

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 10

Ready to ****IGNITE**** your faith?

Ready to ****SPARK**** a renewal?

Worship with us this fall and...

**REVIVE**



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

WELCOME! Whether you are feeling like a sinner or a saint today, you are welcome... **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 and 6 p.m. Wednesdays 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 January 12, 2022. 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.

October 10, 2021: REPENTANCE

20th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Corey Bjerntess
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Marla Fogderud
Men's Choir Director	David Ferreira

PRELUDE:

My Jesus, I Love Thee — Diane Bish
Michael Olson, organist

God Is Never Late — Nathan Smith
Crusader Choir
Kathy Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: This is the day the Lord had made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: O Lord, open our lips,

C: and our mouths will proclaim your praise.

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

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Out of God's great love and mercy, God formed us from dust and breathed into us the breath of life. Yet, we do not always reflect the love and mercy of the one who created us. Let us approach the throne of grace and confess our sins.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection

P: Merciful Savior,

C: we confess we fall short of being all that you created us to be. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, preferring instead to pursue our own way and secure our own needs. We have not loved our neighbors. In fact, very often our neighbors are invisible to us. We have failed to love ourselves as well. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the desire and the faith to let go, putting all our days in your safe and capable hands. Amen.

P: Friends, the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We cannot outlive it, outgrow it, or mess up so badly that God's forgiving love does not reach us and cleanse us. This is good news! Hear and receive it as God's beloved, made whole and new.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

(ELW 597)

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

(please be seated)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM:

*Jack Dustin Hauschild,
 son of Allison and Dustin Hauschild*

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)

MEN'S CHOIR:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand — arr. David Ferreira
David Ferreira, conductor; Michael Olson, accompanist

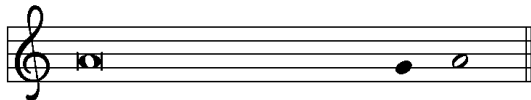
GREETING:

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

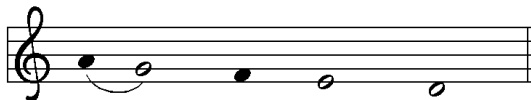
C: And also with you.

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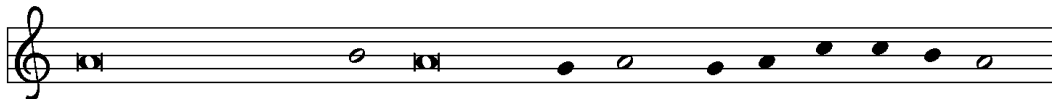
KYRIE:



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.



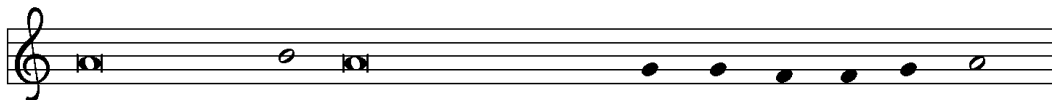
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



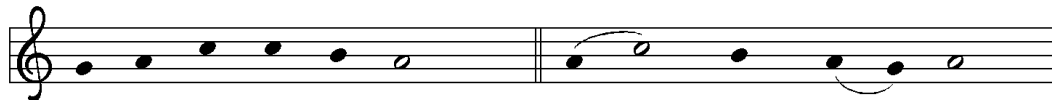
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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

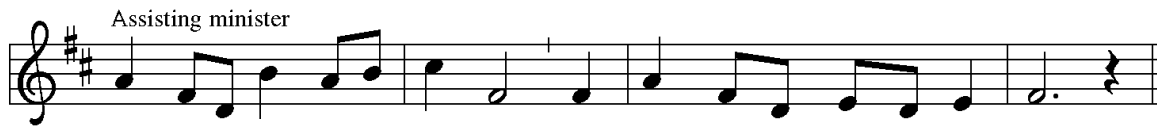


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 51: Responsively

(Refrain)

The image shows two lines of musical notation for the Refrain of Psalm 51. The first line is labeled "Refrain" and the second line is labeled "End". Both lines are in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. The first line has the lyrics "Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true." and the second line has the lyrics "Change my heart, O God; may I be like you." The music consists of a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes.

Leader:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. ***(Refrain)***

Leader:

You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. ***(Refrain)***

(please stand as you are able)

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 3:1-12

(please be seated)

MESSAGE: Pastor Corey Bjertness

HYMN OF THE DAY: *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.

The musical score is written in a three-system format. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final line of the hymn. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the vocal melody.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:




Lutheran World Relief
Quilts, School Kits, and Baby Kits

OFFERING INVITATION:

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:

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God — Carl F. Mueller
Marla Fogderud, vocalist
Michael Olson, accompanist

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(sung by the congregation)*

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.**

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

(please stand as you are able)

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

(ELW 779)

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Softly and Tenderly — Rex Koury
Michael Olson, organist



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NEWS & EVENTS

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Warm bedding. A swaddling cloth. Shelter from the elements. School supplies. Ordinary items turned into extraordinary gifts of love for people coping with war, disaster, and poverty. This month 155 quilts; 204 school kits; and 35 baby care kits will be shipped around the world to help those in need. Thank you to First Lutheran Quilters and congregational donations that support Lutheran World Relief's ministries. And thank you to our youth who packed those school kits in a mere 20 minutes. God Bless!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, October 29, 5:30-9 p.m.
\$10 person, \$30 max/family (event scholarships available)
FLC east parking lot, Great Hall, Gym

Everyone is invited to attend! Outside games and bouncy jumping castles; hot apple cider; supper inside in the Great Hall, bingo, costume contest and a dance in the gym, and more! Wear your costumes (no scary costumes, please)! Sign-up online in advance at flcfargo.org or just show up. We can't wait to celebrate at the Harvest Festival with you! Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Emergency Food Pantry.

JOIN THE FLC TEAM!

First Lutheran's staff members are some of the most enthusiastic and dedicated folks, glorifying God through their skills and passions. We have a current opening on our team: **Chief Operations Officer**. Learn more about the job opportunity by viewing the job description and application instructions at flcfargo.org >> quick links bar 'Connect.' Questions?: contact Pastor Marty, mtollefson@flcfargo.org.

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OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, THURS 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

WED 8 a.m.—7 p.m.

FRI: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

SUN 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

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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: *Dawn Nygord, Myron Thoreson, Samantha Berggren, Jonathan Berggren, Joanne Herrmann, Delano Herrmann, Jan Vacha, Bobby Brown, George, Paul Hulberg, James Tjon, Christopher Tjon, Kay, Bev Hoff, Goodwin Hoff, Jeny Runsvold, Doug Aaseby, Connie, Judy Loewen, Susan Syverson, Diane, Steve, LaVern Hoganson, David, Marianne Reif, Suzanne Spiese, Brenda Cummins, Wes Briggs, Pam Burley, Evie Keogh, and Henry Keogh.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **June Vangerud** and **Carol Rudrud**.

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptisms of **Jack Hauschild**, son of Allison and Dustin Hauschild; and **Broker Anyimadu**, son of Cassandra Bircherm and Lovelace Kesse Anyimadu.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Christian Ed classes run September-May for 3-year old through high school.

- **Nursery** (0-5 yrs): Open during worship
- **Kids at First** (age 3-4th grade): Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
- **56ers** (5-6th grade): Sundays at 9 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
- **Confirmation/Servant Leadership Academy** (7-8th grade): Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
- **Amplify - High School Youth Group** (9-12th grade): Sundays at 7 p.m.

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 10

- 8:15 a.m. Men's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. Kids at First classes, Lower Level
- 9 a.m. 56ers classes, CrossTalk Cafe
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Adult Ed Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café
- 7 p.m. Amplify - High School Youth Group

Monday, October 11

- 9 a.m. Quilters Ministry Meeting, Adult Ed Room

Tuesday, October 12

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Adult Ed Room
- 11 a.m. Memorial Service for Carol Rudrud, Sanctuary
- 12 p.m. Women's Study, Adult Ed Room
- 1 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Gathering Place
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 13

- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 2:15 p.m. Blood Pressure Screenings, Health Consultation Room (by the nursery)
- 5-5:45 p.m. Wednesday Supper, Great Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- 6 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship, Celebration Center
- 6 p.m. Kids at First classes, Lower Level
- 6 p.m. 56ers classes, CrossTalk Cafe
- 7 p.m. 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Class, Great Hall
- 7 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, October 14

- 7 a.m. Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- 12 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Practices, Luther Room
- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, CrossTalk Rm #2
- 6:30 p.m. BeFriender Ministry Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Study, Fellowship Hall
- 7:15 p.m. Heavenly Bells Rehearsal, Celebration Center

Friday, October 15

- 12 p.m. Church Office Closed
- 5 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal for Ochoa/Otteson, Sanctuary

Saturday, October 16

- 4 p.m. Wedding of Jordan Ochoa and Austyn Otteson, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 17 - Communion Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. Kids at First classes, Lower Level
- 9 a.m. 56ers classes, CrossTalk Cafe
- 10 a.m. Mission Soup, Great Hall
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Conversation, Adult Ed Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café
- 7 p.m. Amplify - High School Youth Group

AVANT MINISTRIES

October 13 we welcome **Katrina and David Hasbrouck** to worship (6 p.m.). David and Katrina and their two children are missionaries through **Avant Ministries**, serving in Málaga, Spain. Katrina is a great-niece of one of First Lutheran's parishioners. First Lutheran and our Global Mission Committee have been supporting their mission work the past 13 years, since Katrina first moved to Spain in 2008. We look forward to learning about their mission work and faith experiences.

SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 17:

Sanctuary: Isaiah 58:6-9

Celebration Center: Psalm 51, Matthew 3:1-12

FLOWERS

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of **Charlotte Maas**, from Craig Maas and Suzanne Dobbins.

BROADCAST SCHEDULE

- **Online:** Sundays 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m. Tuesdays, flcfargo.org, Facebook, and YouTube.
- **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 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Thursdays 2 a.m. and 10 a.m., Fridays 10 a.m. (channels Midco 99, Sparklight 69).