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SUNDAY, MARCH 7  
JOHN 6:1-15

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LIVE  
LOVE  
LEAD  
*like Jesus*

*let your  
light  
shine*

MATT. 6:18

**ON BROADWAY**



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**WELCOME!** Rich or poor... Satisfied or hungry... Liberal or conservative... Traditional or contemporary... Casual or formal... **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 at all Wednesday services during Lent. 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.*



**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.

**March 7, 2021**  
***Live, Love, and Lead Like Jesus***

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Message</b>	<b>Pastor Corey Bjertness</b>
<b>Assisting Pastor</b>	<b>Pastor Marty Tollefson</b>
<b>Music Minister</b>	<b>Michael Olson</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Kathy Ferreira</b>

**PRELUDE:**

*Now We Join in Celebration* – J.S. Bach  
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 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

*(please be seated)*

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE:**

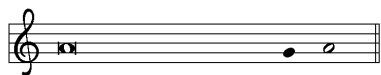
*Let Us Break Bread Together* -- arr. John Ness Beck  
Kathy Ferreira, Jan Stoffel, Paul Nelson, David Ferreira  
Michael Olson, accompanist

**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.



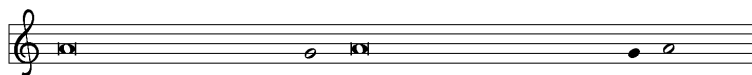
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



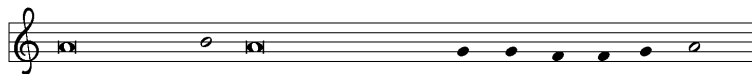
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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.**

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: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 6:1-15

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Corey Bjertness

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!


6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

**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.

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**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**

**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:** *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

(ELW 479)



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.



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?



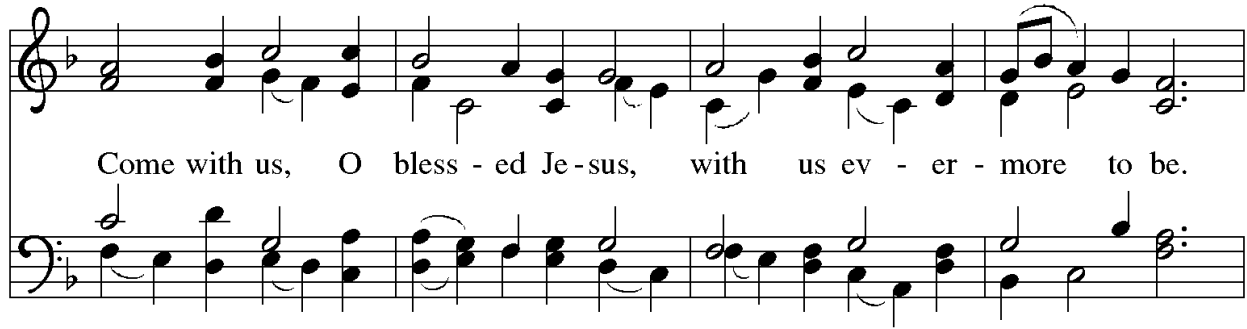
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.  
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



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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Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav' n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

SENDING HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

(ELW 547)



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**POSTLUDE:**

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* – J.S. Bach  
Michael Olson, organist

# LEARNING TO WALK IN THE DARK

## schedule

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**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

# LENT 2021



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## NEWS&EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information and to register: [www.flcfargo.org](http://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

Online Lenten worship: Wednesdays, February 24-March 24

- 5:30 p.m., [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org) and Facebook

Lenten book studies:

During Lent we are reading Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Register for a book study at [flcfargo.org](http://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

Kids' Movie Night Out—Parents Date Night

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 served!

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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, 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, Wes Briggs, Sean Overdahl, Doug Aseby, and George.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Nancy Erickson**, mother of Jennifer Dahl and Allan Erickson; and **William Sell**.

## RADIO

The radio broadcast today is given in memory of **John and Berniece Lavik**, from Bev and Al Nielsen.

## 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, March 7—Communion Sunday

- 9 a.m. **In-Person Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online & Radio**
- 9 a.m. **In-Person Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. **In-Person Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
- 12:30 p.m. **Open Doors For All Nations Worship**, CrossTalk Café

### Monday, March 8

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

### Tuesday, March 9

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. **MomTalk Steering Meeting**, The Great Hall
- 11 a.m. **Adult Lenten Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. **Knit and Crochet Group**, Bethany on 42nd
- 1:30 p.m. **Online Women's Lenten Study**, Zoom meeting
- 6 p.m. **Tae Kwon Do**, Gym
- 7 p.m. **Adult Lenten Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 10

- 12:45 p.m. **Organ Recital by Michael Olson**, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. **Wednesday Fellowship**, Sanctuary/Great Hall
- 5:30 p.m. **Online Lenten Worship**
- 5:30 p.m. **In-Person Lenten Worship**, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. **In-Person Lenten Worship**, Celebration Center
- 6:30 p.m. **Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal**, Sanctuary/Celebration Station
- 7 p.m. **Online Confirmation/SLA Class**, Zoom meeting
- 8 p.m. **High School Youth Group**, The Great Hall

### Thursday, March 11

- 7 a.m. **Online Global Missions Meeting**, Zoom meeting
- 8:15 a.m. **Quilters Ministry**, Fellowship Hall
- 6 p.m. **Face-to-Face Online Worship**
- 7 p.m. **Online Women's Lenten Study**, Zoom meeting

### Friday, March 12

- 12 p.m. **Church/Church Office Closed**
- 5:30 p.m. **Kids Movie Night**, The Great Hall

### Saturday, March 13

No scheduled activities

### Sunday, March 14—Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 9 a.m. **In-Person Traditional Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Traditional Worship Online & Radio**
- 9 a.m. **In-Person Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. **Coffee Fellowship**, The Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. **In-Person Contemporary Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Contemporary Worship Online**
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## 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'S SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 14:

- Sanctuary: John 8:1-11
- Celebration: John 6:1-15

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