

SEPT. 6, 2020



FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME,
I AM THERE AMONG THEM.

MATT. 18:15-20



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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

WELCOME! If your life has been blessed or if you are looking to be blessed...
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 the first and third Sundays and Wednesdays of each month at all services. 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; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary]



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 and 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the New Celebration Center on the west 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.



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.

Celebration Worship

September 6, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: Let It Rise

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM:

Camden Richard Christian,
son of Samantha and Grant Christian

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C Amen.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

C Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

C Amen.

SONG: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

QUIET TIME

SONG: Psalm 62 (Only In God)

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:15-20

MESSAGE: Pastor Corey Bjertness

MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING:

We Fall Down / Holy, Holy, Holy

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: Beautiful One

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

DISMISSAL:

(Please exit row by row to avoid close contact)

Worship has ended. Now service begins.

LIVE • LOVE • LEAD

AUTUMN 2020

Like Jesus

SERMON SERIES

WHO ARE WE ON BROADWAY?

We are called to let our light shine (Matt. 6:18)

Broadway is the location of our church building, but Broadway is also the greatest theater stage in the world, and nowhere do streetlights shine brighter than on Broadway. Together, we look back to see forward and claim our identity in Christ as the people of First on Broadway—called to live, love, and lead like Jesus.

WEEKLY READING

BROADWAY REVIEW

Sept. 13/16: Mark 1:1-14

Sept. 20/23: Mark 2:13-17

LIVE LIKE JESUS

Sept. 27/30: Mark 3:1-12

Oct. 4/7: Mark 4:1-20

Oct. 11/14: Mark 12:28-34

LOVE LIKE JESUS

Oct. 18/21: Mark 9:33-37, 10:13-16

Oct. 25/28: Mark 12:28-34, Psalm 46

Nov. 1/4: Mark 5:21-43

LEAD LIKE JESUS

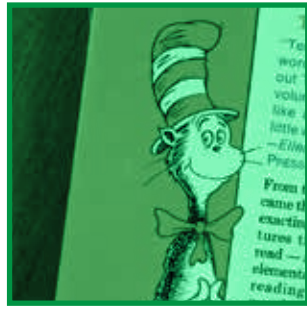
Nov. 8/11: Mark 6:6-13

Nov. 15/18: Mark 3:13-19, 6:6-13

Nov. 22/25: Mark 11:12-25



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THE STORIES OF DR. SEUSS, one of the world's most beloved children's authors, are both imaginative and entertaining. But a closer look at these stories reveals that many are inspirational as well as instructive. Children's Ministry Director, Marlee Robertson, will help us find parallels between the actions of cats in

hats, Grinches, Snitches, and Sneetches, and other lessons found in Scripture. Bring the Bible to life with meaning and relevance using the creative wisdom of Dr. Seuss.

Register at flcfargo.org and you will receive a [Zoom link](#) that will enable you to join the study.



The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss

ONLINE STUDY FOR PARENTS*



MONDAYS, 7-8 P.M., STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

* FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL AND GRADE SCHOOL KIDS



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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.

Confirmation 2020

Sunday, October 18, 1 p.m., New Celebration Center

2019/20 9th Graders who were finishing confirmation/SLA classes:

COVID-19 brought a halt to our spring classes this past March, but you are invited to affirm your baptism and be confirmed this coming October. Contact Emily Halver, ehalver@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389 to schedule your faith project meeting with a pastor (we request these meetings be completed by October 4).

Questions? Contact Pastor Stephanie Tollefson, stollefson@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389

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OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, THURS 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WEDS 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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

SUN 8:30 a.m. - 12 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: *Mark Rasmussen, 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.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Nathaniel Haws**, brother of Jaeda Ertelt; and **Rev. Merrill Ronning**, who served at First Lutheran in the late 1970s.

CHRISTIANEDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Christian education classes will begin October 4 and 7 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.

YOURMINISTRYTEAM

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THISWEEK

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**

Monday, Sep 7—Labor Day

Church/church office closed
in observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, Sep 8

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. **Prayer Partners Meeting**, Heritage Room

Wednesday, Sep 9

- 12:45 p.m. **Organ Recital by Michael Olson**, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday Fellowship**, Sanctuary/The Great Hall
- 6 p.m. **Wednesday Night Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 6 p.m. **Wednesday Night Worship Online**

Thursday, Sep 10

- 12 p.m. **Bible Study**, Heritage Room
- 8 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting

Friday, Sep 11

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closes**
- 6 p.m. **Wedding Rehearsal for Telander/Smith**, Sanctuary

Saturday, Sep 12

- 4 p.m. **Wedding of Abby Telander and Austin Smith**, Sanctuary

Sunday, Sep 13

- 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
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of **Camden Christian**, son of Samantha and Grant Christian.

SCHOOLKITSFORLWR

Help Us Fill 100+ School Kits Lutheran World Relief!


This fall, First Lutheran will support Lutheran World Relief's School Kit ministry by providing school supply kits to children in need. We invite you to shop now for the best back-to-school deals to help fill as many kits as FLC can! Please drop off the supplies at the church office to help us prepare for the packing! (Deadline to drop off donations is September 30.)

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.


BROADCAST MINISTRY

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 10:30 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