



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**AUG 23**

SEEING GOD AGAIN  
FOR THE FIRST TIME



**ACTS 10:23-48**

FACE  to  FACE



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**WELCOME!** Whether you are feeling like a sinner or a saint today, you are **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** Watch for details in the upcoming weeks about resuming serving Holy Communion. Serving practices are being studied to provide a safe, no-contact process as we work our way through the

COVID-19 environment.

**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; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary]



**CONNECTING** We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events.



**Celebration Worship** uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall. [9 & 11 a.m. Sundays in the New 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.*

*Please join us in The Great Hall 10-11 a.m. on Sundays for coffee, cookies, and conversation.*



**BELONGING** If you would like to call FLC your church home, come to our "Belong" class. Contact Marty Tollefson at [mtollefson@flcfargo](mailto:mtollefson@flcfargo) or 701.235.7389 for more information. Our next Belong class will be held October 8.

*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.*

# *August 23, 2020: Face to Face*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Rollie Johnson
Assisting Pastor	Pr. Laurie Neill
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Beverly Bjertness

## PRELUDE

“Guidance Medley” — Lani Smith  
Michael Olson, organist

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor,  
let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ✠ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross.

For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

*(please be seated)*

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Acts 10:23-48

**MESSAGE:** Rollie Johnson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

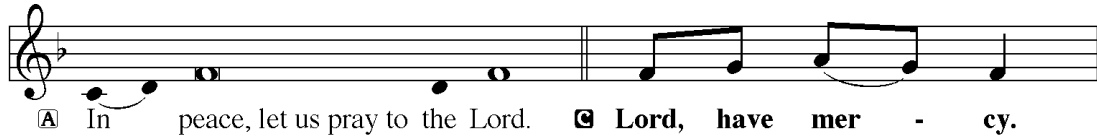
P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

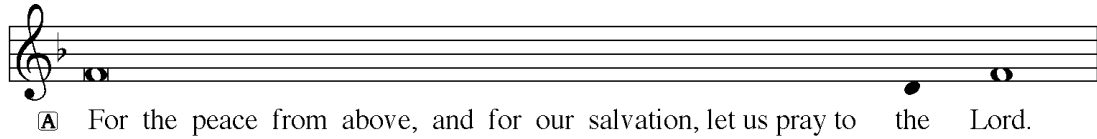
P: Let us pray. O God,

**C: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

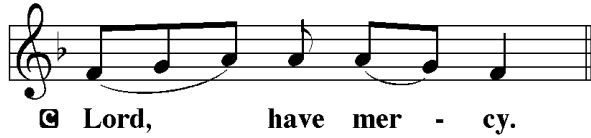
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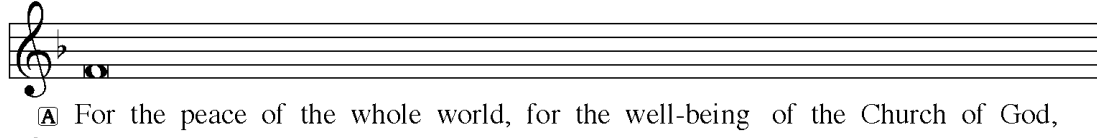
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



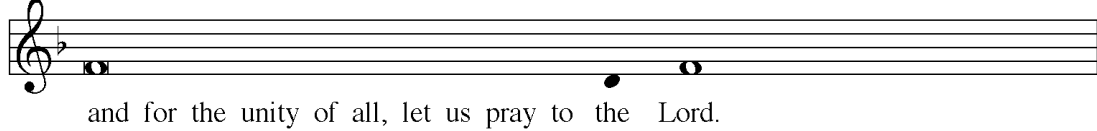
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



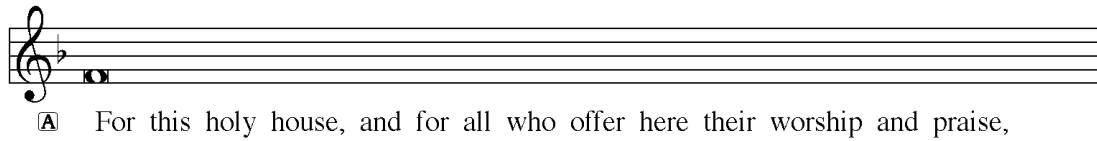
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



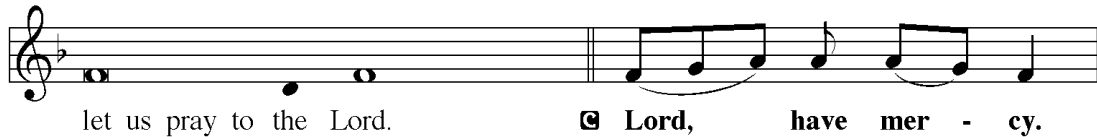
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



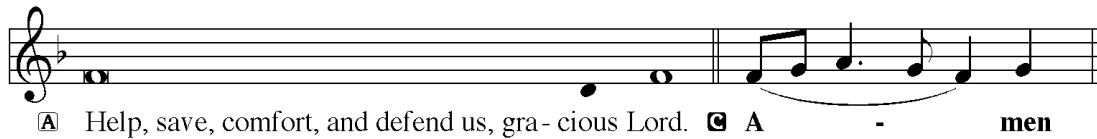
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

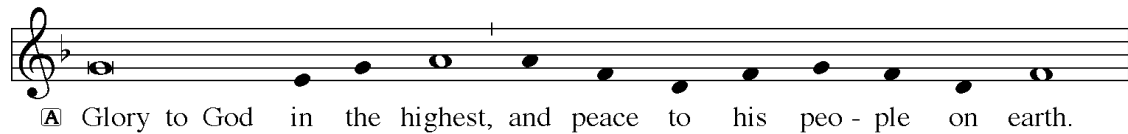


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



**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**

**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)

HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.



## PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

## MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING

"How Can I Keep from Singing?" — Robert Lowry  
Beverly Bjertness, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

### **OFFERING OPTIONS**

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. Out of concern for safety, we will not pass the offering plate during worship but will have baskets available at each exit where you can leave your offering.

**We also have a number of digital, no contact ways to give.**  
Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to "set it and forget it."

-  **ONLINE GIVING:** [www.flcfargo.org](http://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

### **LORD'S PRAYER** *(sung by the congregation)*

**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.**

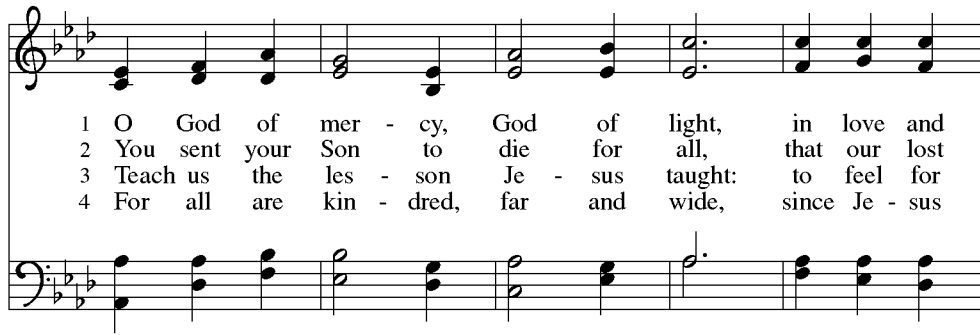
### **BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN** *(please stand as you are able)*

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**CLOSING HYMN**     O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

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

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

“Fanfare Fugue” — J.S. Bach  
Michael Olson, organist



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# Help Us Fill 100+ — KITS —

This fall, First Lutheran will support Lutheran World Relief's School Kit ministry by providing school supply kits to children and adults in need. We invite you to

*shop now*

for the best back-to-school deals **in August** to help fill as many kits as FLC can! Please drop off the supplies after Labor Day to help us prepare for the packing!

## Items to buy for kits:

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper
- 30-centimeter rulers, or with centimeters & inches
- pencil sharpeners
- scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- crayons (16 or 24 count)
- 2 ½" erasers

Visit [lwr.org/schoolkits](http://lwr.org/schoolkits) for details.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Stephanie**:  
701.235.7389 or [stollefson@flcfargo.org](mailto:stollefson@flcfargo.org)



## NEWS&EVENTS

**Visit our website for more detailed information and to register: [www.flcfargo.org](http://www.flcfargo.org).**

### **Welcome New Staff Member: Marlee Robertson**

Marlee Robertson is the new Christian Education Director at First Lutheran Church working with children in pre-school through sixth grade and their families.

Having been a member at First Lutheran since 1989, Marlee has had the opportunity to experience the gift of discipleship First Lutheran has provided. After two mission experiences in Mexico and two in Ecuador, she could not deny the nudge from the Holy Spirit, so after 25 years in the hair and beauty industry, she went into full-time ministry.

Marlee is currently pursuing certification as a spiritual director through Christos Center's "Tending the Holy" program.

Marlee finds delight in too many things to list but books, coffee, and dogs are always top of mind. She shares life with her husband Larry, three adult kids (who have given them eight grandkids), two high school kids (who have given them a lot of laundry...and a lot of joy!), and a sweet dog named Crouton.

Please extend a warm welcome to Marlee as you meet her and get introduced!

### **First Communion 2020**

**Sunday, August 30, 4 p.m., New Celebration Center**

We invite our 2019/20 Fifth Graders (now Sixth Graders) and their immediate family to join us in-person for a special time of worship and teaching to celebrate their First Communion faith milestone. Please RSVP to Emily, [ehalver@flcfargo.org](mailto:ehalver@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389.

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**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:**

**MON-THURS 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**FRI 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**SUN 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Wi-Fi: FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619**

## CELEBRATEPRAYER

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. The following have asked to be prayed for publicly: *Betty Mausbach-Jevne, Wes Briggs, Lisa Kunkel, Lona Binder-Hermanson, Gail Zimprich, Kathy Otheim, Char Maas, Delores Brynjulson, Jim Frisk, Ann Brown, Steve Brown, and Archie.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Ruth Steen**, mother of Ann Williams; **Yvette Gehrke**, sister of Wanda Wilcox; **Christopher Staszko**, husband of Mary Staszko; and **Grant Simonson**, son of Faith and Gary Simonson.

## CHRISTIANEDUCATION

**Kids are an important part of FLC! Christian education classes will begin early October for 3-year olds through high school.**

Watch for upcoming communications and registration information about plans for fall classes.

The Little Gifts Nursery will remain closed until further notice.

## YOURMINISTRYTEAM

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Tracy Farmer, Treasurer	701.356.0324
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Gary Inman, Past Chair	701.371.1563

## THISWEEK

### Sunday, Aug 23

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**

### Monday, Aug 24

**No Scheduled Activities**

### Tuesday, Aug 25

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Adult Ed Room
- 9 a.m. **Prayer Partners Meeting**, Heritage Room
- 12:30 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting

### Wednesday, Aug 26

- 8 a.m. **Meal Prep for Churches United**, Celebration Kitchen
- 9 a.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting
- 12:45 p.m. **Organ Recital by Michael Olson**, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday Fellowship**, Sanctuary/The Great Hall
- 6 p.m. **Wednesday Worship Online**

### Thursday, Aug 27

- 8 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting

### Friday, Aug 28

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closes**
- 5 p.m. **Wedding Rehearsal for Kostreba/Anderson**, New Celebration Center
- 5 p.m. **Wedding Rehearsal for Lindblom/ Bartholomew**, Chapel

### Saturday, Aug 29

- 4 p.m. **Wedding of Alyssa Kostreba and Patrick Anderson**, New Celebration Center
- 6 p.m. **Wedding of Sarah Lindblom and Kenny Bartholomew**, Chapel

### Sunday, Aug 30

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 11 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 4 p.m. **First Communion Worship and Teaching**, New Celebration Center

## NEWFALLWORSHIPSCHEDULE

### In-person worship opportunities:

#### Sundays: beginning September 13

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Center

#### Wednesdays: beginning September 9

- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Center


### Christian Education:


- Kids at First, 56ers, Student Leadership Academy (confirmation) and High School Youth Group programming will begin Sunday, October 4, and Wednesday, October 7. Watch for details to be shared next week.


## BROADCASTMINISTRY

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 11 a.m., Wednesdays 6 p.m.; [flcfargo.org](http://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).

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