

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. | MARCH 29, 2026

WELCOME

SONGS:

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)
King of Kings

CONFESSION

SONG: *Give Us Clean Hands*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:28-40

MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

OFFERING

SONG: *Nothing But the Blood of Jesus*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *Beautiful One*



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week and is the Sunday before Easter. It's a day where we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where people welcomed him with palm branches.

PRELUDE:

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart – arr. Frederick Swan

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty – arr. Paul Manz
Bill Tweten, organist

Rejoice, The Lord Is King – arr. Gary Lanier
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Bill Tweten, accompanist

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Zechariah 9:9-11
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
C: Hosanna. Hosanna to the Son of David. Hosanna in the highest.

OPENING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #108)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

Leader: 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. **Amen.**

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

HYMN: (Green Hymnal #328, vs. 1, 4-7)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

MASSED CHOIR ANTHEM:

Blessed is He Who Comes - Lloyd Larson
David Ferreira, Kathy Ferreira, & Katie Damico,
conductors; Bill Tweten, accompanist

GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 79)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Blessed are you, Holy God, for in Jesus Christ you came to rule in our lives, not as a king, but as a humble servant, riding on a donkey. Enter our hearts this day with your glory, that we may greet you with shouts of praise, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (Katie Damico)

Hebrews 10:16-25

Isaiah 50: 4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Green Hymnal pg. 83)

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY: (See Insert)

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

APOSTLES' CREED (Green Hymnal pg. 85)

CONTINUED...

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC:

How Can I Keep from Singing – arr. Christopher Ruck
Karly Ritland, vocalist; Bill Tweten, accompanist

OFFERTORY HYMN: (Green Hymnal pg. 96)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #495)

Lead On, O King Eternal!

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory – arr. Frederick Swan
Bill Tweten, Organist



***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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. Pancakes, Great Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Harvest Hope Farms Petting Zoo, Main Parking Lot
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
(children palm procession during 10:30 a.m. service)
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), Lower Level
- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Education, Adult Ed. Room
- 1 - 3 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion Instruction, Celebration Center

Monday, March 30

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

Tuesday, March 31

- 8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Luther Room
- 1 - 3 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 1 - No other Wednesday activities

- 7 - 8:15 p.m. Dubois Cantata, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 12 - 1 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, CrossTalk
- 1:30 - 3 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Chapel
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym
- 6 - 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Celebration Center (5th Grade first communion during the service)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

- 12 - 3 p.m. Seven Last Words Good Friday Service, Sanctuary
- 6 - 7 p.m. Prayer Around the Cross, Great Hall

Sunday, April 5 - Easter

- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Calendar also available at flcfargo.org/calendar/

MARCH 29, 2026

Fasten Sunday

FIRST LUTHERAN Church

YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

Pr. Stephanie Tollefson	stollefson@flcfargo.org
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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, Dallas Boatright, Darrell Moon, David Anderson, Dawn, Deb, Del Herrmann, Diana, Donna, Faith Simonson, Gene, Gene, Glenn, Jan Baldner, Jan Stoffel, Janice Ames, Jeanne, Jim Hulberg, Joanne Herrmann, Kay Maden, Kristie Sundell, LaMae Friskop, Laola Rakotomahenina, Larry, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Johnson, Lea Vacha, Lois Altenburg, Makenna Mattesi, Mary Ann Berg, Maika Knudson, Mavis Bennett, Mike, Naya, Paul Hulberg, Phyllis and Donald Sutherland, Renitta, Renitta and Gene, Ruth, Ruth Dunncliff, Sean, Selso, Sharon, Solen, Susan, Thomas Berg, Todd McComb, Tracy

SYMPATHIES

First Lutheran Church sends sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of **John Mark**.



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CONNECT - WORSHIP - IMPACT

5TH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

TODAY - Sunday, March 29 | 1 - 3 p.m.

5th grade students and their parents are invited to attend this session together at First Lutheran to learn about this special faith milestone. To sign up, please email Gina LoVerde at youthadmin@flcfargo.org.



PALMS, PANCAKES, & PETTING ZOO

TODAY - Sunday, March 29

Celebrate the beginning of Holy Week with us as we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem – His triumphal entry where crowds waved palm branches and shouted, “Hosanna!” Join us for **worship** at 9, 9:30, and 10:30 a.m. (with children's palm procession during 10:30 a.m. service), enjoy **pancakes** in the Great Hall at 9 a.m., and stop by our **petting zoo** provided by Harvest Hope Farm from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Main Parking Lot. Bring your family and friends for a joyful morning of celebration, community, and fun!

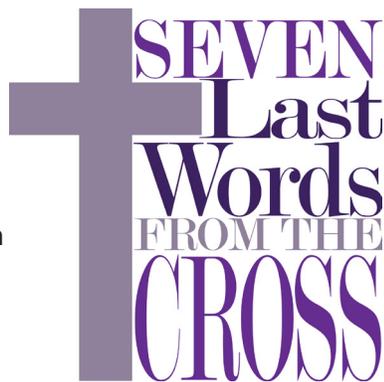


GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3, 12 - 3 p.m., Sanctuary

The Seven Last Words of Christ service is a solemn Good Friday devotion focusing on the seven final phrases spoken by Jesus on the cross, gathered from all four Gospels. It involves meditation, scripture, and music, exploring themes of forgiveness, salvation, abandonment, and trust, guiding us through Christ's sacrifice. Come and go as you please. Experience one "Word," or stay for the entire service. Local and guest preachers who will help to lead us through meditations include:

Rev. Dan Forsberg
Rev. Mark Halaas
Rev. Terry Brandt
Rev. Steve Wold
Rev. Jessica McEvers
Rev. John Andreason
Rev. Stephanie Tollefson



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

We hope you'll join us for Holy Week at First Lutheran. Each service invites us into a different part of the story of Jesus' final days, helping us prepare our hearts to fully experience the joy of Easter morning.

Palm Sunday - March 29

9 & 10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center Worship
9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary Worship

Wednesday - April 1

7 p.m. - "The Seven Last Words of Christ" Cantata by Dubois, Sanctuary
No other Wednesday activities.

Maundy Thursday - April 2

1:30 p.m. - Worship, Chapel (Weds. Fellowship)
6 p.m. - Worship, Celebration Center
First Communion celebrated for 5th graders at 6 p.m. service.

Good Friday - April 3

12 - 3 p.m. - Seven Last Words of Christ Service, Sanctuary
6 p.m. - Prayer Around the Cross, Great Hall

Easter - Sunday, April 5

9 & 10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center
9:30 & 11 a.m. - Sanctuary
No Kids@First classes on Easter.

SAVE THE DATE:

NEXT STEPS, NEW MEMBER CLASS
Sunday, May 3 | 12 p.m. | Adult Ed Room

Whether you have been visiting FLC for a long time or are new, we invite you to take the next step and join a community that cares deeply about connecting with God and each other!



News YOU CAN USE!

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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

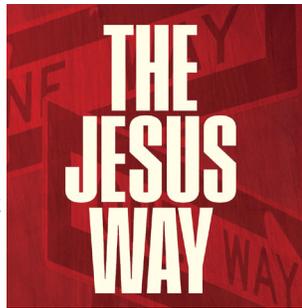
1:30 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship

6 p.m. - Celebration Center

SERMON SERIES: THE JESUS WAY

Sunday Sermon Series

The early Christians referred to themselves as followers of “The Way,” underscoring their belief that faith was centered on Jesus, who said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”** (John 14:6). This is a central tenet of Christian theology and is deeply rooted in the Hebrew Scriptures, which often speak of walking in the ways of the Lord (Psalm 25:4). For believers, the Jesus Way has profoundly practical implications for how we live a life of discipleship. The Jesus Way is an invitation to be transformed in body, mind, and spirit: to recognize our sin, repent, and live in the freedom and forgiveness of God’s amazing grace. It is a way of connection— to God and to one another. In the New Year, we’ll journey together through the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus’ teachings are expressed through parables.



ADULT ED. WITH DR. SEAN BURT

Sundays: March 1, 8, 15, & 29

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. | Adult Ed. Room

Join Dr. Sean Burt, associate professor of religious studies at NDSU, for a study on the history of the interpretation of the Bible.



MEN'S GROUP WITH PASTOR MARTY TOLLEFSON

Tuesdays, 8 - 9 a.m.

Join Pastor Marty Tollefson for a weekly gathering designed for men who want to grow stronger in their faith and connect with others. No registration required.

ADULT EDUCATION: COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH COUNCIL

Sunday, April 12, 10:45 a.m. in the Adult Ed Room.

Enjoy coffee, conversation, and connection with our church council!

SEND A POSTCARD

Do you know someone that you could invite to church? Do you have a long lost friend that you haven't heard from in awhile? Have your kids gone off to college and need a reminder to come home and visit? Stop by the Welcome desk and ask for a postcard! Fill it out and we'll mail it for you—free of charge! This is a great way to connect with someone and let them know you're thinking of them.



VBX 2026: LOST PLANET – THE WAY HOME

June 8 – 11 | 6 – 8 p.m.

Hope North Campus: 2900 Broadway N. Fargo, ND 58102
For children age 3 (as of June 1 and toilet trained) through 5th grade

Cost: \$40 per child (family max of \$100)

Save the date – registration for Vacation Bible X-perience (VBX) opens on April 1! This year’s adventure, Lost Planet: The Way Home, launches kids into an out-of-this-world journey as they discover that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Along the way, they’ll meet unforgettable characters, sing and dance along to music, and learn what it means to stay connected to the One who leads us home.



THE NEXT GENERATION is not only the future of First Lutheran Church (FLC), but the vibrant heart of our ministry today. We are committed to nurturing a strong, faith-filled community where youth can grow spiritually, build meaningful relationships, and develop into leaders who carry God's love into the world. To ensure the continuation and growth of this vital ministry, we are excited to announce the NextGen Endowment Fund—with a goal of raising \$2,000,000 to provide sustainable, long-term support for our youth.



NextGen **ENDOWMENT FUND**

LENT "ABOVE AND BEYOND" GIVING OPPORTUNITY

****Last day to contribute to our Lent "Above and Beyond" campaign is TODAY, March 29. ****

PURPOSE

- Guarantee a strong foundation for NextGen Ministry with **stable, long-term** funding.
- Support retreats, Bible camps, mission trips, special events, and **scholarships**.
- Provide flexibility to **expand and strengthen** youth engagement in the Christian faith.

\$2,000,000 WILL ALLOW US TO

- **Offset the costs** of camps, retreats, and mission trips.
- Provide scholarships so **every youth** can participate.
- Resource and staff **youth ministry** for long-term strength and stability.

IMPACT

- Ensure consistent funding for youth ministry **regardless of financial climate**.
- Open doors for **transformative faith experiences**.
- Create a **lasting legacy** that empowers future generations to lead with faith.

HOW TO GIVE



Give between February 18 & March 29 by scanning the QR or at the Welcome Desk. Please make checks out to Lent Above and Beyond NextGen. **Thank you!**

Contact:

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Generosity Consultant
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YOUR GIFT PLANTS SEEDS THAT GROW FOR DECADES. A GIFT OF...

\$40 creates space over a shared meal for youth and leaders to build relationships and grow in faith.

\$80 helps a child experience Vacation Bible School and a day of Day Camp, learning they are loved by God and belong.

\$120 supports leadership training or service-learning, helping youth live out their faith.

\$375 provides a camp scholarship for a middle school student to worship, grow, and encounter God.

\$600 sends a high school student to camp to deepen faith, ask questions, and claim their own walk with Christ.

\$1,000 sustains year-round youth ministry, mentoring the next generation in faith and service.

Nothing but the Blood

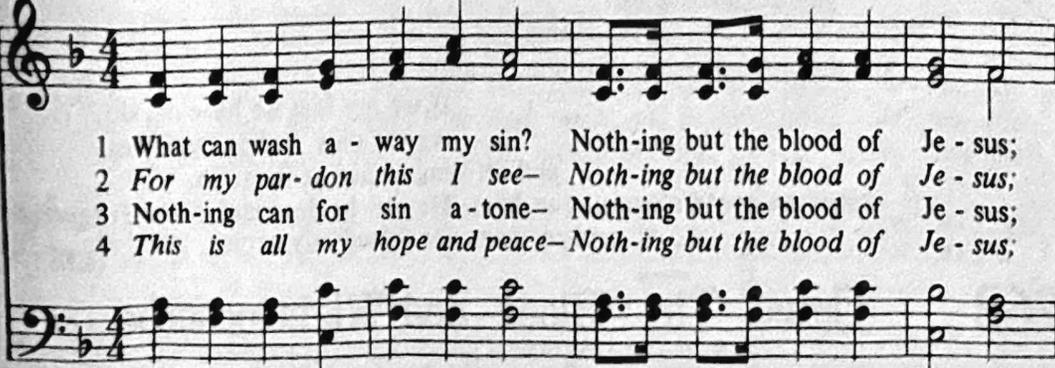
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*Christ died for us, much more then,
being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved.*

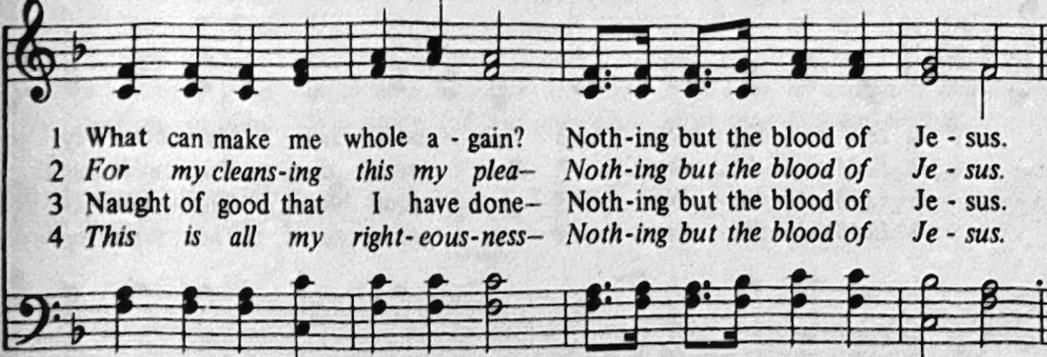
— Romans 5:8, 9

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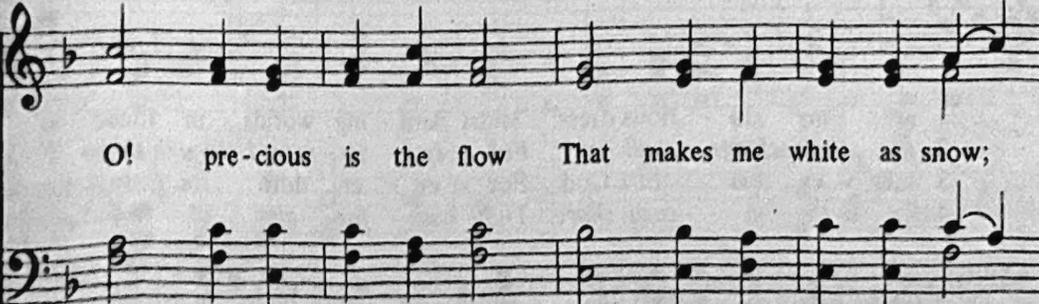
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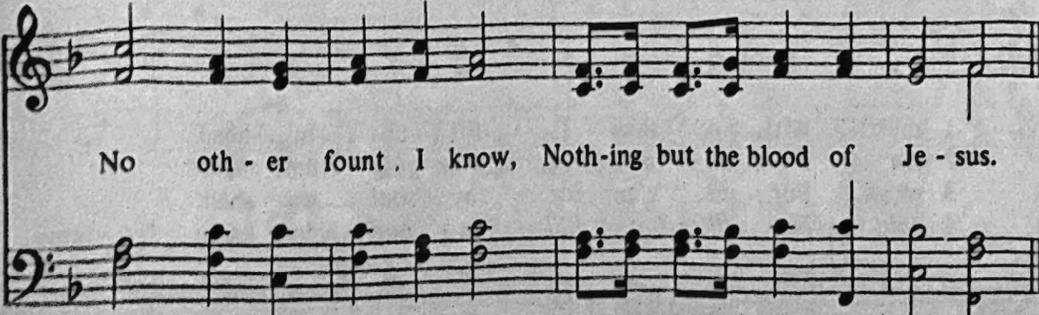
1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
2 *For my par-don this I see—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4 *This is all my hope and peace—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;



1 What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
2 *For my cleans-ing this my plea—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
3 Naught of good that I have done— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.
4 *This is all my right-eous-ness—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



O! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;



No oth - er fount . I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.