

MARK 1:1-14
SEPTEMBER 13

SANCTUARY

*Let your
light
shine*

(MATT. 6:18)

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like Jesus

ON BROADWAY



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WELCOME! If you are here today seeking God or here to praise the God that has already found you... **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.*

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.



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

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.

September 13, 2020: Live, Love, Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pr. Stephanie Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Beverly Bjertness

PRELUDE

Crown Imperial — William Walton
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.

C: Amen.

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence for reflection

P: God our helper,

C: we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.

We have not finished what we began.

We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.

We have been captivated by our possessions.

Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.

Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you.

You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

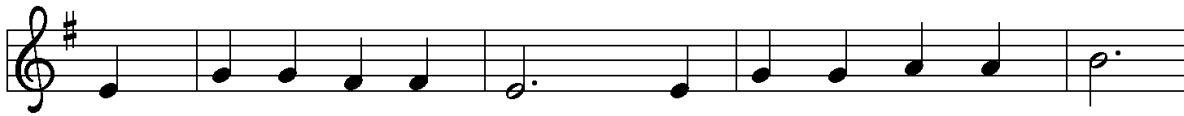
(please be seated)

GREETING

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE



Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy Christ, as we seek to live, love and lead like you,

C: **Remind us of our baptismal promises so that we may show grace as we have been shown grace. Touch us, hold us, use us, mold us. Only let us live in you. Amen.**

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Down to the River to Pray — Arr. Sheldon Curry
Beverly and Corey Bjertness, Bonnie and Terry Yoney, Kathy and David Ferreira
Michael Olson, accompanist

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-14

MESSAGE Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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)

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING

Face to Face -- Zach Williams
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 (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 *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!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth By God's Blessing — J.Wayne Kerr
Michael Olson, organist

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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+ — 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 for details and to register.

Men's Night Out—11th Annual Pig Roast Feast

Sunday, September 27, 6 p.m., \$10

Ady and Rollie's Ranch, 505 66th Ave N, Moorhead

Fellas, food, fun, fire, and more. Join Rollie for a fantastic pig roast feast. Open to men and boys of all ages. COVID safety protocols will be followed: masks required and social distancing spacing. Get your tickets at the church Welcome Desk or online at flcfargo.org.

Questions? Contact Rollie Johnson, rjohnson@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

Maah Daah Hey Hiking Trip

Information Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.

Hiking Trip: October 21-25

Join Rollie for a beautiful hiking trip in western North Dakota! Questions? Contact Rollie Johnson, rjohnson@flcfargo.org, or 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: *Brenda Cummins, Mark Rasmussen, Amy Carey, 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 **Vivian Acuff, and Bernadain Merkel.**

CHRISTIANEDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Christian education classes 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.

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THISWEEK

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**

Monday, Sep 14

- 9 a.m. **Quilters Ministry**, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. **Online Study for Parents: The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss**, Zoom meeting

Tuesday, Sep 15

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. **Prayer Partners Meeting**, Heritage Room
- 9 a.m. **MomTalk Steering Meeting**, The Great Hall
- 12:30 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting
- 5:30 p.m. **Church Council Meeting**, Adult Ed Room
- 6 p.m. **BeFriends Ministry Meeting**, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sep 16

- 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 Night Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 6 p.m. **Wednesday Night Worship Online**

Thursday, Sep 17

- 12 p.m. **Bible Study**, Heritage Room
- 5 p.m. **Wedding Rehearsal Ibach/Huguelet**, Sanctuary
- 8 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting

Friday, Sep 18

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closes**
- 4 p.m. **Wedding of Kaytlin Ibach and Josh Huguelet**, Sanctuary


Saturday, Sep 19


No Scheduled Activities


Sunday, Sep 20—Communion Sunday

- 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**

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CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of **Rhett Robberstad**, son of Taryn and Tanner Robberstad.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of **Richard Brown**, whose birthday would have been September 15, from Lois and family.

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is given in loving memory of **Arvid Friskop**, from LaMae.

SCHOOL KITS FOR LWR

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., 97.0 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).