



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 - 10:30 A.M. | AUGUST 10, 2025

WELCOME

SONG: *Goodness of God*

SONG: *What A Beautiful Name*

CONFESSION

SONG: *Lord I Need You*

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

OFFERING

SONG: *Let Us Be Known By Our Love*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *House of the Lord*



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | AUGUST 10, 2025

PRELUDE:

All Creatures of Our God and King – arr. Donald Busarow
Amazing Grace – arr. Dale Wood
Bill Tweten, organist

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

L: 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 Saviour and Lord.

C: 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.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #527: 1-3, 7)

All Creatures of Our God and King

GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 79)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of community, for the connections we share, and for the opportunity to support one another. We pray for unity, that we may see each other as one family, working together for your glory. We ask for your love to fill our hearts and inspire us to be kind, compassionate, and understanding towards our neighbors. In your name, we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE MUSIC: (All Sing)

***Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.***

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SCRIPTURE: (Marianna Malm)

Psalm 121

Hebrews 11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Green Hymnal Pg. 83)

GOSPEL: Matthew 15

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY: (Green Hymnal #423)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

APOSTLES' CREED: (Green Hymnal pg. 85)

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Marla Fogderud, vocalist; Bill Tweten, accompanist

OFFERTORY HYMN: (Green Hymnal #565)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (congregation sings)

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 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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #433: 1-3, 5)

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

POSTLUDE:

Recessional on "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" – arr. D. Wagner
Bill Tweten, organist



Connect Card

We're so glad you've joined us for worship!

If you're a guest, please fill out the card (found in your bulletin) and place it in the offering basket or turn it in to the Welcome Desk.

Scan the QR code if you prefer a digital version.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10

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

Monday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

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

Wednesday, August 13

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel, Great Hall

Thursday, August 14

7 - 8 a.m. Global Mission Meeting, Luther Room
9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
12 - 1 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, CrossTalk #1
2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Program, Gym

Saturday, August 16

3:30 p.m. Wedding of Emma Bennett and Peyton Piatz, Sanctuary

Sunday August 17

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

Calendar also available at flcfargo.org/calendar/

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

“Jesus is the anchor of my soul.” - Hebrews 6:19

SUMMER SERMON SERIES



YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

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GENEROSITY



In-Person Giving: offering plate during worship
Online Giving: flcfargo.org/generosity/
Text to Give: Text dollar amount to 701.354.1495
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:

Andrea Sieling, Becky, Bill Parker, Bonnie Lyczewski, Bruce Jorgensen, Chet Leverson, Cheyenne, Claryce Iverson, Connie S., Cora Lieb, Dallas Boatright, Darrell Moon, David Anderson, Dawn, Del Herrmann, Delores and Allen Brynjulson, Donna Collinson, Doris Callahan, Doug Aaseby, Faith Simonson, Florence Moyer, Goodwin Hoff, Jan Kloster, Janice Ames, Jeremy Tjon, Jim Hilde, Jim Hulberg, Joanne Herrmann, Judy Loewen, Julia, J.R. Gentz, Kay Maden, Kristie Sundell, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Odegaard, Lynn Hanson, Makenna Mattesi, Mary Ann Berg, Marlys Paulson, Matt Walters, Mavis Bennett, Mike, Naya, Patrick, Paul Hulberg, Phil Johnson, Pr. Jim Bjorge, Ruth Dunncliff, Rennitta Okerlund, Selso, Solen, Tanya Light

SYMPATHIES

First Lutheran Church sends sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of **Mike Unrue**, husband of Donna.

RADIO

The Radio Broadcast today is given in loving memory of **Marjorie Skaff Torkelson**, whose 102nd birthday would have been August 10, from her family.



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CONNECT - WORSHIP - IMPACT

VOLUNTEER TO READ OR SING IN WORSHIP

Opportunities Available:

- **Scripture Readers:** Share the Word with our congregation and help bring the message of faith to life.
- **Cantors & Singers:** Add your voice to worship and help lead the congregation in song.



Contact Worship Arts Director, Daniel Damico at ddamico@flcfargo.org if you are interested.

FIRST LUTHERAN FOUNDATION BRUNCH

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m., Great Hall

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Come see how generosity is transforming lives — over brunch! This free event is a great opportunity to learn how The Foundation supports the mission of First Lutheran Church — now and for generations to come. You'll hear inspiring stories of impact, discover how grants are helping both church ministries and outreach to local partners, and connect with others who care about building a lasting legacy of faith and generosity. Whether you're new to First Lutheran, curious about The Foundation, or just love a good brunch with good people, we'd love to have you join us! Registration is required, and space is limited — sign up at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR.

WOMEN CONNECT: BIBLE TALK & BAG LUNCH

Friday, August 22

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

This summer, Women Connect is diving into the book of Hebrews through conversation and community. No extra book needed — just bring your Bible! On August 22, enjoy one of our bag lunches we prepare twice a month for our shelter partners as we focus our conversation on Hebrews, chapters 9 – 13. **Registration is required** to plan for lunch. Register at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR code. See you soon!



JOURNEYS OF PAUL & THE GREEK ISLANDS

June 6 - 16, 2026 | Hosted by Elias Tours

Join Pastor Marty Tollefson for a life-changing journey through Greece and Turkey next summer! Follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul—exploring historic sites like Philippi, Corinth, and Ephesus. Sail to the Island of Patmos, where John received his Revelation, and stand atop the Acropolis in Athens. For more information (including cost) and registration, scan the QR code. Please Note: **Current pricing does NOT include airfare.** Group airfare pricing will be available and added to total cost in **September**.



Questions? Contact Alyssa Holmen: aholmen@flcfargo.org

BUDGET FORUM

Sunday, August 24 in the Chapel

10 - 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Save the date for the First Lutheran Budget Forum. In the meeting, we'll go over the budget that was approved by the Council that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 7

The Great Hall

11:30 a.m. meal is served

12 p.m. meeting starts

The Annual Meeting is a time for members of First Lutheran Church to come together in reflection and vision. We'll review highlights from the past year, hear from pastors about First Lutheran's vision and direction we are headed, vote on new council members, and look at church finances. Hope to see you there!



News YOU CAN USE!

Connecting people to God and to each other.



SUMMER SERMON SERIES

"Jesus is the anchor of my soul." -Hebrews 6:19

Sundays June 1 - August 31

Following God feels easy when everything makes sense. But what do we do when life is hard? The book of Hebrews was written to a group of Christians who were struggling. They were seriously considering abandoning what they'd been taught and going back to old practices. Can you relate? The author of Hebrews has an encouraging message: Jesus is absolutely worth it! Yes, there is struggle, but when we fix our eyes on Jesus we won't drift. This summer, we'll drop our anchors and unpack truths that hold us steady when life feels uncertain. **We can rest in the saving work of Christ and know what it is to have hope as an anchor for our souls.**

P.S. To stay anchored to Christ this summer, we've been encouraging people to practice these Anchor Points: **Read Scripture, Prayer of Dependence, Community of Believers, and Singing Songs of Faith.** Follow the QR code to find out more!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 25 - August 31, 2025

Sundays

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

FIRST LUTHERAN OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday: Office Closed

Friday and Sunday: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

YOUTH REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL!

Classes start

Sunday, September 7 and

Wednesday, September 10!

Help your kids and teens grow in faith, build friendships, and discover God's love in community! There's a place for everyone — have you signed up for Sunday or Wednesdays classes yet? We have classes for age 3 to Grade 12:



•Kids@First (3 years old* - Grade 4):

Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.

**Must be 3 years old by August 1*

•56ers (Grades 5 and 6): Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.

•Confirmation (Grades 7 and 8): Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

•Young Life (Grades 9 - 12): Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m.

Register by following the QR code or in person at the Welcome Desk!

WILL YOU HELP LEAD?

We're looking for small group leaders to work with our youth this fall! As a leader, you'll walk alongside students in their faith journey — building relationships, encouraging growth, and serving as a Christian mentor within our church family. The commitment is just one hour per week, on a Sunday or Wednesday. Classes start September 7 and 10!



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If you decide to lead, please save the dates:

Leader Training (Mandatory - Attend Both Sessions)

Wednesday, August 20 | 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Great Hall

Wednesday, August 27 | 6 - 7 p.m. | Great Hall

Please follow the QR code to sign up today!

Questions? Contact Alyssa Holmen: aholmen@flcfargo.org