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JOHN 8:12-20

LIVE
LOVE
LEAD
like Jesus

ON BROADWAY



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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*Let your
light
shine*

MATT. 6:18



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WELCOME! If you believe Jesus is the risen Son of God, or if you are here to explore the mysteries of faith... **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; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays 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.*

belong!
BECOMING A MEMBER
OF FIRST LUTHERAN

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 21, 2021
Live, Love, and Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Marty Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Linda Jaeger

PRELUDE:

Onward, Ye Peoples! – Jean Sibelius
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.

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

(please be seated)

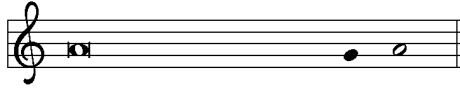
VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

Light of the World – Stephen Schwartz/arr. Norman Leyden
 Kathy Ferreira, Linda Jaeger, Paul Nelson, Russ Wastweet, David Ferreira
 Michael Olson, accompanist

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:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



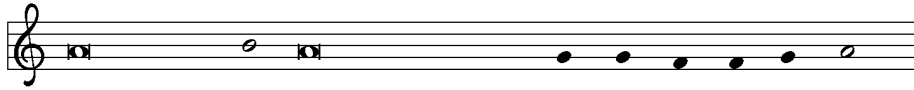
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN: *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

(ELW 673)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of each line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing a harmonic foundation for the voices. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1 through 4 corresponding to the four parts of the choir.

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,
from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Help us live a life that testifies to you. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through knowing Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:12-20

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

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 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

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."

 **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

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

Shine Down – Billy Smiley, Mark Gersmehl, and Bob Farrell
Linda Jaeger, vocalist; Michael Olson, accompanist

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:

Be Thou My Vision

(ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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 in 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!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

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SENDING HYMN: *On Our Way Rejoicing*

(ELW 537)

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

POSTLUDE:

Beautiful Savior – David N. Johnson
Michael Olson, organist

LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK

schedule

Wednesday, February 17 | Ash Wednesday

IN THE BEGINNING

Darkness covered the face of the deep. Genesis 11-5

Wednesday, February 24

MANNA IN THE MORNING

In the evening food came and covered the camp. Exodus 16:4-7, 13-21

Wednesday, March 3

THE STARS OF NIGHT

Look toward heaven and count the stars. Genesis 15:1-5

Wednesday, March 10

WRESTLING WITH GOD

And a man wrestled with him until daybreak. Genesis 32:22-32

Wednesday, March 17

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. Exodus 20:18-21

Wednesday, March 24

EVENING PRAYER

Remain here and stay awake with me. Matthew 26:36-46

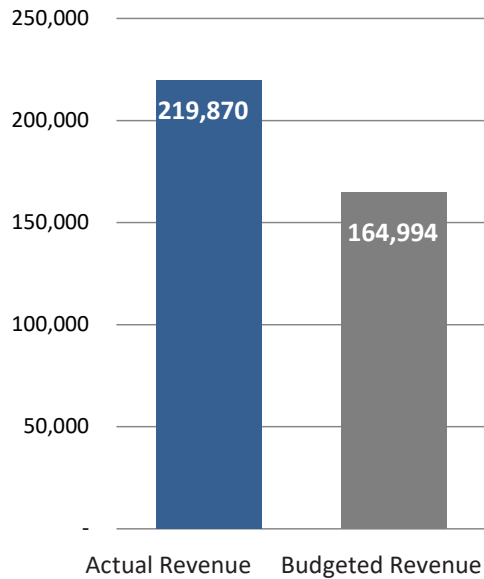
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GENEROSITY REPORT

FLC JANUARY STEWARDSHIP



JANUARY MEMORIALS

In Memory of Char Maas

for Abigail Circle from Carol Feste

In Memory of Gerald "Reo" Sloan

for General:Bibles from Family & Friends

In Memory of Milton Lakness (Brother of Joanne Drenkow)

for Sunday School from Kathleen Otheim

In Memory of Robert Buresh (Father of Diane Harrison)

for Sunday School from Kathleen Otheim

In Memory of Terry Bladholm

for Radio from Carol Feste

for General from Charles Burman

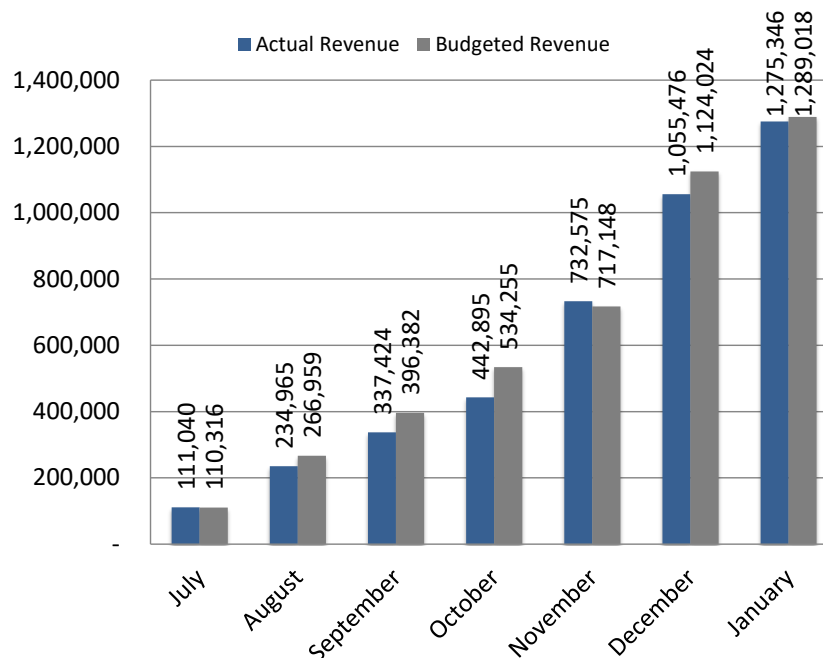
for General from Diane Syverson

In Memory of Wayne Wilson

for Befrienders from Betty Wilson

for Youth from Betty Wilson

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FY 2020-21 GENERAL FUND



NEWS&EVENTS

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

Lent 2021: Learning to Walk in the Dark

"... If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you." Psalm 139:7-12

This Lenten season, we will be learning what it means to walk in the dark. Join us through worship, book study, and other events to explore the mysteries of darkness.

In-person worship: Wednesdays, February 24-March 24

- 1:30 p.m., Wednesday Fellowship, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- 6 p.m., Celebration Center

Lenten book studies:

Each household is encouraged to pick up a copy of Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark* (available at the Welcome Desk). Register for a book study at flcfargo.org or at the church office.

In-person Adult Book Study:

- Tuesdays, 11 a.m., Fellowship Hall
- Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Online Women's Book Study:

- Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Zoom meeting
- Thursdays, 7 p.m., Zoom meeting

Night Hike

Experience "walking in the dark" by joining Rollie for a Night Hike. Let your other senses come to life to navigate hiking through darkness. Friday, March 5, 8 p.m. Meet at Rollie's house: 505 66th Ave N, Moorhead.

Kids' Movie Night Out—Parents Night In

Friday, March 12, drop-off 5:30-6 p.m., pick-up 8 p.m.
For kids grades 1-4
Featured movie: Disney/Pixar's Monsters Inc.
Bring your own pillow/blanket. Popcorn and pizza treats!

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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:

Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Jim Frisk, Gail Zimprich, Clark Hoffman, Julie Anderson, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, Liz Gibb, Annette Ward-Reddick, Barb Orvedal, LaVern Hoganson, Roger Hansen, Marlene Young, George, and Marcia.

RADIOBROADCAST

Today's radio broadcast is given in honor of **George Berg's** 75th birthday on February 21.

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): on break during Lent (kids are encouraged to attend worship with their family)

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 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

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday, February 23

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 11 a.m. **Adult Lenten Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. **Online Women's Lenten Study**, Zoom meeting
- 6 p.m. **BeFriender Meeting**, Adult Ed Room
- 6 p.m. **Tae Kwon Do**, Gym
- 7 p.m. **Adult Lenten Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 24

- 8 a.m. **Meal Prep for Churches United**, Celebration Kitchen
- 12:45 p.m. **Organ Recital by Michael Olson**, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday Fellowship**, Sanctuary/Great Hall
- 5:30 p.m. **In-Person Lenten Worship**, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. **In-Person Lenten Worship**, Celebration Center
- 7 p.m. **Online Confirmation/SLA Class**, Zoom meeting
- 8 p.m. **High School Youth Group**, The Great Hall

Thursday, February 25

- 8:15 a.m. **Quilters Ministry**, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering**, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. **Online Women's Lenten Study**, Zoom meeting

Friday, February 26

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

Sunday, February 28

- 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

UPCOMINGFAMILYLIFEEVENTS

Winter Family Fun Day

Today, 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—Dumbledore the sheep and Rufus the llama. Contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org, with any questions.

BROADCASTMINISTRY

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

NEXTWEEK'SSCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 28:

- Sanctuary: John 8:31-38
- Celebration: John 8:12-20

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