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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 |
JOHN 3:1-21

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LIVE
LOVE
LEAD
like Jesus

*let your
light
shine*

MATT. 6:18

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 at all services the first and third Sundays of each month. 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.]



CONNECTING We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events. Fill out the blue post-it so we can keep in touch.



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 in the 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.*



BELONGING Each quarter, we host a new member BELONG class to introduce and welcome new members to First Lutheran. The next class is planned for this spring (date TBD). Contact the church office for details.

February 14, 2021
Live, Love, and Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Laurie Neill
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Gene Okerlund

PRELUDE:

Arioso from Cantata No. 156 – J.S. Bach/arr. Aurelien Solor
Gene Okerlund, flutist; Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion,
and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection)

P: God, wonderful counselor,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way.
We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world.
We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger;
we desire gifts that will not endure.
Forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
and open us to receive the peace of Jesus
dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior.
We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus,
who is Love born for you, now and always.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Lord of Light*

(ELW 688)

1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent

suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing

as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that

fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

Refrain

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

(please be seated)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

Love Is A Song -- Natalie Sleeth

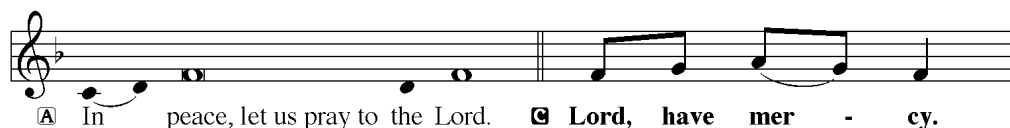
Beverly Bjertness, Miriam Vogel, Linda Jaeger, Kate Moe, Dorian Olson, Paul Nelson
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; David Ferreira and Michael Olson, pianists

GREETING:

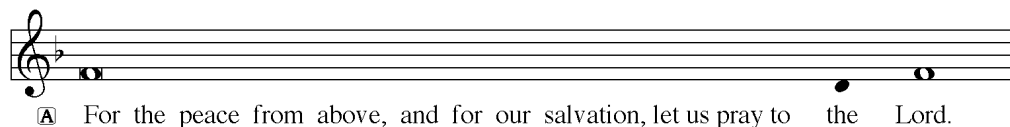
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

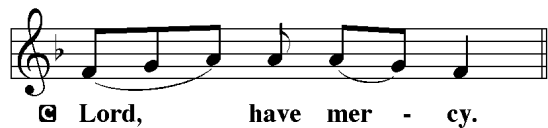
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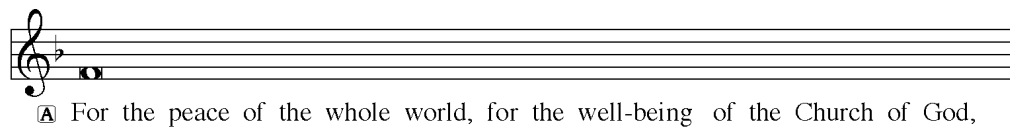
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



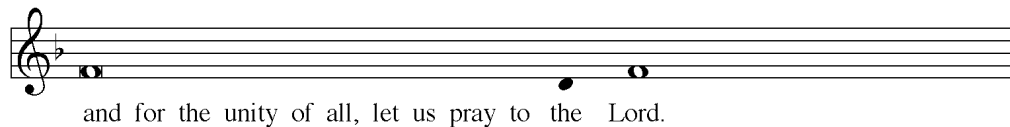
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



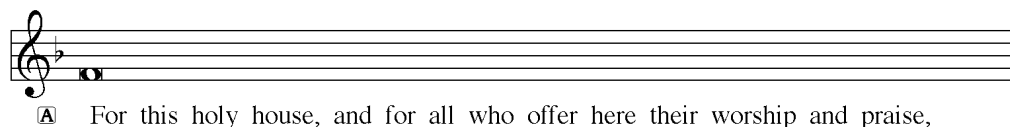
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



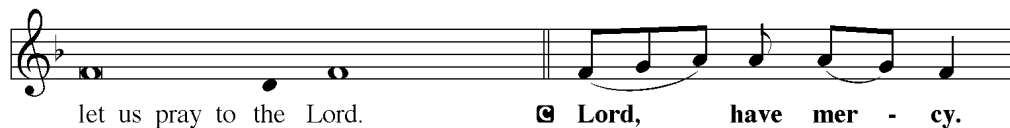
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



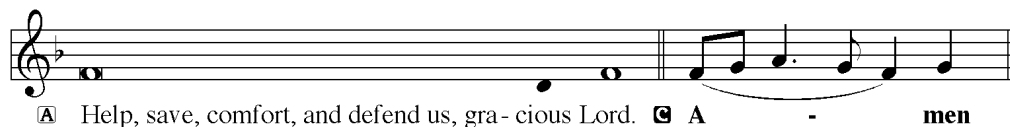
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

C: **Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-21

MESSAGE: Pastor Corey Bjertness

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.




OFFERING:

OFFERING OPTIONS

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. In-person offerings may be dropped in the offering baskets at the entry/exit. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office and we encourage you to use our online giving and texting options.

Online Giving is an easy and convenient way to "set it and forget it."

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 **MAIL A CHECK:** 619 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand -- arr. Stephen DeCesare
Gene Okerlund, vocalist and saxophone; Michael Olson, accompanist

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

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.

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

SENDING HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*

(ELW 638)

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

POSTLUDE:

Minuet from L'Arlesienne -- Georges Bizet/arr. David Schorr
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Michael Olson, accompanist



First Lutheran Church is proud to present
FM-local and Broadway actor, **Preston Boyd**, in

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

AN ONLINE Jazz EVENT

A photograph of Preston Boyd singing into a microphone. He is wearing a dark hat, a grey blazer, and a mustard-colored turtleneck. He has his eyes closed and his mouth open in a passionate performance.

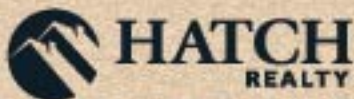
VALENTINE'S DAY AT HOME?
DARLIN', THE MUSIC IS ON US!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 6 P.M.

ONLINE AT FLCFARGO.ORG OR FACEBOOK

Tap along this Valentine's day to talented vocalists and Broadway actors Preston Boyd and Sydney Morton, and local legends, David Ferreira, Doug Neill, and Jim Knudson. Join them as they take us on a journey of jazz favorites including *Fly Me To the Moon*, *At Last*, and *I'll Be Seeing You*.

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GIVING HEARTS--AMAZING IMPACT!

This past week on Giving Hearts day, First Lutheran Church was blessed with the opportunity to give to our ministry partners **\$34,600** for 2021. Thank you for your generosity which made this possible!

Matthew 25:40 says, *"The King will answer, 'Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seem, you did it for me.'"*

On behalf of all God's people, **"THANK YOU!"**

NEWS&EVENTS

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

COVID-19 Guideline Reminders

Motivated by our concern for all people, we will be diligent regarding safety precautions. Adherence to these best practices will allow us to keep our doors open to gather for worship with consideration for the health and well-being of our members and visitors. Key guidelines to follow:

- Respect social distancing. Maintain 6-feet of personal space wherever possible. *Share hands-free hellos!*
- Frequent hand-washing/sanitizing is recommended. *Scrub for 20 seconds!*
- Wearing a mask is **required**. If you did not bring your own mask, masks are available upon entering the church and at the Welcome Desk. *Spread the Gospel, not germs.*
- If you are feeling sick or taking care of someone who is ill, stay home. *Worship online at home!*

Ash Wednesday Worship—February 17

In-person:

- 12 p.m. (noon), Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 6 p.m., Celebration Center

Radio, TV, Online broadcasts:

- 6 p.m., television: The CW (Midcontinent 16/616, Sparklight 38/1038)
- 6 p.m., online: flcfargo.org and Facebook
- 7 p.m., radio: 970 AM/93.1FM
- At-home Ash Wednesday worship kits (communion elements and ashes) are available to pick up at the church. Call the church office to arrange for a touch-free drive up pick-up.

CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389, info@flcfargo.org

OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, WEDS, THURS 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

FRI: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

SUN 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Wi-Fi: FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619

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: *Fran Nelson, Jordan Nettum, Mark Nettum, Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Jim Frisk, Gail Zimprich, Clark Hoffman, Julie Anderson, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Richard Driesbach, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, Liz Gibb, Annette Ward-Reddick, George, Shauna, Jeff, and Marcia.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Harriet Bauer**, mother of JoAnn Hoff.

FLOWERS&RADIOBROADCAST

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of **Jerry Dow**, whose birthday would have been February 14, from his family.

Today's radio broadcast is given in honor of **Family and Friends**, from Lois Brown.

CHRISTIANEDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021. Online classes and at home resources will continue through the school year.

Nursery (0-5 yrs): Closed until further notice (COVID precaution)

Kids at First (age 3-4th grade): FLOCK Magazine and FLOCK online resources

56ers (5-6th grade): Wednesdays 6 p.m., online Zoom (will be on break during Lent through Easter)

Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation

(7-8th grade): online Zoom, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Youth Group (9-12th grade): Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Great Hall

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THISWEEK

Sunday, February 14

- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online & Radio**
- 9 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 12:30 p.m. **Open Doors For All Nations Worship**, CrossTalk Café
- 4 p.m. **Snowshoe Sunday**, Rollie's house
505 66th Ave N, Moorhead
- 5 p.m. **PJs, Pancakes, and Prayers**, The Great Hall
- 6 p.m. **Sentimental Journey: An Online Jazz Event**,
flcfargo.org and Facebook

Monday, February 15

- 9 a.m. **Quilters Ministry**, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. **Staff Meeting**, Adult Ed Room

Tuesday, February 16

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. **Knit & Crochet Group**, Gathering Place
- 1:30 p.m. **Online Women's Lenten Study**, Zoom meeting
- 4 p.m. **BeFriender Leader Meeting**, Luther Room
- 6 p.m. **Tae Kwon Do**, Gym
- 6 p.m. **Church Council Meeting**, Adult Ed Room
- 7 p.m. **Online Men's Tuesday Night Ministry Study**,
Zoom meeting

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday

- 12 p.m. **In-Person Ash Wednesday Worship**, Sanctuary
- 12:45 p.m. **Online Organ Recital by Michael Olson**
- 5:30 p.m. **In-Person Ash Wednesday Worship**, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. **In-Person Ash Wednesday Worship**,
Celebration Center

Thursday, February 18

- 8:15 a.m. **Quilters Ministry**, Fellowship Hall
- 12 p.m. **Foundation Board Meeting**, Adult Ed Room
- 7 p.m. **Online Women's Lenten Study**, Zoom meeting

Friday, February 19

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closed**

Sunday, February 21—Communion Sunday

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

- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship**,
Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 12:30 p.m. **Open Doors For All Nations Worship**,
CrossTalk Café
- 2 p.m. **Winter Family Fun Day**, Rollie's house
505 66th Ave N, Moorhead

UPCOMINGFAMILYLIFEEVENTS

PJs, Pancakes, and Prayers (5th-6th Grades)

Tonight, February 14, 5—9 p.m., \$5, The Great Hall and Gym
Register at flcfargo.org

Come in your PJs and we will have breakfast for supper with games, music, dance parties and more... All 5th-6th graders are welcome. Kids are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for a donation to the Emergency Food Pantry. Contact Erik Carlson, ecarlson@flcfargo.org, with questions.

Winter Family Fun Day

Sunday, February 21, 2-4 p.m.
Ady & Rollie Johnson's home, 505 66th Ave N, Moorhead
No registration required. Just show up!

Grab your friends and family for some winter fun with the Family Life Team! **Everyone is welcome!** We invite all kids and their families (all ages, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, EVERYONE) to join us for outdoor winter fun (sled the dike, trek the trails) and warm treats and a bonfire! Special guests include Mr. Rollie from Mr. Rollie's Neighborhood programs and live animals—Dumbledor the sheep and Rufus the llama. Contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org, with any questions.

BROADCASTMINISTRY

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 10:30 a.m.,
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- **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).

NEXTWEEK'SSCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 21:

- Sanctuary: John 8:12-20
- Celebration: John 3:1-21

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