter Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.
Ady & Rollie Johnson's home, 505 66th Ave N, Moorhead
No registration required. Just show up!

Grab your friends and family for some winter fun with the Family Life Team! **Everyone is welcome!** We invite all kids and their families (all ages, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, EVERYONE) to join us for outdoor winter fun (sled the dike, trek the trails) and warm treats and a bonfire! Special guests include Mr. Rollie from Mr. Rollie's Neighborhood programs and live animals—Dumbledore the sheep and Rufus the llama. Kids will be able to interact with and walk the llamas! Contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org, with any questions.

BROADCAST MINISTRY

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 10:30 a.m., flcfargo.org and Facebook.
- **Radio:** Sundays 9 a.m., 970 AM and 93.1 FM.
- **TV:** Fargo: Sundays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (channels Midco 68, Sparklight 1068); Moorhead: Sundays 5 p.m., Tuesdays 7 p.m. (channels Midco 99, Sparklight 69).

NEXTWEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 7:

- Sanctuary: John 6:25-40
- Celebration: John 17:20-26