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SUNDAY, MARCH 14
JOHN 8:1-11

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LIVE
LOVE
LEAD
like Jesus

*let your
light
shine*

MATT. 6:18

ON BROADWAY



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WELCOME! Whether you are feeling like a sinner or a saint today, you are **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 14, 2021
Live, Love, and Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Laurie Neill
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Kate Moe

PRELUDE:

Be Merciful to Me, O God – 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.

OPENING HYMN: *All Are Welcome*

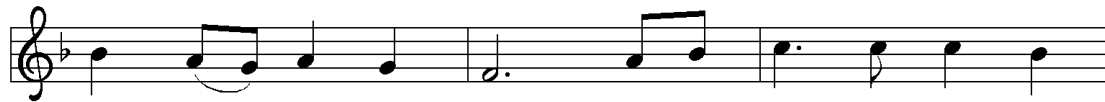
(ELW 641)



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

(please be seated)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

In This Very Room – Ron and Carol Harris

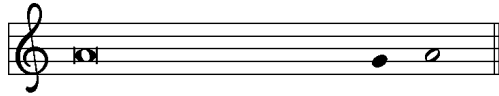
Paige Gierke, Kathy Ferreira, Kate Moe, Ezekiel Hale, Paul Nelson, David Ferriera, Carl Wichman
Michael Olson, accompanist

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.



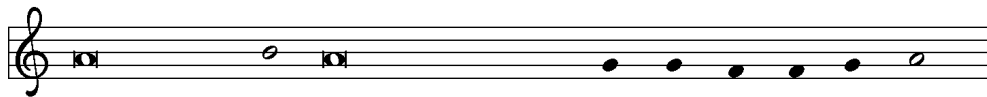
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Holy Lord, you demand both justice and mercy. You condemn the sin but not the sinner. Guide us to lay down our stones of judgment and pick up your mantle of love, and in doing so, be transformed. In the name of your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: John 8:1-11

MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

(ELW 623)

1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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:

Jesus Loves Me/Oh, How He Loves You and Me – Evie Tornquist
Kate Moe, vocalist; 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)*

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SENDING HYMN: *Day by Day*

(ELW 790)



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



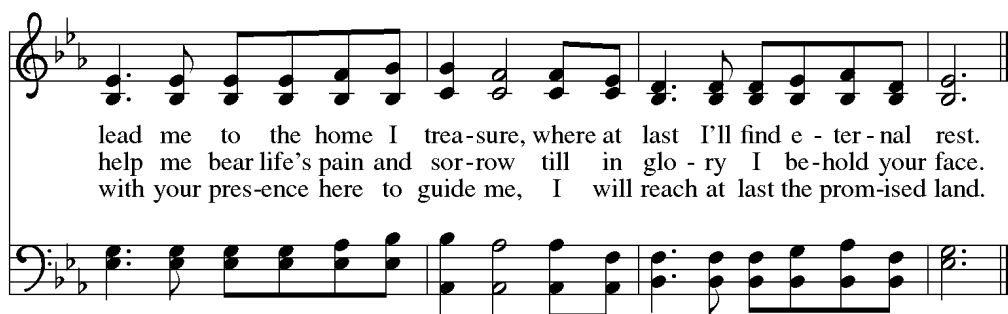
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

POSTLUDE: *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* – Emma Lour Diemer; Michael Olson, organist



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Easter

2021
he is risen



SUNDAY, APRIL 4 | WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 7 a.m. - Sanctuary, in-person
- 8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, in-person
- 9 a.m. - Celebration Center, in-person
- 9 a.m. - *online streaming*
- 9 a.m. - *Radio: 970AM/93.7FM*
- 9:30 a.m. - Great Hall, in-person**
- 10 a.m. - Sanctuary, in-person
- 10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center, in-person
- 10:30 a.m. - *online streaming*
- 11 a.m. - Great Hall, in-person**
- 11:30 a.m. - *TV: KXJB channel 4*



**Family-focused service (kids' message)
Online: flcfargo.org and Facebook
Communion served at all services

Easter Note: Due to COVID19, capacity is restricted in each worship space to 250 people (200 in Great Hall). If the service you plan to attend fills to capacity, please attend the following service 30 minutes later.

Easter Garden

During this special time of year, please consider honoring or remembering a loved one by purchasing a spring plant (lilies and flowers) to beautify First Lutheran's worship spaces for Easter Sunday. A list of the donors and those remembered or honored will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Complete this order form and return to the Welcome Desk by **Monday, March 29.**

Order Form:

I wish to purchase _____ (*quantity*) plants @ \$18 each.

Given in memory / honor (*circle one*) of _____.

From:
Name _____

Phone# _____

Order total \$_____ payable
by cash, check, or credit card.



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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

Online Lenten worship: Wednesdays, February 24-March 24

- 5:30 p.m., 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 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

Helping Hands Men's Group Resumes

Tuesdays, 8 a.m., The Great Hall—beginning March 16

All men are invited to gather for coffee fellowship (coffee and donuts/pastries) on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. in The Great Hall. There also is a men's Bible study at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays as well. Make a morning of it and join us for both! Questions?: contact Pastor Marty, mtollefson@flcfargo.org.

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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, Wayne Lebeda, and George.

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Ruth Hagen**, mother of Marcia Hagen.

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

Due to the winter school break, no classes will be held on Wednesday, March 17.

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THISWEEK

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**
- 12:30 p.m. **Open Doors For All Nations Worship**, CrossTalk Café

Monday, March 15

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

Tuesday, March 16

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. **Helping Hands**, The Great Hall
- 9 a.m. **MomTalk Meeting**, The Great Hall
- 11 a.m. **Adult Lenten Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. **Knit and Crochet Group**, The Gathering Place
- 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 17

- 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

Thursday, March 18

- 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 19

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

Saturday, March 20

No scheduled activities

Sunday, March 21—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

MAAHDAAHHEY

April 21-25, Rollie is leading a group for a 4-day hiking trip in the Badlands of western North Dakota. Grow your faith hiking in fellowship with your trailmates and roam with the buffalo too!

Attend an **information meeting** on Wednesday, March 24, 7 p.m. in the Chapel to learn more. Contact Rollie with any questions, rjohnson@flcfargo.org. Register at flcfargo.org.

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 21:

- Sanctuary: John 10:1-18
- Celebration: John 8:1-11

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