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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.



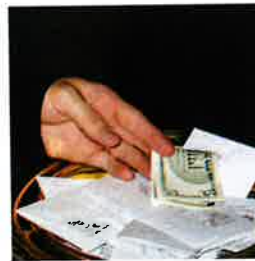
Traditional Worship follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin. [9 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary]



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 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: Celebration Worship
Face to Face: Seeing God Again for the First Time

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: Who You Say I Am

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

L Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

L Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SONG: All Who Are Thirsty

VIDEO: *CARRIERS 2.0*

SONG: Lord, I Need You

QUIET TIME

SONG: King of Kings

SCRIPTURE: Acts 10:23-48

MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING:

My Jesus, I Love Thee

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. See the last page of the bulletin for details.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: Blessed Be Your Name

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Worship has ended. Now service begins.



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LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

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 for details.

Questions? Contact **Pastor Stephanie**:
701.235.7389 or stollefson@flcfargo.org



NEWS&EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information and to register: 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, or 701.235.7389.

CHURCH OFFICE: 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.

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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 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).

SUPPORT FIRST LUTHERAN MINISTRIES:

 **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