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SUNDAY, APRIL 18
JOHN 15:1-17

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LIVE
LOVE
LEAD
like Jesus

*let your
light
shine*

MATT. 6:18

ON BROADWAY



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.



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WELCOME! If your life has been a moral victory or a scarlet letter...
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 and Wednesdays 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.



BELONGING Each quarter, we host a new member BELONG class to introduce and welcome new members to First Lutheran. The next class will be held Sunday, May 23. 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 18, 2021: Live, Love, Lead Like Jesus

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Marty Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Corey Bjertness
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Vonnie Halstenson

PRELUDE:

My Song Is Love Unknown — Ralph Vaughan Williams
Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us repent of our sin, and claim the promise of God.

Silence for reflection

P: Living God,

C: We confess before you and one another our wrongful ways, our pursuit of perishable things, our own part in crucifying our Lord, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, O God; renew the face of the earth; and give us the assurance that you have rescued us from the power of sin, and have made us alive in the Spirit forever. Amen.

P: Christ suffered once and for all, in order to bring us back to God. In the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Gather Us In*

(ELW 532)



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

(please be seated)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

Bring You Praise — Amanda Singer, arr. Joe Milton
Kathy Ferreira, Bonnie Yoney, Vonnie Halstenson
Miriam Vogel, Beverly Bjertness, Becky Gustofson
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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KYRIE:



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



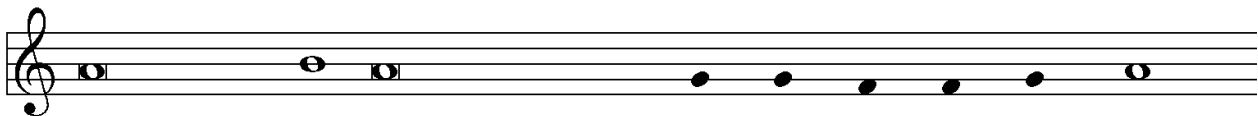
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



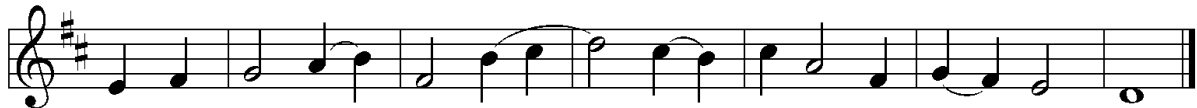
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

C: **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *1 John 4:7-12*

(please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-17

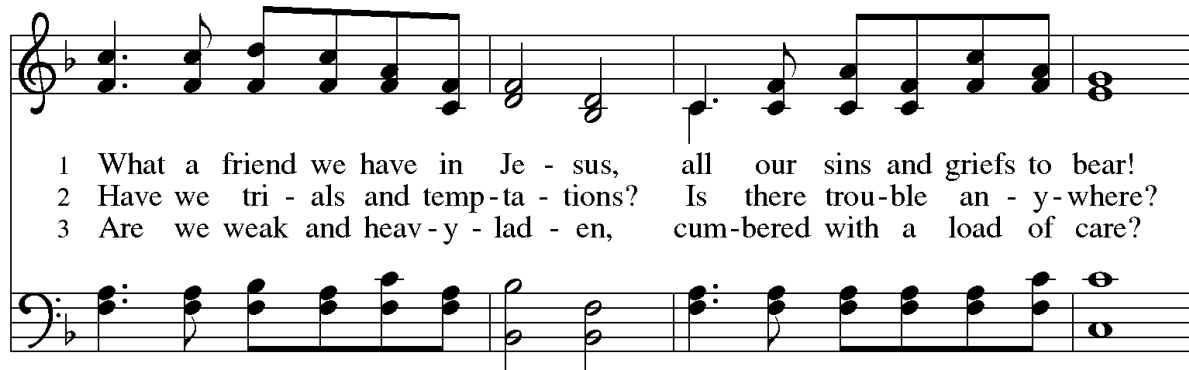
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MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

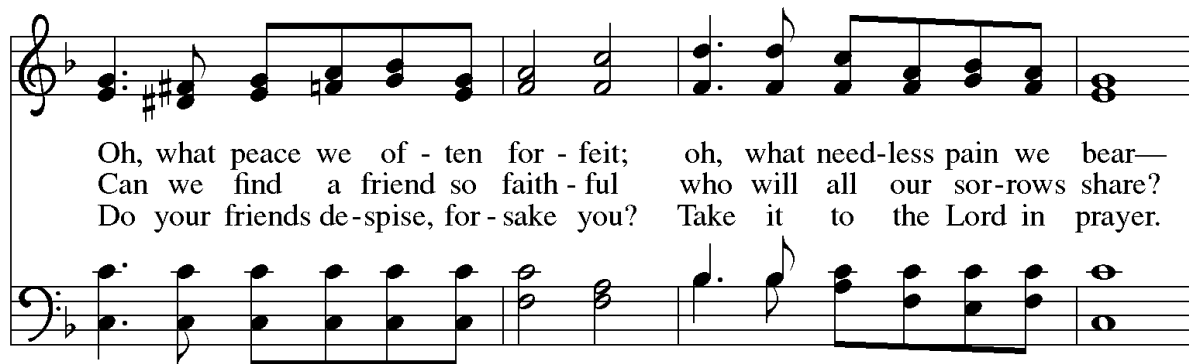
(ELW 742)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

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:

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace — Sebastian Temple, arr. Lloyd Larson
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

WORDS OF PROMISE

THE 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.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

(ELW 674)



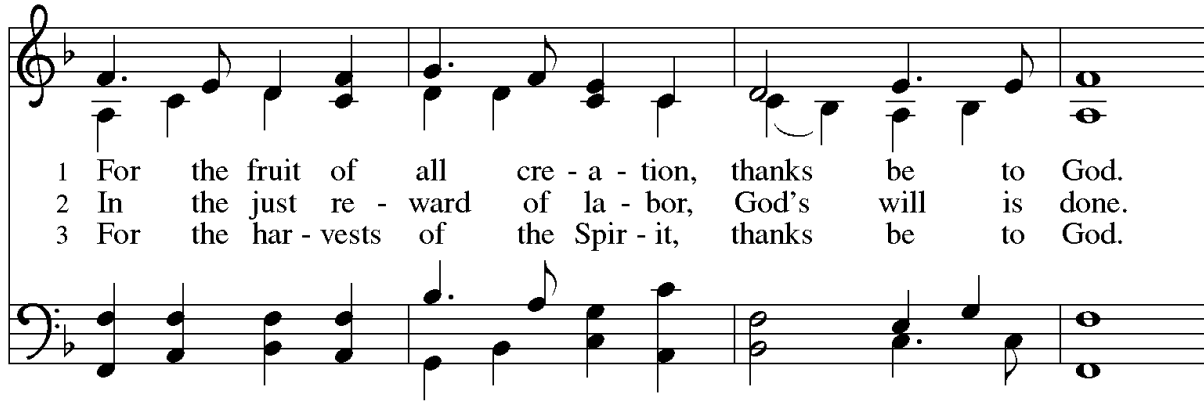
1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



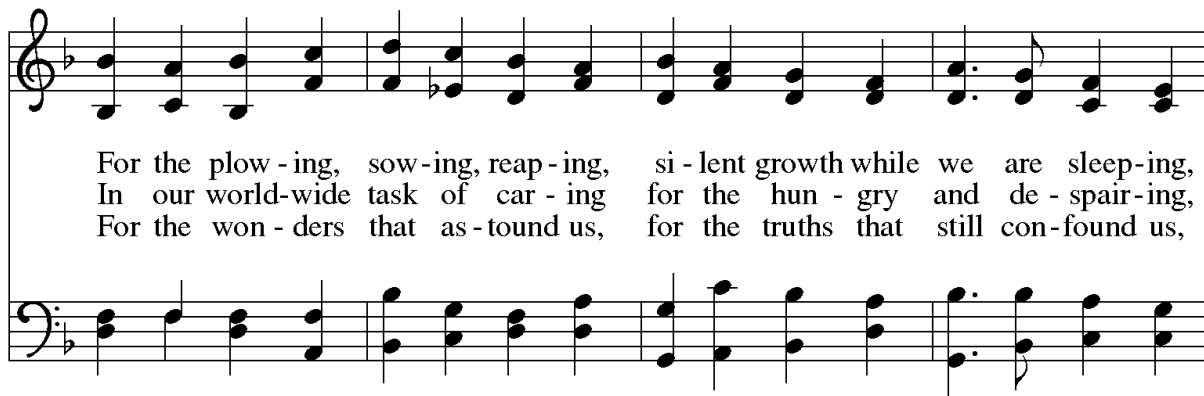
Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



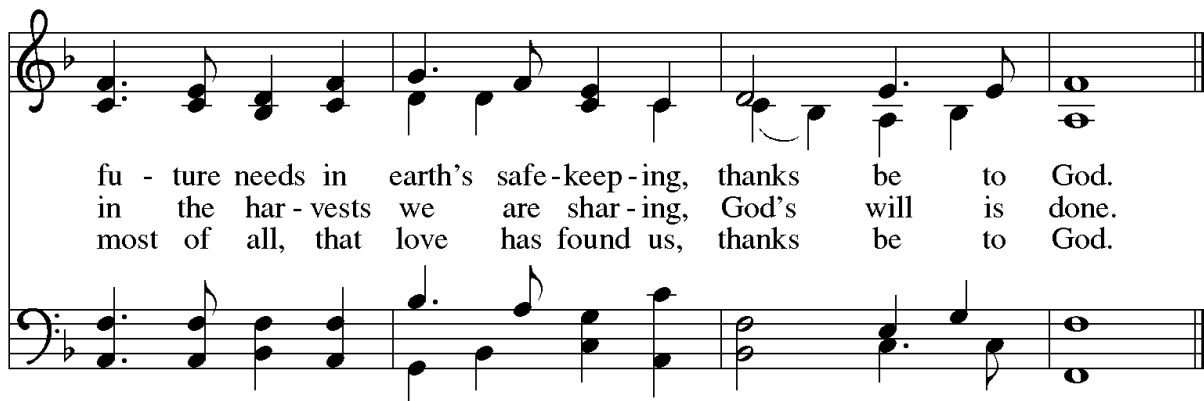
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

(ELW 631)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-mega be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

(please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

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,

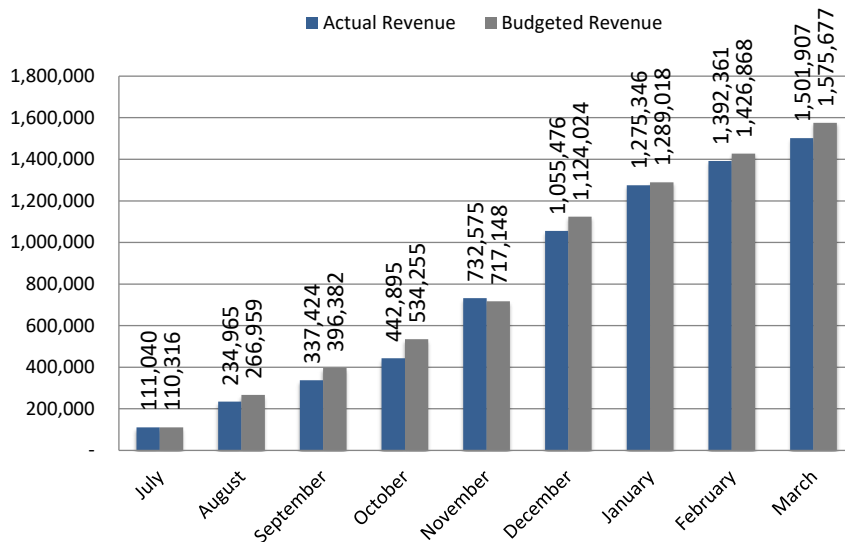
hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

POSTLUDE:

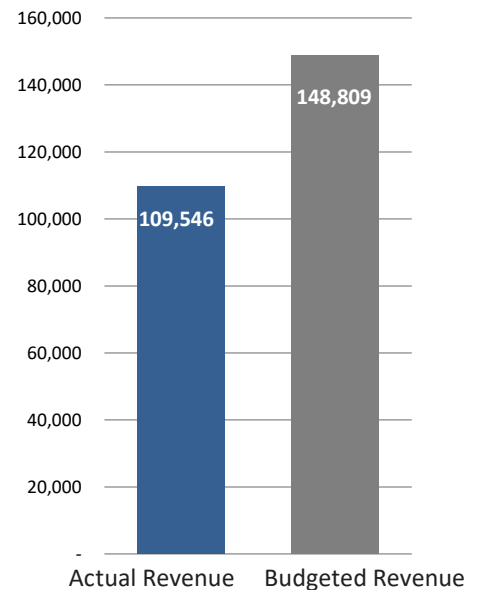
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Michael Olson, organist

GENEROSITY REPORT

STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FY 2020-21 GENERAL FUND



FLC MARCH STEWARDSHIP



MARCH MEMORIALS

In Honor of Bill Parkers 90th Birthday
for Helping Hands from Elaine Nelson

In Honor of Britta Gustofson's Baptism
for General from Rebecca Gustofson

In Memory of Dr. Jim Frisk
for General from Bob & Joy McMains
for Online Streaming from Carol Feste
for General from Dale & Mona Shook
for Music from David & Cynthia Baumgardner
for Quilters from David & Mary Rasmussen
for General from David & Sonya Teigen
for Helping Hands from Del & Joanne Herrmann
for Parish Nurse from Dorothy Heidt
for General from Emmett Worth and Todd Olson
for Youth from Harriett Light
for General from Matt & Mary Glessner
for General from Merron Skramstad
for General from Private Wealth Group
for Foundation from Reed & Marianna Malm
for First in Mission from Rev James & Carol Bjorge
for General from Richard & Bev Levenson
for 2020 Club from Wini Christensen

In Memory of Gothard "Knut" Knutson
for Helping Hands from Julaine Nettum

In Memory of Nancy Erickson
for General from Brian Hayer
for Online Streaming from Carol Feste
for General from Chet & Betty Levenson
for General from Erwin & Arlene Johnson
for Foundation from Gary & Ruth Hanson
for Foundation from Irv & Beverly Aal
for Radio from Julaine Nettum
for Abigail Circle from Lillian Cole
for Abigail Circle from Noel & Judy Fedje
for Samaritan from Rev James & Carol Bjorge
for Abigail Circle from Robert & Elizabeth Gibb
for Foundation from Ruth Dunningcliff
for General from Susan & Troy Anderson
for 2020 Club from Wini Christensen

In Memory of Rod Capistran
for Dubois Cantata from Jane Linde Capistran

In Memory of Terry Bladholm
for Radio from Julaine Nettum

In Memory of Tom Vangerud
for Sunday School from Friends and Family
for Sunday School from Randy & Debra Bakken
for Helping Hands from Virginia Borgen

In Memory of Violet Rindy (Mother of Pastor Bill Rindy)
for Global Missions from Reed & Marianna Malm



**FIRST
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Calling All Closet Cleaners and Miracle Makers...

This spring,

First Lutheran is partnering with Lutheran World Relief to make baby care kits to provide the basics to families in need. We invite you to participate!

Visit lwr.org/babycarekits for more information on kit items and instructions for making cloth diapers from flannel or cotton t-shirts.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Welcome Desk now through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9.

Kit items include

- » Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- » Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- » Receiving blankets; cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- » Jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with a hood
- » Socks
- » Hand towels (dark color recommended)
- » Bath-size bars of gentle soap
- » Diaper pins
- » Gently-used cloth diapers

Questions? Contact Pr. Stephanie Tollefson,
stollefson@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

GRIEF SUPPORT AND SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

Two of our community ministry partners, Hospice of the Red River Valley and Living Free/Jail Chaplains, are offering online small groups to help deal with many types of personal loss. Several groups are beginning in the following weeks. We invite you to visit their websites to learn more and to register.

- Hospice of the Red River Valley, hrrv.org, various community grief support classes and programs.
- Living Free/Jail Chaplains, jailchaplains.com, small groups on facing fear, anxiety, worry; and anger management.

Contact Polly Kloster, pkloster@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389 with any questions.

MISSION SOUP: TO-GO

Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.-noon, Great Hall

April 25 is the last Mission Soup of the season. Stop into the Great Hall to pick-up soup to-go. Proceeds benefit local and global non-profits providing assistance to those in need. Soup varieties include Knoephla, chili, chicken noodle, and more...

MAAH DAAH HEY HIKING TRIP

A trip in the making... A pandemic last April and a blizzard in October postponed this trip two times. Fire conditions permitting, 40 hikers depart on Wednesday, April 21 for a four-day hiking trip in western North Dakota. Please hold them up in prayer for safe travels and faith growing opportunities together in God's creation.

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, Gail Zimprich, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Paul Hulberg, Orlan Loraas, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, Liz Gibb, Roger Hansen, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aseby, Wayne Lebeda, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, and Linda Merkens.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Mary Kenward**, mother of Jeanne Laugtug.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Gary Inman, Past Chair	701.371.1563

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 18 - Communion Sunday

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

Monday, April 19

- 9 a.m. Quilters Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 5 p.m. Maah Daah Hey Hiking Trip Meeting, Gym

Tuesday, April 20

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 9 a.m. MomTalk Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd
- 5:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

Wednesday, April 21

- 12 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting, Luther Room
- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 6 p.m. 56ers, online Zoom
- 7 p.m. SLA/Confirmation, online Zoom
- 8 p.m. Youth Group, Great Hall

Thursday, April 22

- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 23

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 24

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, April 25

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Mission Soup To-Go, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptisms of **Charlie and Sawyer Halverson**, sons of Laura and Ross Halverson; and the recent baptism of **Timothy Winter**, son of Sarah and Brent Winter.

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.

- 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.

SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

- **Online Giving:** 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 N, Fargo, ND 58102

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).