

MARK 4:1-8, 13-20
OCTOBER 4

SANCTUARY

*Let your
light
shine*

(MATT. 5:14)

LIVE • LOVE • LEAD

like Jesus

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WELCOME! If your life has been a moral victory or a scarlet letter...
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 at all services the first and third Sundays of each month and on Wednesdays preceding the first and third Sunday. 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]



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 & 10:30 a.m. Sundays and 6 p.m. Wednesdays 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.

October 4, 2020: Live, Love, Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Rollie Johnson
Assisting Pastor	Marty Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Rosie Johnk

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness — J.S. Bach
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

Trust and Obey

1 When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word,
 2 *Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,*
 3 Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
 4 *Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet,*

1 What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
 2 *But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt or a fear,*
 3 But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief or a loss,
 4 *Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,*

1 He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.
 2 *Not a sigh or a tear, Can remain when we trust and obey.*
 3 Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and obey.
 4 *Where He sends we will go, Never fear, only trust and obey.*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

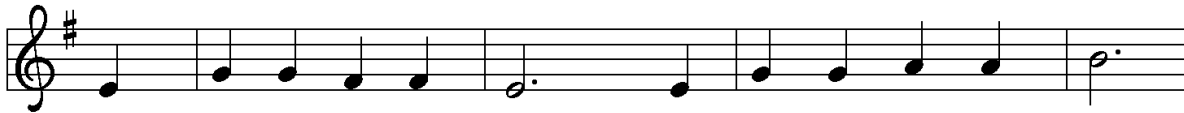
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GREETING

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. Gracious God,

C: you have enriched and enlightened us by the revelation of your eternal Christ. Comfort us in our mortality and strengthen us to walk the path of your desire, so that by word and deed we may manifest the gracious news of your faithfulness and love. Amen.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Amazing Grace – arr. Brian L. Hanson

Kathy Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist; Alex Rydell, violinist

Miriam Vogel, Rosie Johnk, Kate Moe, Sarah Altenburg

Paul Nelson, Karl Altenburg, Marlowe Kulish, Russ Wastweet

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:1-8, 13-20

HYMN *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

MESSAGE

Rollie Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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)

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE




MUSICAL MEDITATION/OFFERING

Here Am I, Send Me – John Purifoy
Rosie Johnk, 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."

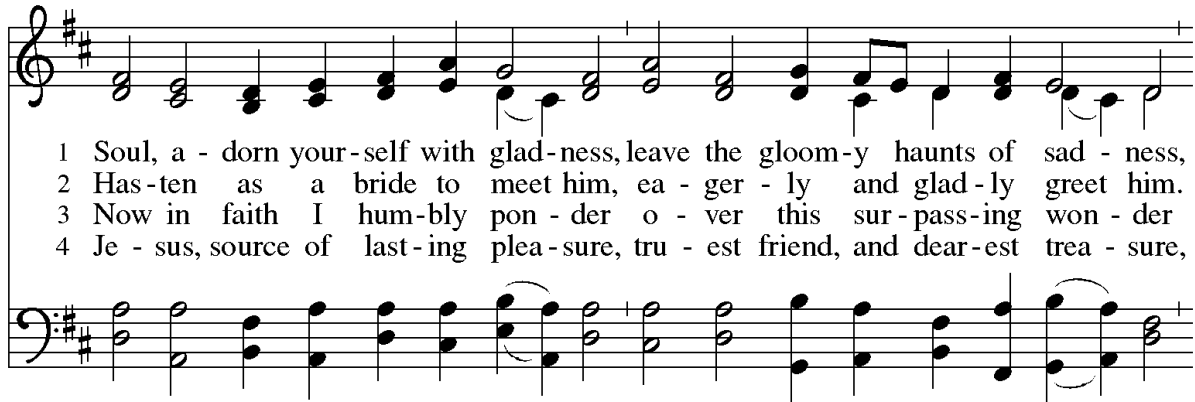
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WORDS OF PROMISE

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken by the congregation)*

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

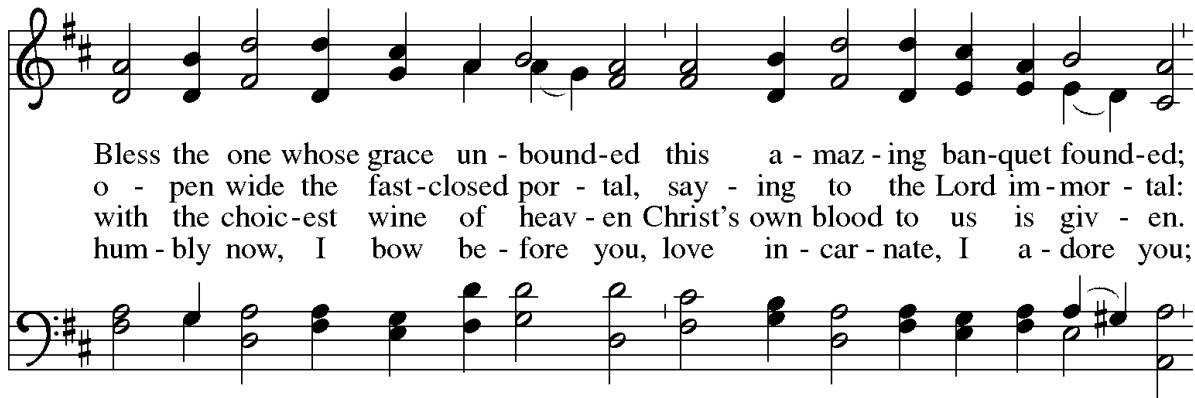
DISTRIBUTION HYMN *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*



1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad - ness,
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing won - der
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est trea - sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen - dor, there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock - ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing,
that the bread of life is bound - less though the souls it feeds are count - less;
peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing, joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing;



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed;
o - pen wide the fast - closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal:
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



Christ, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *What Feast of Love*



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

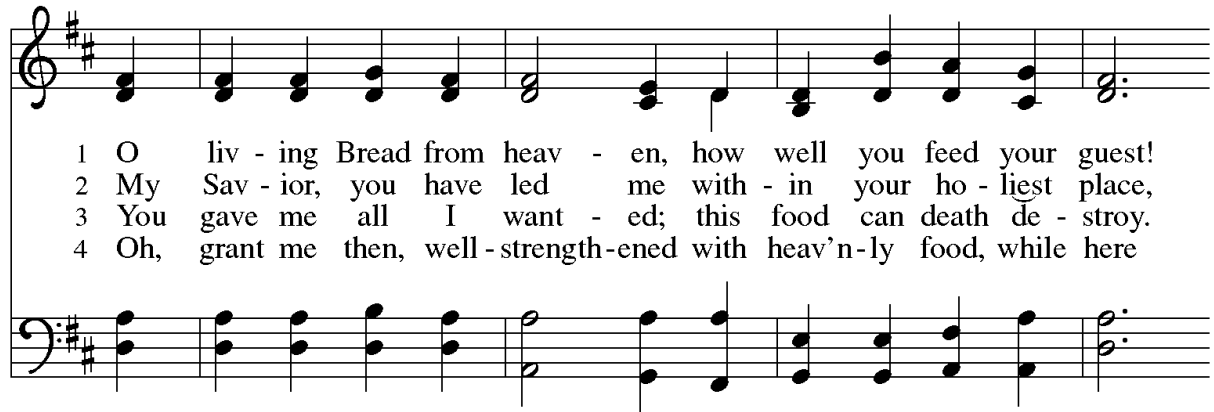
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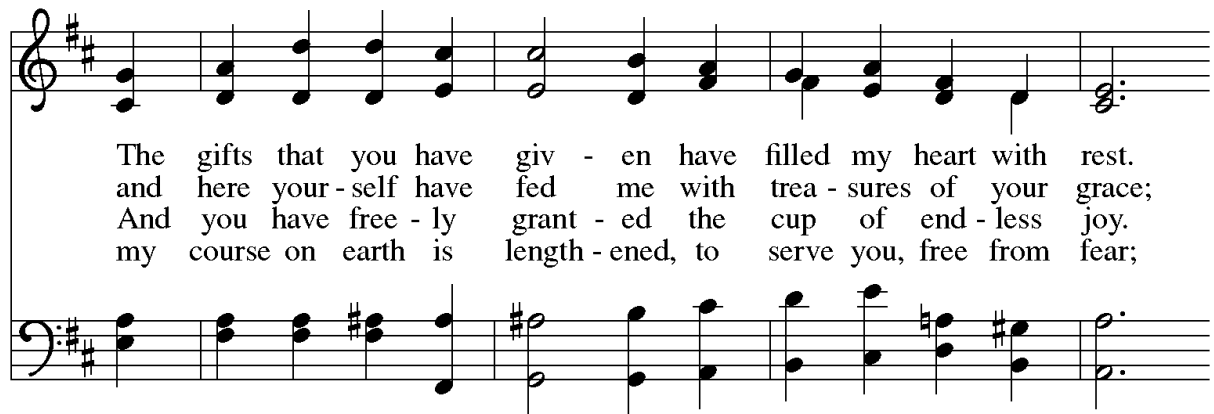
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN *O Living Bread from Heaven*



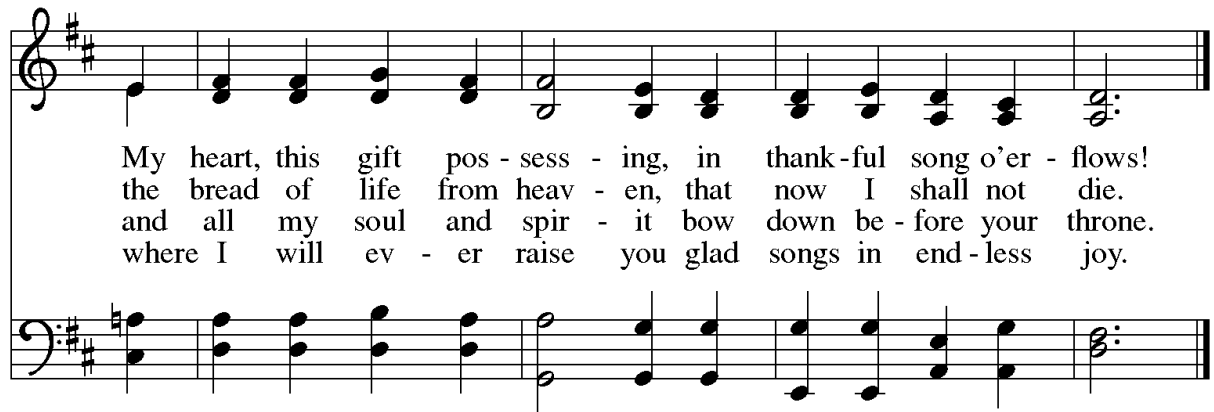
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

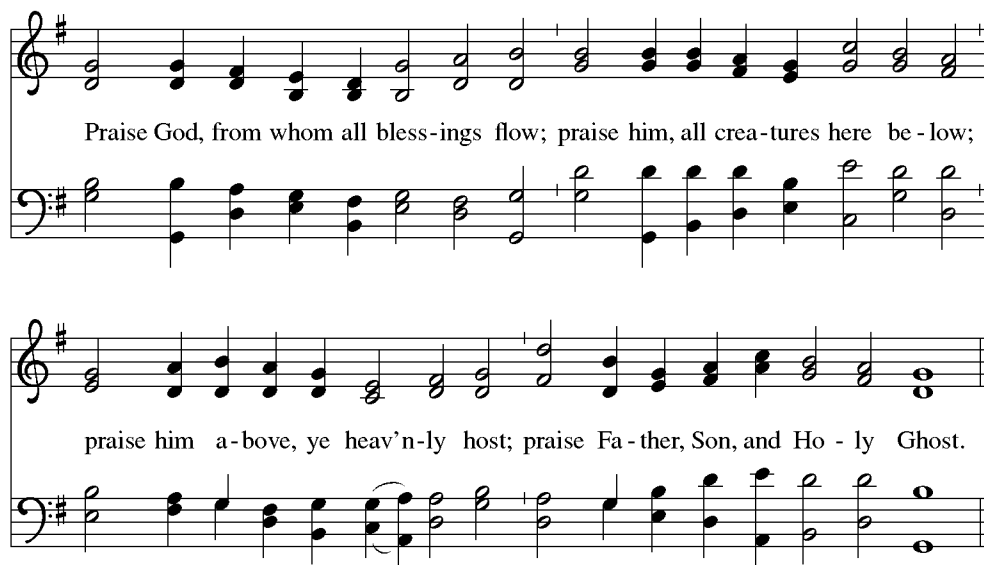


My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Toccata in E minor — Johann Pachelbel*
Michael Olson, organist

Worship is over. Now service begins.

NEWS&EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information and to register: www.flcfargo.org.

Christian Education Classes begin October 4 and 7

The deadline to register for classes has passed. If you haven't registered yet, please contact Emily Halver, 701.235.7389, or ehalver@flcfargo.org.

Kids at First (ages 3-grade 4): Volunteers needed

Sundays, 9 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 6 p.m.

Classes begin in worship and kids are dismissed to class following Kids' Time. We have had a great response and have filled our COVID/space planning capacity. We will add spaces for more kids in the following week(s) as we secure additional volunteers to help with classes and add more room locations for physical distancing. Contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org to volunteer.

56ers (grades 5 and 6)

Wednesdays 6 p.m., The Great Hall

Confirmation/Student Leadership Academy (grades 7 and 8)

Online, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Students are assigned to small groups and meet online in a Zoom meeting for discussion and learning. If your 7th or 8th grader hasn't registered yet, contact Emily Halver, 701.235.7389, or ehalver@flcfargo.org to be assigned to a small group.

High School Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Wednesdays 8 p.m., The Great Hall

Join Erik Carlson, youth director, Wednesday, October 7, for a kick-off service project for Lutheran World Relief, including a pizza party!

New Member "Belong" Class

Thursday, October 8, 7 p.m., Adult Ed Room

Welcome! Whether you have been coming to First Lutheran for a long time or are new to us, you are invited to make it official and become a member. Contact Pastor Marty, mtollefson@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

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

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

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

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CELEBRATEPRAYER

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly:

Michelle Reitan, Rick Fuller, 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 **Thomas Peterson**, brother of Julaine Nettum.

BLOODDRIVE

Thursday, October 8, 3:30-6:15 p.m., The Great Hall

Vitalant, formerly United Blood Services, is the sole blood provider to nearly 70 hospitals in our regional area. Locally, 250 volunteer donors are needed every day to meet local patient needs. Vitalant is hosting a blood drive at First Lutheran on Thursday, October 8 from 3:30-6:15 p.m. Please sign-up to donate at vitalant.org or by calling Polly Kloster, faith community nurse, at the church, 701.235.7389.

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THISWEEK

Sunday, Oct 4—Communion Sunday & Fall Kick-off of Christian Education Classes

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. **Kids at First classes** (start in worship with parents), various locations
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 10:30 a.m. **Kids at First classes** (start in worship with parents), various locations

Monday, Oct 5

No Scheduled Activities

Tuesday, Oct 6

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. **MomTalk Meeting**, Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting
- 1 p.m. **Memory Café**, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. **Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Oct 7

- 9 a.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting
- 12 p.m. **Churches United Board Meeting**, Adult Ed Room
- 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. **Kids at First classes** (start in worship with parents), various locations
- 6 p.m. **56ers**, The Great Hall
- 7 p.m. **Confirmation/SLA Online**, Zoom meeting
- 8 p.m. **High School Youth Group**, The Great Hall

Thursday, Oct 8

- 8:30 a.m. **Helping Hands**, The Great Hall
- 12 p.m. **Bible Study**, Heritage Room
- 3:30 p.m. **Blood Drive**, The Great Hall
- 7 p.m. **New Member Belong Class**, CrossTalk Café
- 8 p.m. **Women's Online Book Club**, Zoom meeting

Friday, Oct 9

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closes**
- 5 p.m. **Wedding Rehearsal for Brooks/Eystad**, Sanctuary

Saturday, Oct 10

- 4 p.m. **Wedding of Andrea Brooks and Zach Eystad**, Sanctuary

Sunday, Oct 11

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. **Kids at First classes** (start in worship with parents), various locations
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, New Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 10:30 a.m. **Kids at First classes** (start in worship with parents), various locations

RADIOBROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is given in honor of the friendship of **Goodwin and Bev Hoff**, and **Tom and June Vangerud**, from Don Evans.

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NEXTWEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Wednesday, October 7

- Celebration: Mark 4:1-8, 13-20

Sunday, October 11:

- Sanctuary: Mark 12:28-34
- Celebration: Mark 4:1-8, 13-20

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