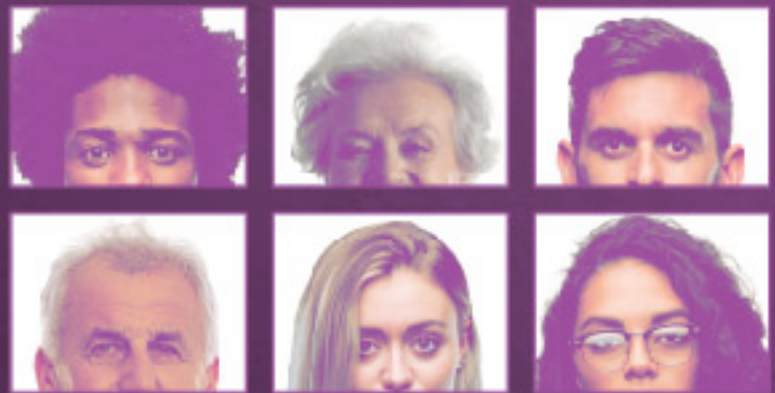




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SEEING CLEARLY, FOREVER!



REVELATION 21:1-5; 22:1-5

FACE  to  FACE



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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 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.org 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 30, 2020: Face to Face

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pr. Stephanie Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pr. Marty Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Erik Johnson

PRELUDE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit — Kurt Kaiser and Herbert Colvin
Erik Johnson, organ; Michael Olson, piano

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

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

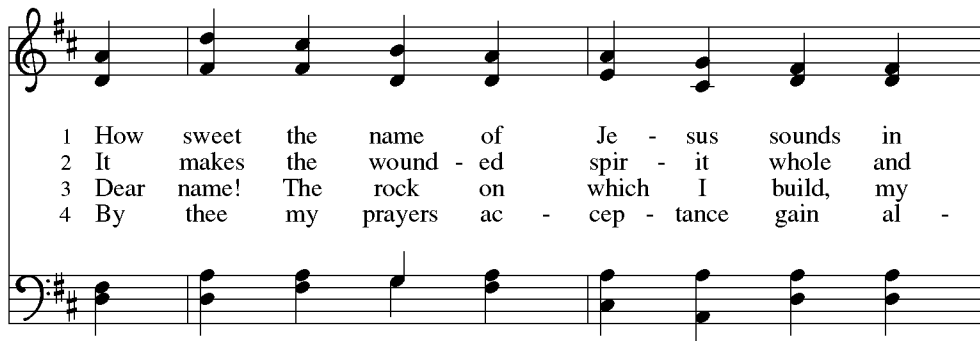
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SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 21:1-5; 22:1-5

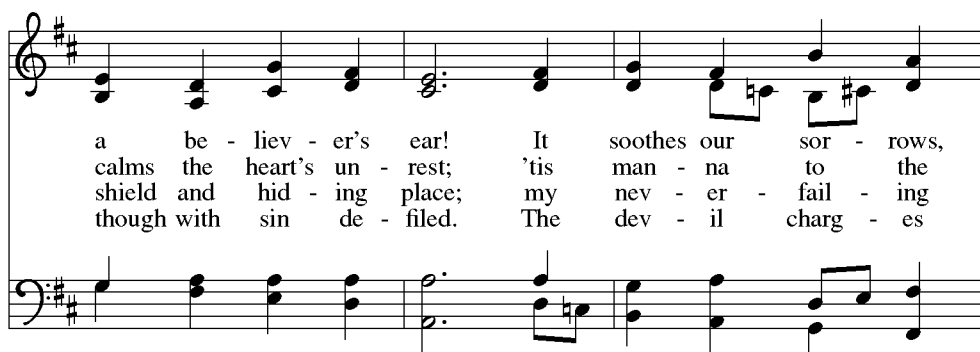
MESSAGE: Pr. Stephanie Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
treas - ure, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

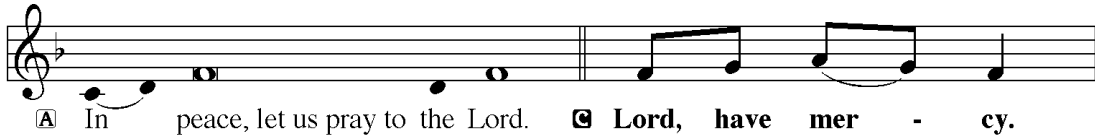
P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

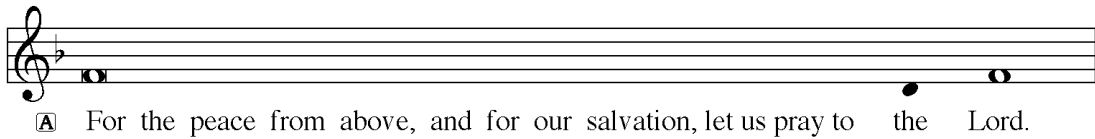
P: Let us pray. O God,

C: **we thank you that our victory over sin and death does not depend on our merit or abilities, but on Christ and his redeeming work. You alone are worthy of our praise for ever and ever. Amen.**

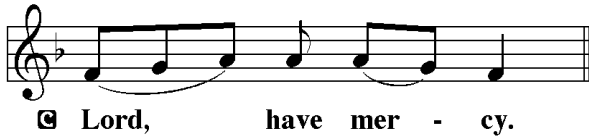
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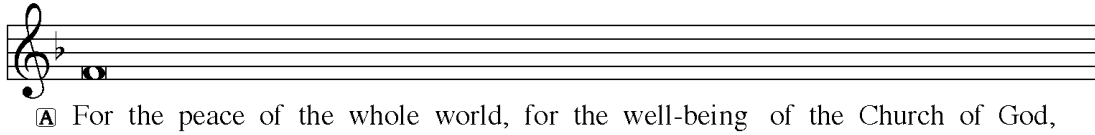
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



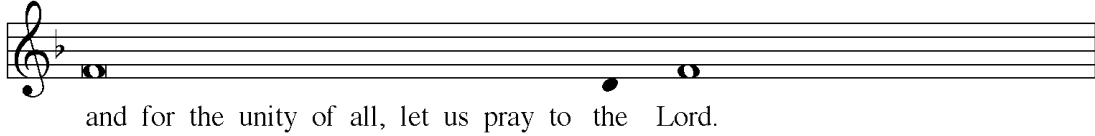
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



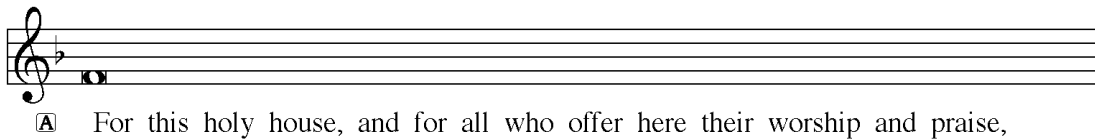
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



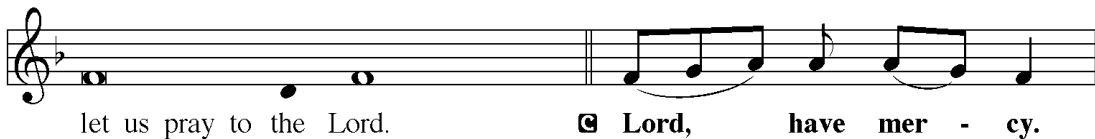
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



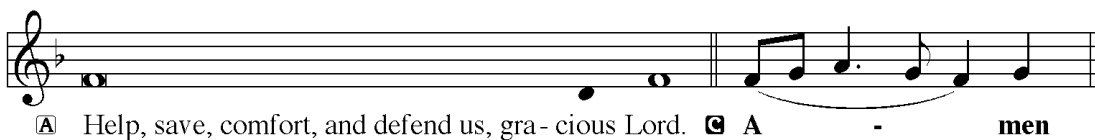
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

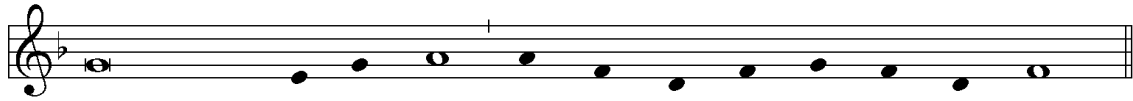


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



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



B 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Liviana Haley Biegler

daughter of Peter and Lisa Biegler

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 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE




MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING

Into My Heart — Jack Schrader
Erik Johnson, organ; Michael Olson, piano

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 (from the Quick Links banner select "Donate Now")
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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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

God Be With You Till We Meet Again — Frank W. Asper
Erik Johnson, organ; Michael Olson, piano



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LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

Help Us Fill 100+ **SCHOOL** — 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.

New Fall In-Person Fall Worship Schedule

Wednesdays: beginning September 9

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

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

Christian Education Classes: beginning October 4 and 7:

- Kids at First, 56ers, Student Leadership Academy (confirmation) and High School Youth Group programming will begin Sunday, October 4, and Wednesday, October 7. [Visit flcfargo.org](http://www.flcfargo.org) for details and to register.

First Communion 2020

Today, 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.

Labor Day Weekend Schedule

Sunday, September 6

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center

Monday, September 7, Labor Day

- Church/church office closed in observance of Labor Day

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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: *Amy Carey, Richard Brudvik, Betty Mausbach-Jevne, Wes Briggs, Lisa Kunkel, Lona Binder-Hermanson, Gail Zimprich, Kathy Otheim, Char Maas, Jim Frisk, Ann Brown, Steve Brown, and Archie.*

CHRISTIANEDUCATION

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

Beginning in October FLC will offer both in-person and online Christian education classes (offerings and times vary by grade level). Visit flcfargo.org for details and to register.

The Little Gifts Nursery will remain closed this fall until further notice.

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THISWEEK

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

Monday, Aug 31

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, Sep 1

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. **Prayer Partners Meeting**, Heritage Room
- 9 a.m. **MomTalk Open House**, The Great Hall
- 12:30 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting
- 5:30 p.m. **Health Ministry Committee Meeting**, Heritage Room

Wednesday, Sep 2

- 9 a.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting
- 12:45 p.m. **Organ Recital by Jacob Minns**, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday Fellowship**, Sanctuary/The Great Hall
- 5:30 p.m. **Baptism Training Class**, online Zoom meeting
- 6 p.m. **Wednesday Worship Online**

Thursday, Sep 3

- 8:30 a.m. **Helping Hands**, The Great Hall
- 6 p.m. **Wedding Rehearsal Sell/Lunak**, Sanctuary

Friday, Sep 4

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closes**
- 4 :30p.m. **Wedding of Emily Sell and Robb Lunak**, Sanctuary

Saturday, Sep 5

- 11 a.m. **Memorial Service for Donald Nettum**, Sanctuary

Sunday, Sep 6—Labor Day Weekend

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

CELEBRATEBAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptisms of **Henrik Green**, son of Leah and Joshua Green; **Liviana Biegler**, daughter of Lisa and Peter Biegler; **Christian DeSmith**, son of Rachelle and Chad DeSmith; and **Alyza Walker**, daughter of Amanda and Jasen Walker.

SCHOOLKITSFORLWR

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Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.


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).

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