



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

Palm 2021 Sunday

John 12:12-19

SUNDAY
MARCH 28

*blessed is he who
comes in the name
of the Lord!*



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WELCOME! If your life has been blessed or if you are looking to be blessed...
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 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Laurie Neill
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Vonnie Halstenson

PRELUDE:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name – Janet Linker
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: Loving God,

C: On this day, your Son entered the rebellious city that later rejected him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at your feet all we have and all we are, trusting you to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as your own. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

(please be seated)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

Blessed Is He Who Comes – arr. Lloyd Larson
Eleanor and Katherine Athy;
Vonnie and Tom Halstenson;
Becky Gustofson; Phil Sallberg
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.

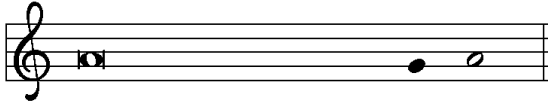
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

We praise you, O God,
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Today he entered the holy city in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and King
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.
Bless these branches and those who carry them.
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,
we enter into life with you;
through the same Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.



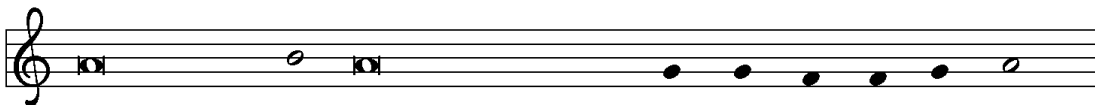
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



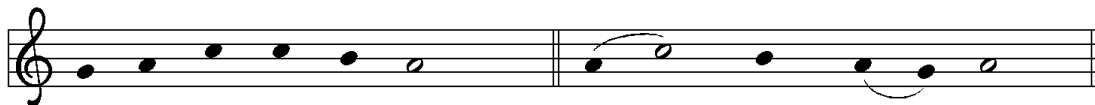
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

HYMN: *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

(ELW 599)

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.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: John 12:12-19

MESSAGE: Pastor Laurie Neill

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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:

The Holy City – Stephen Adams
Vonnie Halstenson, 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.**

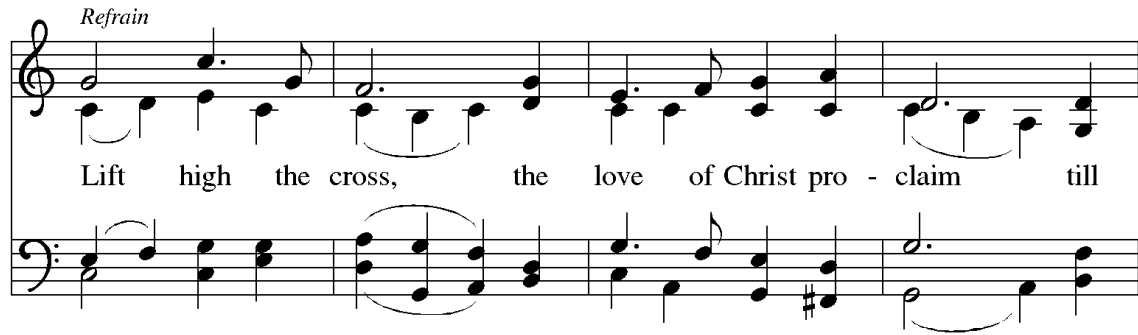
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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

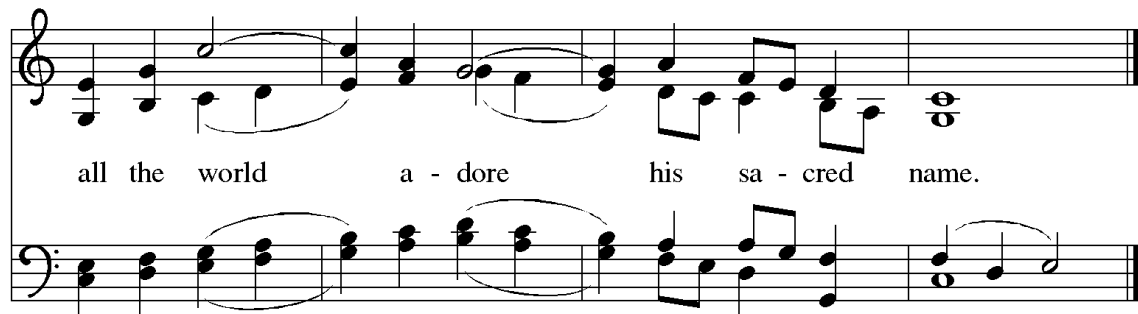
SENDING HYMN: *Lift High the Cross*

(ELW 660)

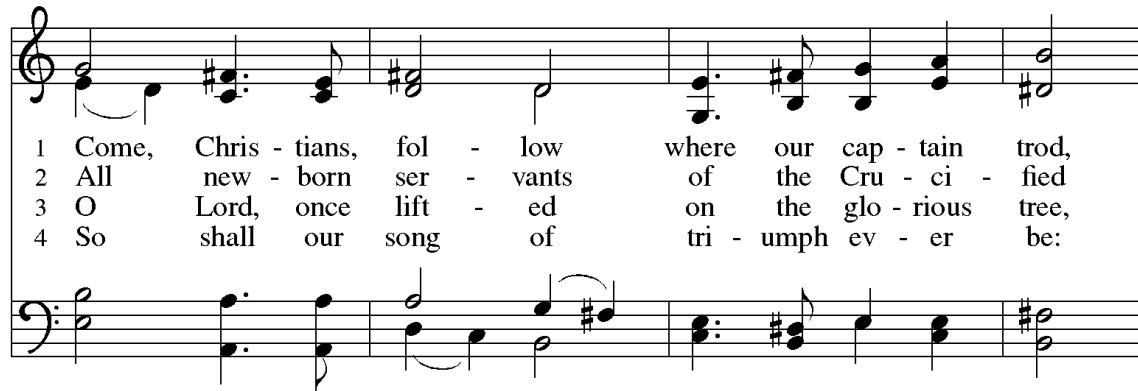
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

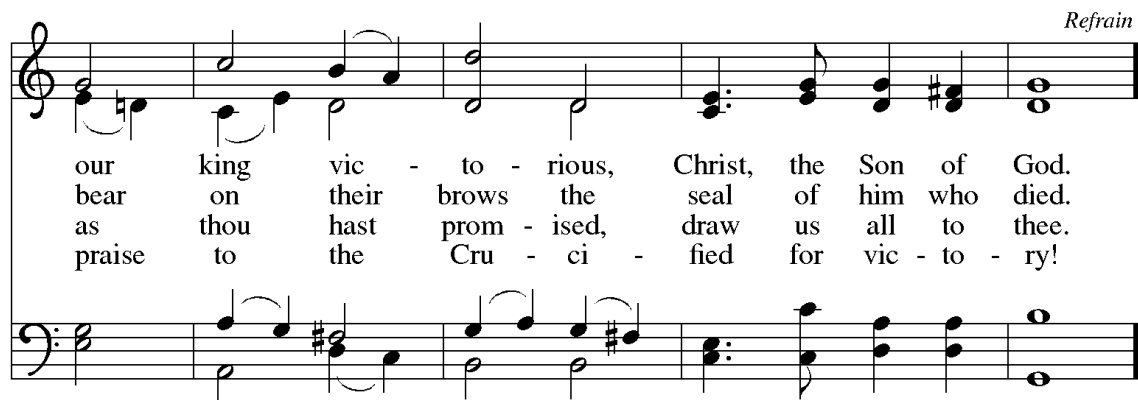


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

POSTLUDE: *To God Be the Glory* - Michael Burkhardt; 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*

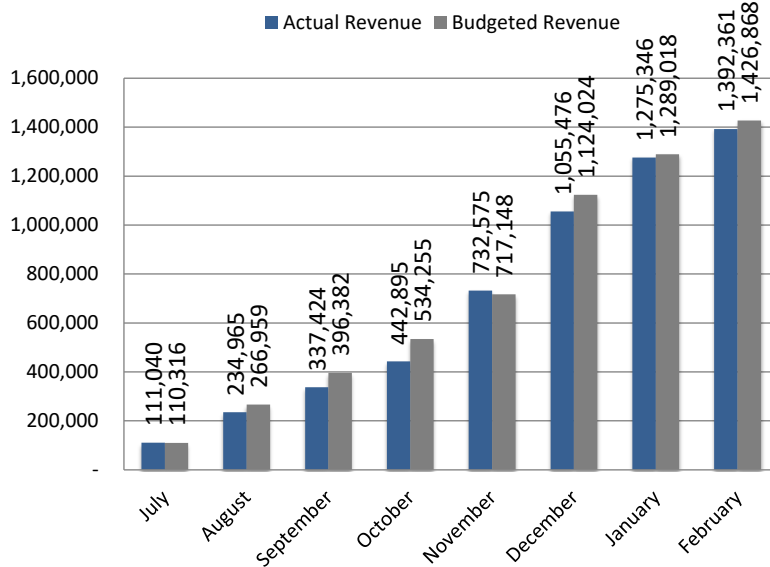


**Family-focused service (kids' message)
Online: flcfargo.org and Facebook
Communion served at all services

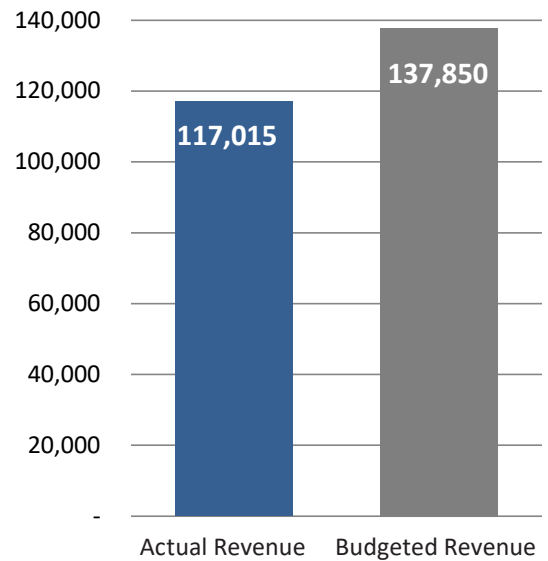
Easter Note: Due to COVID19, capacity is restricted in each worship space to 250 people (200 in Great Hall). If the service you plan to attend fills to capacity, please attend the following service 30 minutes later.

GENEROSITY REPORT

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FY 2020-21 GENERAL FUND



FLC FEBRUARY STEWARDSHIP



FEBRUARY MEMORIALS

In Memory of Dennis Belgarde

for General from Harold & Judy Thompsen
for Youth from Reed & Marianna Malm

In Memory of Gothard "Knute" Knutson

for Parish Nurse from Dorothy Heidt

In Memory of Jeff Rye

for Radio from Shannon Rye

In Memory of John Hovde

for General from Sharon Hovde

In Memory of Ron Bruer

for Children's Ministry from Doug & Annette
Bruer

In Memory of Skip Shirley

for General from Charlo Shirley

In Memory of Terry Link

for Momtalk from Rob & Karla Lyngstad

In Memory of Tom Vangerud

for Helping Hands from Chet & Betty Levenson

for Fellowship from Don Evans

for Befrienders from Gary & Ruth Hanson

for Helping Hands from John & Elizabeth
Holmen

for Helping Hands from Lorraine Grefsrud

for General from Sylvia Watkins

NEWS&EVENTS

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

Summer Bible Camp Opportunity

One of the most rewarding and growth-filled experiences churches can provide to their youth is an opportunity for them to attend summer Bible camp. Once again, the First Lutheran Foundation has generously granted camp tuition support to our youth. Thank you FLC Foundation!

Kids in grades 3-9 are invited to attend Luther Crest Bible Camp June 27-July 1.

- Register at luthercrest.org.
- Use group hold code **GHR ID 2021First** to receive the tuition credit.
- The early-bird registration date **expires April 8**. Register by April 8 to receive all available discounts for a net cost per camper of \$235.

Summer camps filled up very fast with decreased availability due to COVID restrictions and planning. Luther Crest added an additional week of staffed camp counselors to offer this opportunity for youth from Fargo-Moorhead and First Lutheran to attend camp. Join us for a week of summer fun and memories! Contact Erik Carlson, ecarlson@flcfargo.org, with any questions.

Upcoming Family Life Faith Milestones

Fifth Grade First Communion

- Communion Instruction: Today, March 28, 3-5 p.m., Celebration Center
- First Communion Worship: Thursday, April 1, 6 p.m., Celebration Center

Confirmation (make-up from October 2020 postponement)

- Sunday, April 11, 1 p.m., Celebration Center

RSVP to Emily Halver, ehalver@flcfargo.org. Immediate family members only for in-person attendance due to capacity restrictions. Live-streaming will be offered on flcfargo.org.

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: *Brenda Cummins, Amy Carey, Gail Zimprich, Julie Anderson, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, Liz Gibb, LaVern Hoganson, Roger Hansen, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aseby, Wayne Lebeda, and George.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Michael Yoney**, brother of Terry Yoney.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of **L.M. and Cecelia Leverson**, and in honor of **Tom Stoffel**, from their family.

CHRISTIANEDUCATION

No classes Wednesday, March 31 during Holy Week.

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

YOURMINISTRYTEAM

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THISWEEK

Sunday, March 28—Palm 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
- 3 p.m. **First Communion Instruction**, Celebration Center

Monday, March 29

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

Tuesday, March 30

- 7 a.m. **Men's Bible Study**, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. **Helping Hands**, Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. **Knit and Crochet Group**, Gathering Place
- 6 p.m. **Tae Kwon Do**, Gym

Wednesday, March 31—No Classes during Holy Week

- 12:45 p.m. **Organ Recital by Michael Olson**, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. **Online Concert: Dubois Cantata**, flcfargo.org and Facebook

Thursday, April 1—Maundy Thursday

- 12 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Worship**, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Worship/Fifth Grade First Communion**, Celebration Center

Friday, April 2—Good Friday

- 12 p.m. **Seven Last Words of Christ Worship**, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. **Prayer Around the Cross Worship**, Celebration Center

Saturday, April 3

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

- 7 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. **Easter Worship Broadcast**, 970AM/93.1FM radio, flcfargo.org and Facebook
- 9:30 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Great Hall
- 10 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. **Easter Worship Broadcast**, flcfargo.org and Facebook
- 11 a.m. **Easter Worship**, Great Hall
- 11:30 a.m. **Easter Worship Broadcast**, KXJB TV/Channel 30
- 12:30 p.m. **Open Doors For All Nations Worship**, CrossTalk Café

Monday, April 5

Church/Church Office Closed

BUS SERVICE to FLC

This past year, our contracted bus service providing transportation to worship on Sunday morning and Wednesday afternoon was discontinued for COVID safety precautions. We are happy to be able to provide bus service again to those needing transportation to attend worship.

- Bus service will be available beginning Easter Sunday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 7.
- Contact Becki Tollefson, btollefson@flcfargo.org or 701.235.7389 to be added to the bus pick-up schedule.
- Our contracted carrier is not able to cover the entire Fargo-Moorhead area. The covered address zone is primarily focused in north Fargo. Contact Becki to discuss availability/options.
- The bus does not have a wheelchair lift. Riders must be able to navigate a few stairs to board/exit the bus.

BROADCAST MINISTRY

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 10:30 a.m., flcfargo.org and Facebook.
- **Radio:** Sundays 9 a.m., 970AM and 93.1FM.
- **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).

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