



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Connecting people to God and to each other.

CONNECT We warmly welcome and invite everyone to participate and engage in ministry, with a special focus on hospitality, small group ministry, and service.

WORSHIP We strive for worship to be invitational, contagious, and relational. We want more people to hear the message of Jesus, and we will do anything to erase any barrier that prohibits people from a spirit of worship.

IMPACT We will make a difference in this world as Jesus-followers. We will engage in impactful acts of service, encourage generosity, and strive to leave a long-lasting impact on the next generation.

CONNECT | WORSHIP | IMPACT

Welcome!

We are glad you're here.

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WELCOME TO CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9 & 10:30 A.M. | MAY 3, 2026

WELCOME

SONGS:

*Open The Eyes of My Heart
Great Are You Lord*

CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 1:1-7; 8:10-16, 22-31

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

OFFERING

SONG: *The Jesus Way*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS:

*Thank You Jesus For The Blood
How Great Is Our God*

BENEDICTION

SONG: *Your Grace Is Enough*

HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR

RECOGNITION

SUNDAY -

10:30 A.M.

SERVICE



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | MAY 3, 2026

FIRST LUTHERAN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRELUDE:

Largo and Presto (from Sonata in D) -
Joseph Boismortier, arr. by Robert D. McCashin
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot – Traditional Spiritual,
arr. by Carrie Lane Gruselle
Mary Weisser, conductor

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Moment for silent reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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: (Blue Hymnal #719)

God Is Here!

CATHEDRAL CHOIR ANTHEM:

God So Loved the World – John Stainer
David Ferreira, director; FLC Chamber Orchestra

GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 81)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Lord, You are the all-wise and all-knowing God and the depths of Your wisdom are unlimited and past finding out. Help me, as I lack wisdom, to move away from where My sinfulness leads me. And guide me to make wise choices in my daily life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (Al Nielsen)

Proverbs 1:1-7; 8:10-16, 22-31

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Green Hymnal pg. 83)

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

OFFERING

HYMN OF THE DAY: (Green Hymnal #456: 1-4, 6)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

APOSTLES' CREED (Green Hymnal pg. 85)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Green Hymnal pg. 88)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C (Sing): Holy, Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: (Green Hymnal pg. 92)

Lamb of God

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Get Together

Herb Parker, vocalist & pianist

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Let Us Break Bread Together (Green Hymnal #212)

O Word of God Incarnate (Green Hymnal #231)

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #526)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune and Flourishes - David Maxwell

Bill Tweten, organist



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3 - High School Senior Recognition Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Marketplace for Mission, Gathering Space
- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Education with Connie from Hospice, Adult Ed. Room
- 12:00 p.m. Next Steps (New Member Class), Luther Room

Monday, May 4

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quilters, Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday, May 5

- 8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Luther Room
- 9:15 - 11 a.m. Mom Talk, Luther Room
- 1 - 3 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 7 p.m. Men's Group with Rollie Johnson, Adult Education Room

Wednesday, May 6

- 1:30 - 3 p.m. Weds. Fellowship, Chapel & Great Hall
- 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Supper, Great Hall
- 5:30 - 5:55 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir, Chapel
- 6 p.m. Worship, Celebration Center (Kids@First Wednesday Classes - sing during worship)
- 6 - 7 p.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 6 - 7 p.m. 56ers (Gr. 5 & 6), Adult Ed. Room
- 6 - 7 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 - 8 p.m. Confirmation (Gr. 7 & 8), Great Hall
- 7:10 - 8:10 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 8 - 9 p.m. Young Life (Gr. 9 - 12), Youth Center

Thursday, May 7

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 12 - 1 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, CrossTalk Room #1

Friday, May 8

- 9 - 11 a.m. First in Mission: Friday Lunch Pack, Kitchen

Sunday, May 10

- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center (Kids@First Sunday Classes - sing during 10:30 a.m. worship)
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Education with Pastor Jessica, Adult Ed. Room

Calendar also available at flcfargo.org/calendar/

***Large print bulletins available (see ushers)**

Welcome
to First Lutheran

We're so glad you've joined us for worship!
If you're a guest, please scan the QR to let us know how we can connect with and pray for you.



YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

Pr. Stephanie Tollefson stollefson@flcfargo.org
Pr. Marty Tollefson mtollefson@flcfargo.org
Pr. Jessica McEvers jmcevers@flcfargo.org
Rollie Johnson rjohnson@flcfargo.org

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Karen Carlson, President
Brad Keller, Vice President
Jon Erickson, Treasurer
Carole Schalow, Secretary

GENEROSITY



In-Person Giving: offering plate during worship
Online Giving: flcfargo.org/generosity/
Text to Give: Text "Give" to 833.890.5248
Mail a Check: 619 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102
Scan to Give: Scan the QR code

CELEBRATE PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer. As God's people, please pray for these publicly-requested individuals and their families:

Allen and Delores Brynjulson, Bill Parker, Bonnie Lyczewski, Brian, Brian Tessman, Bruce Jorgensen, Chet Leverson, Claryce Iverson, Cora Lieb, Darrell Moon, David Anderson, David Long, Dawn, Deb, Del Herrmann, Diana, Donna, Faith Simonson, Gene, Gene, Glenn, Jan Baldner, Jan Stoffel, Janice Ames, Jeanne, Jim Hulberg, Joanne Herrmann, Kay Maden, Kelly Walters, Kristie Sundell, LaMae Friskop, Laola Rakotomahenina, Larry, Larry Berg, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Johnson, Lea Vacha, Lois Altenburg, Makenna Mattesi, Mary Ann Berg, Maika Knudson, Matt Walters, Mavis Bennett, Mike, Naya, Patty Anderson, Paul Hulberg, Phyllis and Donald Sutherland, Renitta, Renitta and Gene, Ruth, Ruth Dunicliff, Sean, Selso, Sharon, Solen, Susan, Todd McComb, Tracy

RADIO

The Radio Broadcast today is given in memory of **Berniece and John Lavik**, from Al and Bev Nielsen.

SYMPATHIES

First Lutheran Church sends sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of:

Grace McEvers, grandma of Dane McEvers
Sherman Goplen, husband of Eileen
Dallas Boatright



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

9 a.m. - Celebration Center

9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary*

*The FLC radio broadcast is on KFGO AM790 and FM104.7 at 9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center

Wednesdays

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship

6 p.m. - Celebration Center

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starts Sunday, May 24

Sundays

9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary*

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10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center

Wednesdays

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship

SLOVAKIA MISSION EXPERIENCE INTEREST MEETING

Monday, May 11 | 6:30 - 8 p.m. | First Lutheran

First Lutheran is forming a team with teaching and educational backgrounds for a mission experience with our partner in Slovakia, **October 10-18, 2026**. Adrian Kacian, Director of Development at Center for Christian Education in Slovakia will be present to share more about the mission. Come to learn more and discern whether God is calling you to be part of this team. The goal is to finalize the group by the end of May. **Questions?** Please contact Polly Kloster at pkloster@flcfargo.org.

NEXT STEPS, NEW MEMBER CLASS

Today - Sunday, May 3 at 12 p.m.

Luther Room

You're invited to join our faith community! Whether you have been visiting First Lutheran for a long time or are new, we invite you to take the next step and join a community that cares about connecting with God and each other! Join Pastor Marty and Alyssa Holmen for a light lunch and time to meet others and learn more about FLC. Scan the QR to sign up!



SPRING YOUTH EVENTS

We're excited to share several upcoming youth events—be sure to mark your calendars!

Sunday, May 3 - Senior Sunday

Wednesday, May 6 - Wednesday Kids@First Classes (Pre-K - Gr. 4) sing during 6 p.m. worship service.

Sunday, May 10 - Sunday

Kids@First Classes (Pre-K - Gr. 4) sing during 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Wednesday, May 13 - End of Year Youth Class Parties

6 p.m. - Kids@First - meet in the Gym for a bouncy house, magician and ice cream!

7 p.m. - 56ers & Confirmation - 56ers will get a preview what Confirmation class will be like next year, plus enjoy a magician and ice cream!

8 p.m. - Young Life - party details coming soon!



MARKETPLACE FOR MISSION

Today - Sunday, May 3

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., Gathering Space

Check out our beautiful and unique treasures from around the world! **Our women's team that recently went to Ecuador brought back new items for the store!** It's the perfect time to shop for graduations, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. All proceeds go to First Lutheran Church Global Mission.

MEN'S GROUPS

Tuesdays

Looking for a men's group to grow in your faith and connect with others? Check out the following opportunities:

Men's Group with Pastor Marty Tollefson

Tuesdays, 8 - 9 a.m. in the Luther Room

Men's Group with Rollie Johnson

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Adult Ed. Room

April 21 & 28 and May 5 & 12

No registration required - come as you are and join us!

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays, May 3 and 10 | 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Adult Education Room (Upper Level)

Join us for Adult Education in May. On May 3, Connie from Hospice will be our guest speaker. On May 10, Pastor Jessica will lead the session.

News YOU CAN USE!

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SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS!

Sign up your kids and teens today - don't miss these opportunities to grow in faith and create fun memories!



VACATION BIBLE X-PERIENCE (VBX)

Age 3 - Grade 5 | June 8 - 11 | 6 - 8 p.m.
Hope North Campus: 2900 Broadway N. Fargo
Cost: \$40 per child (family max \$75)

Join us for Lost Planet: The Way Home - a week of music, games, and faith! Register by May 25 (or until full). Scan the QR to find out more and sign up!



LUTHER CREST DAY CAMP

Grades K - 5 | June 25 | 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Luther Crest, Alexandria, MN
(depart from First Lutheran)
Cost: \$40 per child

A full day of camp - worship, games, crafts, and swimming! Scan the QR to find out more and sign up.



WYLDLIFE SUMMER CAMP

Grades 6 - 8 | July 21 - 25
Detroit Lakes, MN
Cost: \$750 (\$100 deposit)

A fun faith-filled week to make friends and lasting memories! Scan the QR to find out more and sign up.



YOUNG LIFE SUMMER CAMP

Grades 9 - 12 | June 12 - 17 (travel June 11 & 18)
Lake City, Michigan
Cost: \$1,200 (\$100 deposit)

An unforgettable week of adventure, friendship, and growing in faith. Scan the QR to find out more and sign up.



For questions or to find out about need-based scholarships for any camp, contact Gina at youthadmin@flcfargo.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBX

June 8 - 11 | 6 - 8 p.m.

Are you interested in helping kiddos grow in their faith and have fun this summer? It takes many volunteers to make VBX an incredible week. Scan the QR to sign up!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LUTHER CREST DAY CAMP

Thursday, June 25 | 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Interested in a meaningful day helping kiddos grow in their faith and have fun? Contact Elizabeth at eferguson@flcfargo.org or Gina at youthadmin@flcfargo.org to find out more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Interested in helping teens grow in their faith and have fun this summer? Please contact Drew at derickson@flcfargo.org or Gina at youthadmin@flcfargo.org to find out more.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: PICNIC THROUGH PROVERBS

May, June, and July

This summer, join us for *Picnic Through Proverbs*, a journey through biblical wisdom that helps us navigate everyday life. Proverbs are comparisons designed to invite reflection rather than offering quick answers. The book of Proverbs shows what it looks like to live a faith that trusts God. We are called to center our thoughts and actions on Him — to study, to think, to learn the practical disciplines of faithful living. These sayings are not quick bites of inspiration; they are words to reflect and meditate upon, shaping the way we see and respond to the world. Wisdom is not only for deep thinkers. It's how we get through daily life. Wisdom guides our decisions, relationships, and reactions. Whether life feels calm or chaotic, this series invites us to gather around Scripture, reflect on God's truth, and grow in wisdom as we grow in the knowledge and image of Jesus, who is Wisdom itself.

