

THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL



Sunday, June 6 | Acts 9:1-22



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

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 in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel.**



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 in the fall/October. 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.

June 6, 2021: FLC @

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

PRELUDE:

Air from Water Music — G.F. Handel
Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

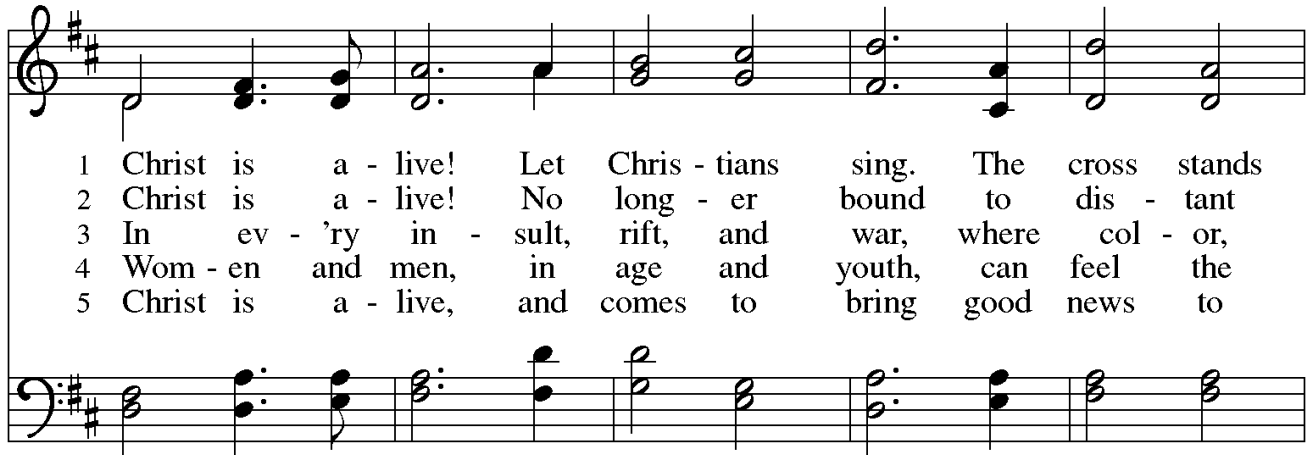
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

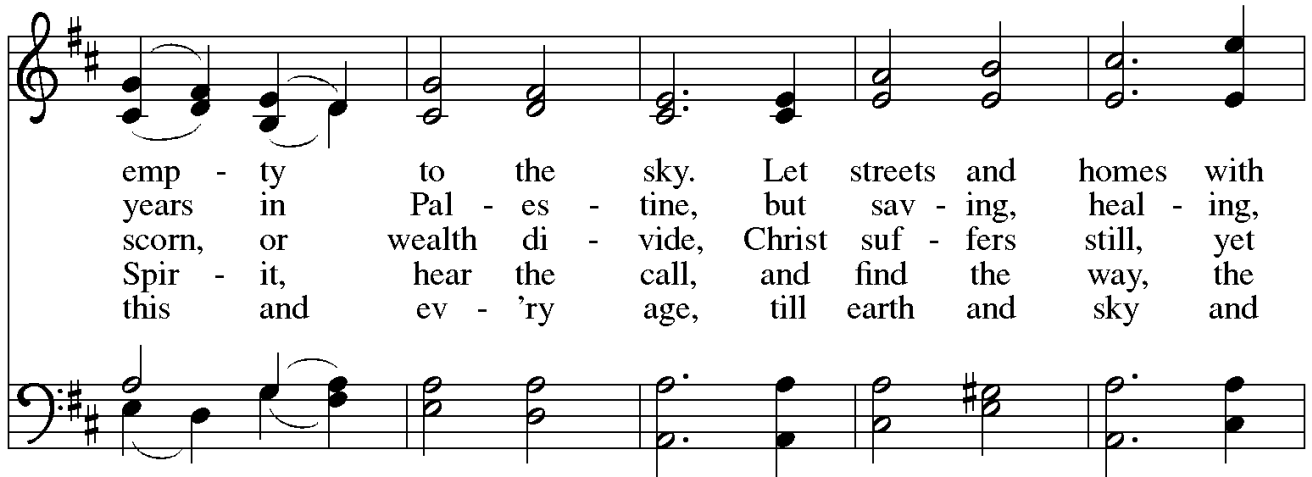
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

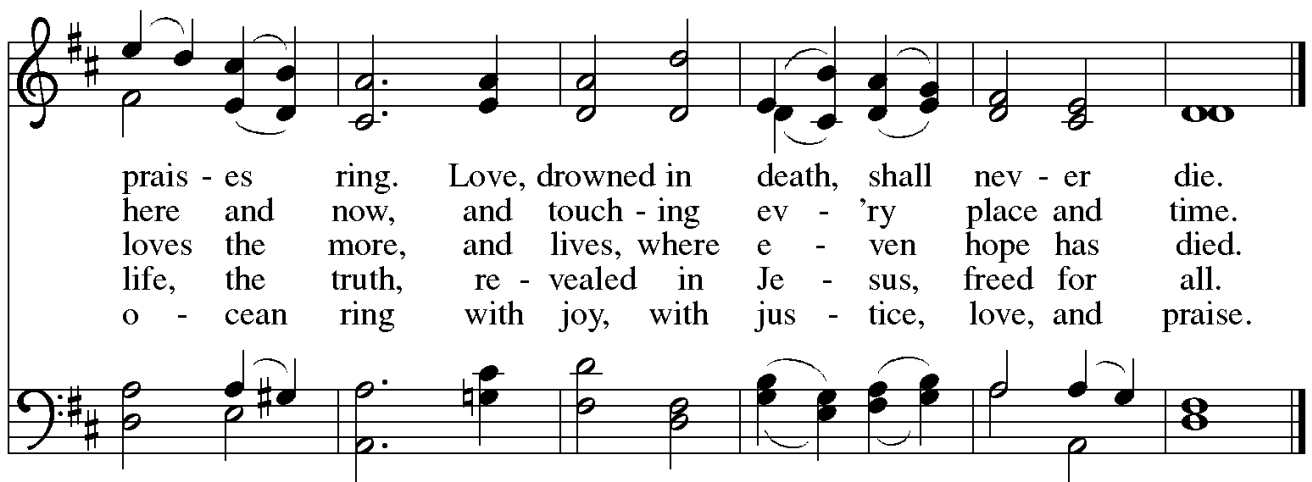
(ELW 389)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.


(please be seated)

GREETING:

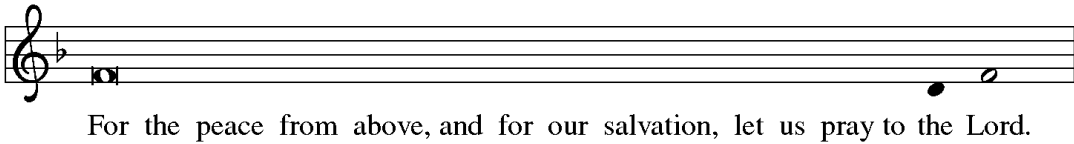
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

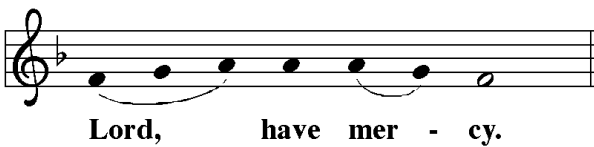
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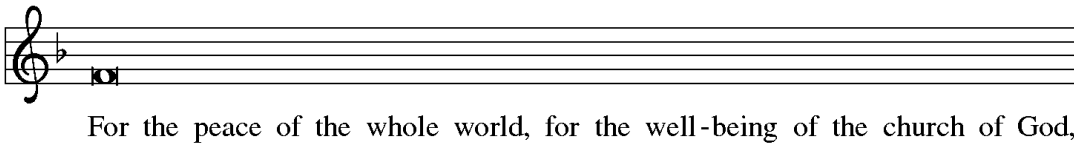
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



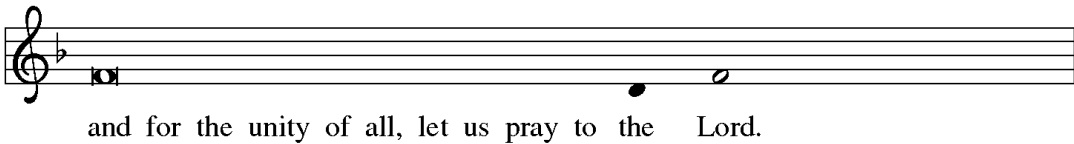
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



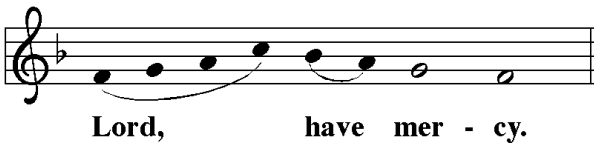
Lord, have mer - cy.



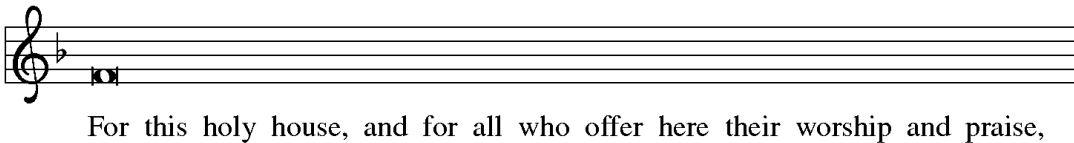
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



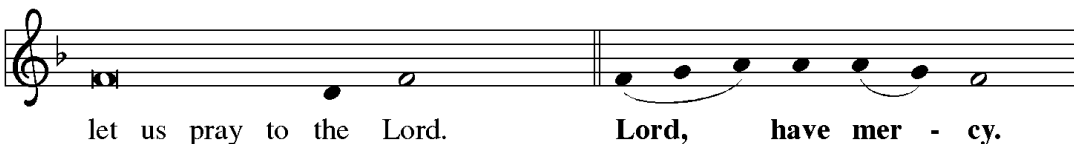
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



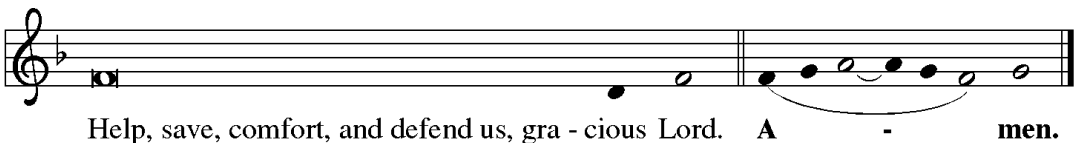
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

Refrain



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




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



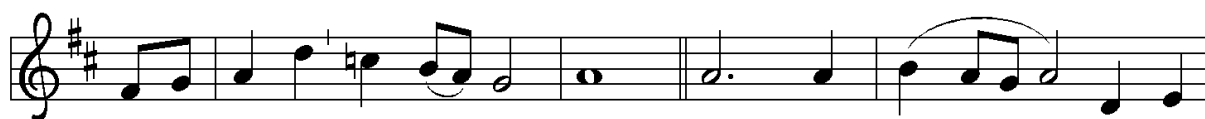
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



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. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

C: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

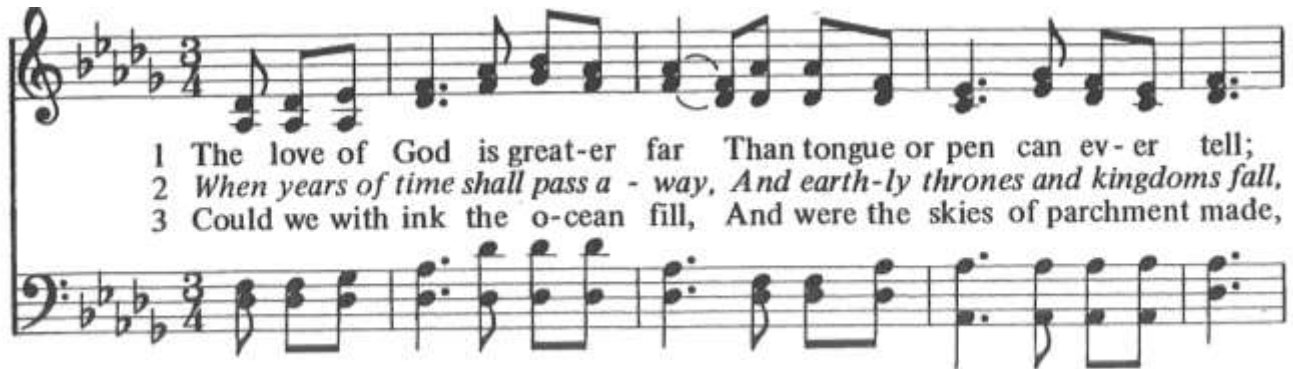
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NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 9:1-22

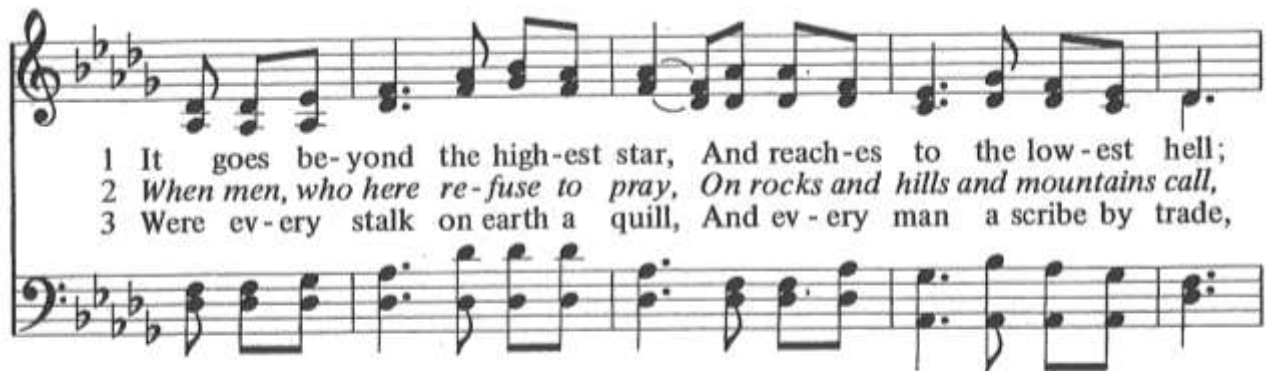
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MESSAGE: Pastor Corey Bjertness


HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Love of God*



1 The love of God is great-er far Than tongue or pen can ev-er tell;
2 When years of time shall pass a - way, And earth-ly thrones and kingdoms fall,
3 Could we with ink the o-cean fill, And were the skies of parchment made,



1 It goes be-yond the high-est star, And reach-es to the low-est hell;
2 When men, who here re-fuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call,
3 Were ev-ery stalk on earth a quill, And ev-ery man a scribe by trade,



1 The guilt-y pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
2 God's love so sure, shall still en-dure, All mea-sure-less and strong;
3 To write the love of God a - bove Would drain the o - cean dry.



1 His err-ing child He rec-on-ciled, And par-doned from his sin.
 2 *Re-deem-ing grace to A-dam's race-The saints' and an-gels' song.*
 3 Nor could the scroll con-tain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.




O love of God, how rich and pure! How mea-sure-less and strong!

It shall for ev-er-more en-dure The saints' and an-gels' song.

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:** 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:

Goodness of God — Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Jenni Johnson
Beverly Bjertness, 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:

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: *As We Gather at Your Table*

(ELW 522)



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

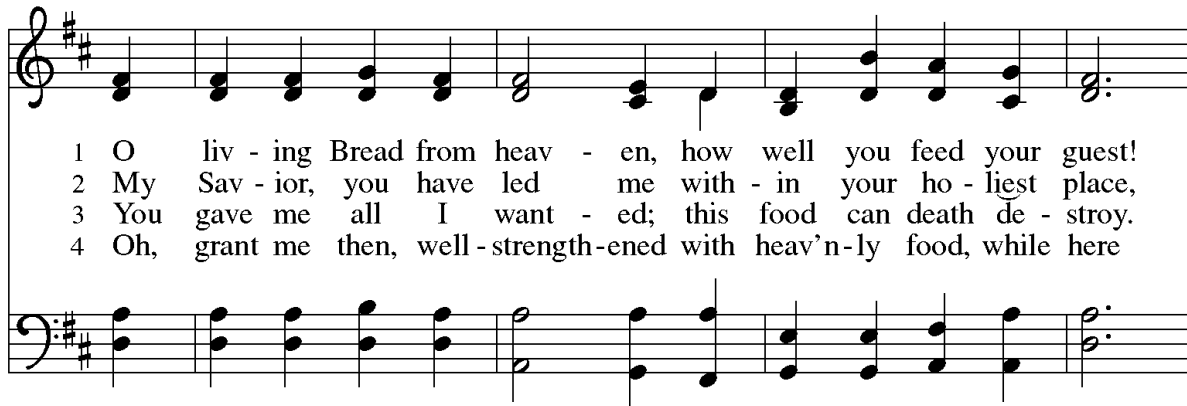
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *Just As I Am, without One Plea*

(ELW 592)

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

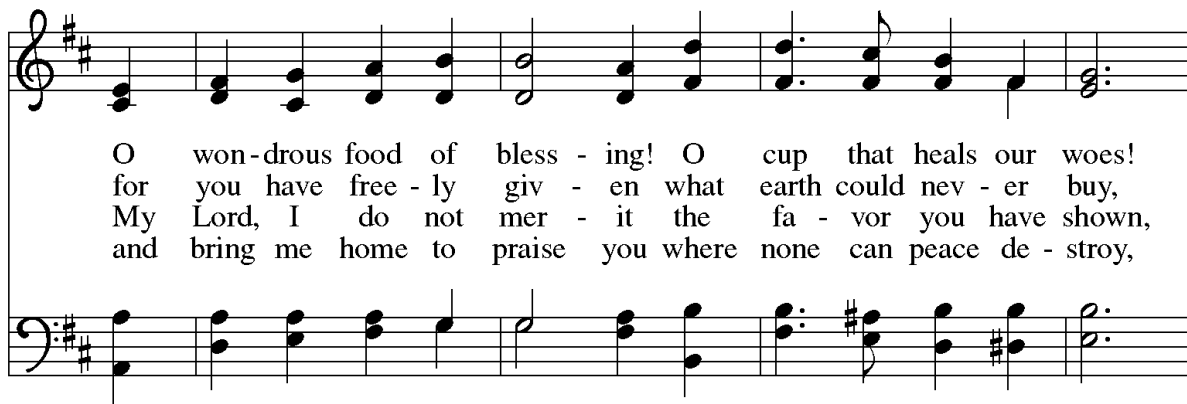
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

(please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

SENDING HYMN: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

(LBW 564)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

POSTLUDE:

Andante from Water Music — G.F. Handel
Michael Olson, organist

The logo consists of the letters 'FLC' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, with a white '@' symbol below it, all contained within a light green circle.

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SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Over eight weeks in June and July, renowned local and regional musicians will perform a **FREE** concert Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on the corner of 6th Avenue and Broadway in downtown Fargo.

We invite you to join us to enjoy great music and to meet our neighbors in the downtown community. Event starts at 5 p.m. with **Food Trucks!***



MUSICAL ACTS (6 P.M.)

June 2 - Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome

June 9 - Becker County Dixieland Authority

June 16 - Penny & Pals (Kids Night/Chalk Art Crafts)

June 23 - Fargo Blues Machine

July 7 - Poitin

July 14 - Front Fenders

July 21 - David Ferreira & Friends

July 28 - River City



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*Visit flcfargo.org for more info on featured food trucks.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays, June-July, beginning June 2
5 p.m. food trucks, 6 p.m. concert

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OUTDOOR WORSHIP

Sunday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.,
Southwest corner of the church, 6th Ave N/Broadway

Worship can happen anywhere. It doesn't have to be inside a sanctuary or worship hall. Therefore, we are excited to sing God's praises under the summer sky on the southwest corner of the building at the junction of 6th Avenue and Broadway. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family to join us. Bring your own chair or use one of the chairs we will have available. If the weather is inclement, we will move back into the Celebration Center.

There will be no 9 a.m. Celebration worship June 13.
9 a.m. Sanctuary worship will continue.

FLC @ SUMMER EVENTS

This summer we have several congregational/community events planned. Join us!

- Minnesota Twins game - June 22
- Gallery on the Go - June 28
- RedHawks game - July 15
- Canoe the Red River - July 17
- Medora trip - August 12-13
- and a Swamp Romp! - August 22

Visit flcfargo.org for details and to register.

CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389, info@flcfargo.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, THURS 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

WEDS 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

FRI: Closed

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, Suzanne Spiese, Allison Arechigo, Marilyn Parker, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aaseby, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, Linda Merkens, Nick DeNault, Gary Helland, Gerald Sauvageau, Pat Krebs, Dawn Nygord, Judy Loewen, Karen Breivold, Jan Vacha, Darlene Birkholz, Warren Birkholz, Tammy Birkholz, and George.*

FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are in honor of **Mary and Dave Rasmussen's** 50th wedding anniversary. Flowers on the organ are in honor of **Morris Rasmussen's** 96th birthday on June 2, from his family.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Our 2020/2021 online classes have ended for the school year. In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021 with a full class offering for ages 3-high school.

See the back page for scheduled Family Life summer events for our kids and families!

STAFF UPDATE: AL O'CONNELL

We are excited to welcome **Al O'Connell** to the First Lutheran staff. Al is a Concordia College graduate and joins our Family Life team. Al will work with all kids at First and Christian education, with special focus in the area of senior high youth ministry. Please introduce yourself to Al and let's welcome him to First Lutheran!

YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Tracy Farmer, Treasurer	701.356.0324
Chris Kraemer, Secretary	701.371.5718
Gary Inman, Past Chair	701.371.1563

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 6 - 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, June 7

- 1 p.m. Staff Meeting, CrossTalk Cafe

Tuesday, June 8

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

Wednesday, June 9

- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 5 p.m. Food Truck: Detroit Deli
- 6 p.m. Summer Outdoor Concert, Becker County Dixieland Authority

Thursday, June 10

- 7 a.m. Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room

Friday, June 11

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed
- 7 a.m. First in Mission Friday Lunch Packing, Celebration Kitchen/Great Hall
- 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal for Cochran/Laney, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 12

- 9 a.m. FLC Kids @ Harvest Hope Farm, 9695 10th St NW, Moorhead
- 4:30 p.m. Wedding of Kristin Cochran and Lucas Laney, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 13

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship, 6th Ave N/Broadway
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café



RADIO BROADCAST

The radio broadcast today is given in loving memory of **Mel Kirkeide**, from his wife, LaVonne Kirkeide.

FAMILY LIFE SUMMER EVENTS

First Lutheran's summer theme is FLC @. Because where you are @/at is where God is @! Check out where Kids at First and the Family Life Team will take you this summer.

- **FLC @ Harvest Hope Farm**, June 12, 9-11:30 a.m., preschool - kindergarten
- **FLC @ Rusty K Ranch**, June 28-July 1, 8:30 a.m.-noon, kids who have completed kindergarten-4th grade
- **FLC @ Fargo Basketball Academy for Holy Hoops**, July 26-27, 9 a.m.-noon, kids who have completed 1st-6th grade
- **FLC @ Camp Wilderness**, August 9-11, kids who have completed 5th-6th grade
- **FLC @ Moorhead Swamp Romp**, August 22, 2 p.m., Rollie's house, kids and families of any age

Visit flcfargo.org to register. Questions?: contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 13: Acts 13:4-14,28.

SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

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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).