

**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; 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.



**Traditional Worship** follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin.

**WORSHIP** We believe that all instruments, all

voices and all people should praise the Lord. We

9 a.m. Sundays; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church

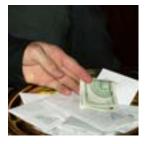


**CONNECTING** We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events. Fill out the blue post-it so we can keep in touch.



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 quest, 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.

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.

# April 4, 2021: The Resurrection of Our Lord

Message Pastor Corey Bjertness
Assisting Pastor Pastor Laurie Neill
Music Minister Michael Olson

Brass Ensemble Trumpet: Jeremy Brekke and Mike Wavra

Horn: Abbey Rudd

**Trombone: Gene Okerlund** 

Tuba: Douglas Neill

**Cantor** Beverly Bjertness

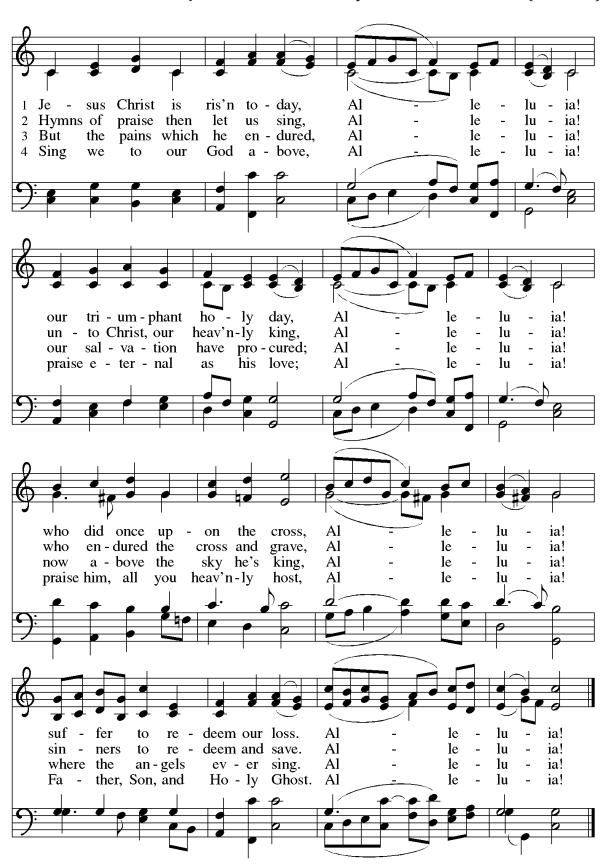
**WELCOME** 

PRELUDE:

He Lives! — arr. Paul Edwards
Brass Ensemble

# CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

- P: We begin in the name of + the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. Bless this flame, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.
- C: Thanks be to God.
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



# **VOCAL ENSEMBLE:**

Alleluia! All Glory Be to God — Gordon Young Miriam Vogel, Linda Jaeger, Beverly Bjertness, Kathy Ferreira, Dorian Olson, David Ferreira Michael Olson, accompanist

# **GREETING:**

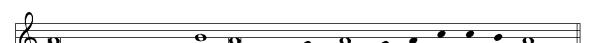
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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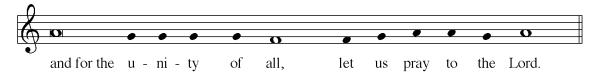


A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.





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







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





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

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



# PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.
- C: Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 16:1-8

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Corey Bjertness

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# **NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **OFFERING:**

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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# **WORDS OF PROMISE**

# LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

# **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

# **VOCAL DUET:**

Never Gonna Stop — Tommy Walker Beverly Bjertness and Catherine Kratochvil Michael Olson, accompanist



# **BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**

# **SENDING:**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

# **POSTLUDE:**

*Hallelujah from Messiah* — G.F. Handel Brass Ensemble and Michael Olson, organist In Memory of Armond & Nancy Erickson from Their loving family
In Memory of Valrey Vogel from Miriam & Everett Vogel
In Honor of Valerie Fornshell from Miriam & Everett Vogel
In Memory of Denise Anderson from Angela Hagen
In Memory of Our parents from David & Linda Hove

In Memory of Rev Robert and Mary Murchie from Court, Mary, Madison, Betsy & Emily Murchie

In Memory of Don Miller and Justin Miller from Janice Miller

In Memory of Ralph Anderson from Vonne Anderson

In Memory of Loved Ones from Jan Stoffel

In Honor of Kathy, Judy, Tom, Dave and Sharon and their families from Jan Stoffel

In Memory of Loved Ones from Elaine Nelson

In Memory of Our parents, Eddie & Astrid Gordhammer and Curnell & Bessie Leverson

from Betty & Chet Leverson

In Memory of Terry Bladholm from Donna Bladholm

In Memory of Gene Ray from Bruce & Catherine Jorgensen

In Memory of Vernon & Evelyn Jorgensen from Bruce & Catherine Jorgensen and Blaine & Carolyn Jorgensen

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. C.O. Leverson from Dave & Soni Teigen

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Millard Teigen from Dave & Soni Teigen

In Memory of Loved Ones from Marianna & Reed Malm

In Memory of Fran Bjorge from Her loving family

In Honor of Our sons, John, Mark & Tom & their families from Dave & Mary Rasmussen

In Honor of Loved Ones from Audrey Hahn

In Memory of Everett Peterson and Tami Peterson Jones from Delores Peterson

In Memory of Tillie & Ray Samuelson from Marion Domier and Rick Samuelson

In Memory of Grandparents Louis Greff and Walter & Edna Perleberg from Patrick and Tamera Greff & sons

In Memory of Gerald & Betty Froeber from Kevin, Missy, David & Michael Froeber

In Memory of Philip Gilmore Running from Mary Macziewski

In Memory of Glen Philip Running from Gene & Mary Maczewski and Keith Ellingson

In Honor of Our Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren from Gene & Mary Maczewski

In Memory of Mercille Moen from Delbert Moen

In Honor of My Daughter & Son from LaVern Hoganson

In Honor of Don Evans from LaVern Hoganson

In Memory of Bonnie Lorz from Gerald Lorz Family

In Honor of My Children from Lillian Cole

In Memory of My Mother, Vera Lou Cooper from Gina West

In Memory of Ramona Schaffer from Mark Schaffer and Gina West

In Memory of Harold Schaffer from Mark Schaffer and Gina West

In Memory of Michael Borgen from Virginia Borgen

In Memory of Richard Anderson from Linda Anderson

In Memory of Richard Brown from Lois & family

In Honor of Our Beautiful Grandchildren from Tom & Sue Simons

In Memory of Russell and Ruth Nelson from Paul Nelson

In Honor of Ione Swanstrom from Sherman & Eileen Goplen In Memory of Harvey Steinke from Sherman & Eileen Goplen In Memory of Donald Nettum from The Nettum Family In Memory of Bob Haider from Linda Haider and children In Memory of Our parents, Hart & Martha Holland from Mary Ann & Arvid Berg In Memory of Our parents, Rev Sigurd & Elsie Berg from Mary Ann & Arvid Berg In Memory of Red Brostrom from Winnie Brostrom In Memory of Charles Hanson from Winnie Brostrom In Memory of Larry Seavert from Winnie Brostrom In Honor of Our daughters and their families from Del & Joanne Herrmann In Memory of Ruth Steen from Ann & Brad Williams In Memory of Pastor Dale Vitalis from Lu Vitalis & Family In Memory of Gary Burggraff from Emily & Family In Memory of Lowell Johnson from John & Betty Holmen In Memory of Arvid Dahl and Bernie & Lucille Lilleberg from Jim & MaryLee Lilleberg In Memory of Brita Davidson and Eric Abrahamson from Ron & JoAnn Abrahamson In Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren from Ron & JoAnn Abrahamson In Honor of Betty Wilson from Bill Wilson In Memory of My Brother, Wayne Wilson from Bill Wilson

In Honor of Rachel Clarke & Family and Benjamin Hanson & Family from Ruth & Gary Hanson In Honor of Befriender & Prayer Shawl Ministries from Ruth & Gary Hanson

In Memory of Helen Tollefson from Carrol Tollefson

In Memory of Andresa Carlson from Carrol Tollefson

In Memory of Wife, Gerry Hatfield and Son, Greg Hatfield from Dale Hatfield

In Memory of Lois & Leonard Gill from Linda Gill

In Memory of Lynn & Vivian Helming from Fred, Kathy, Robert & Spencer Helming In Memory of Carole Cook from Fred, Kathy, Robert & Spencer Helming In Honor of Robert Cook from Fred, Kathy, Robert & Spencer Helming

In Memory of Richard Ruud from Shirley Ruud

In Memory of Donald Nettum from Julaine Nettum

In Memory of Marjorie Sholy from Her Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

In Memory of Dennis Belgarde from Jeny & Jordan Runsvold & Family

In Memory of Robert Buresh from Kevin & Diane Harrison

In Memory of Mary Catherine Harrison from Kevin & Diane Harrison

In Memory of Daniel Buresh from Kevin & Diane Harrison

In Memory of Carl & Dorothy Rorvig and Eleanor Evanson from Janice Ames

In Memory of David Ames from Janice Ames

In Memory of Bonnie Carpenter from Shelly & Greg Erickson

In Memory of Viola Honrud from Shelly & Greg Erickson

In Memory of Arvid Friskop from LaMae Friskop

# Take the steps to Live, Love, and Lead

Easter reminds us that not only have we been saved from something, but we have been saved *for* something. We are blessed so that we can be a blessing. We have been freed to free others. Peter reminds us that

this is the kind of life you've been invited into..., the life where we can 'exercise our freedom by serving God' (1 PETER 2:16, 21, MSG).





# Churches United Silver Linings Apartments

Churches United has determined there is a great need for affordable sustainable housing for seniors aged 55+. Only three other affordable local housing projects support this segment of the population and they have zero capacity. To meet this dire need, Churches United is building Silver Linings Apartments in eastern Moorhead, adjacent to its Bright Sky Apartments. It will not only provide shelter but other vital services as well, such as a food pantry, 24-hour front desk support, health outreach, and onsite case management support.

# A GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY



Center for Christian Education in Slovakia

Following years of communist oppression, Americans felt called to Martin, Slovakia to help spread the Gospel of a church-starved country. The result is a long-standing partnership between First Lutheran and the Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Martin, Slovakia. Ongoing financial help has enabled CCE "to motivate people to know the truth so that they can become free in Christ to serve others...." Currently CCE is seeking to incorporate more of the community as a way to further introduce families in Slovakia to its Christian ministry.



# **GIVING OPTIONS**



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# **NEWS & EVENTS**

# Visit our website for more detailed information and to register, 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 <u>GHR ID 2021First</u> to receive the tuition credit.
- The early-bird registration date <u>expires</u>
   <u>April 8</u>. 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 MILESTONE**

# 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. Livestreaming will be offered on flcfargo.org. The service begins at 1 p.m. Arrive at 12:30 p.m. for an individual confirmation photo. Recommended attire is business casual.

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

# **CELEBRATE PRAYER**

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.

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

# Classes resume Wednesday, April 7

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):** at-home FLOCK Magazine and FLOCK online resources

**56ers (5-6th grade):** Wednesdays, 6 p.m., online Zoom

# **Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation**

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

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

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# THIS WEEK

# 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

# Tuesday, April 6

7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall

9 a.m. MomTalk Meeting, Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd 5:30 p.m. Health Ministry Meeting, online Zoom

6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

# Wednesday, April 7

12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Sanctuary/Great Hall

6 p.m. 56ers, online Zoom

7 p.m. SLA/Confirmation, online Zoom

8 p.m. Youth Group, Great Hall

# Thursday, April 8

7 a.m. Global Missions Meeting, online Zoom

# Friday, April 9

12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed

# Saturday, April 10

No scheduled activities

# **SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES**

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# Sunday, April 11

9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center

10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall 10:15 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting,

Luther Room

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center

12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship,

CrossTalk Café

1 p.m. Confirmation Service, Celebration Center

# **EASTER BROADCAST**

The Easter Broadcast shown at 11:30 a.m. today on KXJB has been provided in memory of **Steven Light** and his father, **Merle Light**, by their family. Our thanks to them for helping provide an important and meaningful ministry to those who are unable to attend worship.

# **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 SCHEDULE**

- 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).