



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. | SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

WELCOME

SONG: *Chain Breaker*

SONG: *Fear He is a Liar*

CONFESION

SONG: *Word of God Speak*

SCRIPTURE: James 1:19-26

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

SONG: *There Was Jesus*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *With Every Act of Love*



BAPTISM

Owen Parker Ternes,
son of Allison and Sean
Ternes

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

SUNDAY - 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | APRIL 27, 2025

PRELUDE:

Selections from the Dixieland Jazz Group

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESION & FORGIVENESS:

Leader (L): Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Congregation (C): Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us repent of our sin, and claim the promise of God.

Silence for reflection

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 Savior 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 #448)

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

CATHEDRAL CHOIR ANTHEM:

Put Your Hand in the Hand - by Gene McClellan; arr. Alan Foust; David Ferreira, conductor; Bill Tweten, accompanist

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: (Insert)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SCRIPTURE: (Carol Mikkelson)

James 1:19-27

SCRIPTURE MUSIC: (All Sing)

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

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and a light unto my path.*

MESSAGE: Pastor Derek Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY: (Insert)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

APOSTLES' CREED: (Green Hymnal pg. 85)

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #439)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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.

CONTINUED...

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: (Insert)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

POSTLUDE:

When the Saints Go Marching In – Dixieland Jazz Group



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 27

- 9 a.m. Worship Service, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
Senior High Recognition
- 10:30 a.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), lower level
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Adult Ed. Room

Monday, April 28

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quilters, Adult Ed. Room
- 9 - 11 a.m. Micah's Mission Food Prep, Kitchen

Tuesday, April 29

- 8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Luther Room
- 1 - 2 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany
- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. BeFriender's Regional Meeting, Luther Room
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit and Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym and Youth Center
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 7 - 8 p.m. Women's Video-based Bible Study on James, Adult Ed. Room

Wednesday, April 30

- 12 - 1 p.m. Women's Video-based Bible Study on James, Luther Room
- 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel, Great Hall
- 4 - 7 p.m. Book and Bake Sale, Gathering Space
- 4:45 - 6 p.m. Wednesday Supper, Great Hall
- 5:30 - 6 p.m. Crusader Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 5:30 - 6 p.m. Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal, Chapel
- 6 - 7 p.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 6 - 7 p.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), lower level
- 6 - 7 p.m. 56ers (Gr. 5 & 6), Adult Ed. Room

BOOK AND BAKE

SALE

**Weds. April 30, 4 - 7 p.m. &
Sun. May 4, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Gathering Space**

You're invited to a Book and Bake sale organized by the 18 member multi-generational mission



team who are headed to Ecuador in July. All proceeds will go to support their work with our mission partners. There will be books for all ages and homemade goodies on sale. Come meet the team!

- 7 - 8 p.m. Confirmation (Gr. 7 & 8), various rooms
- 7:10 - 8:15 p.m. Cathedral Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 8 - 9 p.m. High School Youth Group (Gr. 9 - 12), Youth Center

Thursday, May 1

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 12 - 1 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Crosstalk #1
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit and Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym and Youth Center

Friday, May 2

- 11 a.m. Funeral for Noel Fedje, Sanctuary

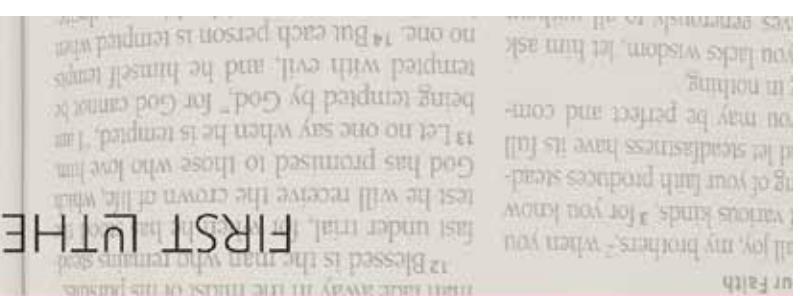
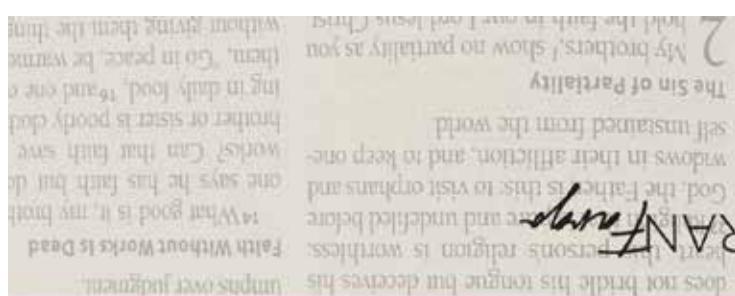
Saturday, May 3

- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Women Connect: Spring Luncheon

Sunday, May 4

- 9 a.m. Worship Service, Celebration Center
- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Book and Bake Sale, Gathering Space
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. Kids@First (Age 3 - Gr. 4), lower level
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Adult Ed. Room

Calendar also available at flcfargo.org/calendar/



APRIL 27, 2025

"Faith without works is dead." -James 2:26

Marcus (Mark) Morris

SPRING SERMON SERIES

YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

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In-Person Giving: offering plate during worship
Online Giving: flcfargo.org/generosity/
Text to Give: Text dollar amount to 701.354.1491
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:

Becky, Bill Parker, Bruce G., Bruce Jorgensen, Chet Leverson, Cheyenne, Claryce Iverson, Connie S., Darrell Moon, Dawn, Del Herrmann, Delores and Allen Brynjulson, Diane Gehler, Don Evans, 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, Kay Maden, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Odegaard, Lynn Hanson, Marsha Kapphahn, Mary Ann Berg, Marlys Paulson, Matt Walters, Mike, Naya, Patrick, Paul Hulberg, Pr. Jim Bjorge, Ruth Dunnicliff, Selso, Solen, Wyatt Simley

SYMPATHIES

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

Elizabeth Olson

Arlene Sax

Noel Fedje, husband of Judy

Delores Peterson



CONNECT - WORSHIP - IMPACT

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2025 WORSHIP AND CLASS SCHEDULE

Sundays

9 a.m. - Celebration
9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary*
10:30 a.m. - Celebration
10:30 a.m. - Kids@First (age 3 - Gr. 4)
10:30 a.m. - Adult Education Hour

Wednesdays

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship
6 p.m. - Celebration
6 p.m. - Kids@First (age 3 - Gr. 4)
6 p.m. - 56ers (Gr. 5 and 6)
7 p.m. - Confirmation (Gr. 7 and 8)
8 p.m. - Youth Group (Gr. 9 - 12)

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

SERMON SERIES: MORE THAN WORDS

April 27 - May 25

"Faith without works is dead." -James 2:26

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead changes everything! Please join us in the month of May as we dive into the book of James; a bold proclamation to living out authentic faith. James encourages Easter people to act like Easter people, challenging us to live like we believe Jesus' life, death, and resurrection shapes how we live. Packed full of straightforward wisdom and practical application, this series, More Than Words, will explore **how true faith transforms everyday life.**

SABBATICAL

Pastors Marty and Steph will be taking a two-month sabbatical per First Lutheran's sabbatical policy. They have decided, to ensure continuity and coverage, to stagger their time away with Pastor Marty being gone in May and June while Pastor Steph will be gone in June and July. Sabbatical, comes from the word sabbath, underscores rest, renewal, and study.

ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Sundays at 10:30 a.m., Adult Ed. Room

April 27 & May 4, 11, & 18

Men and women are invited to Adult Education Hour on Sundays. **Pastor Derek Johnson** will lead an in-depth study on the book of James.

CONNECT SESSION - NEW MEMBERS!

Sunday, April 27 | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Adult Ed. Room

You're invited to join our faith community! Join Pastor Marty and Shelly Erickson for a light brunch and to learn more about First Lutheran, meet others, and discover fun ways for you to connect. 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 truly cares about connecting with God and each other! Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR code.



WOMEN CONNECT: SPRING LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 3

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Great Hall

**Open to girls and women
(ages 10 and wiser!)**

**Deadline to register is
today - April 27! Please**



note: there will be no late or walk-in registrations at this event. This is sure to be a wonderful opportunity to connect over a delicious lunch served on creative tablescapes. Enjoy a fun program while supporting our missions to Ecuador. **New - we will have special guest, Tracy Alin, founder of Amistad Worldwide here to talk more about her work sharing the gospel and serving women living on the margins around the world. Scheels will be hosting a fashion show of their spring clothing line with our very own FLC models!** Silent auction items will also be available. Menu: caprese skewers, spring salads, croissant and jam, vanilla bean crème brûlée, and sparkling punch. Extend an invitation to a friend or family member or come on your own to make new friends. Cost is \$40. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by scanning the QR code. See you there!



MARKETPLACE FOR MISSION POP-UP STORE

Sunday May 11

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The Gathering Space

Love to support missions? Check out our beautiful and unique treasures from around the world that make fabulous gifts! All proceeds go to First Lutheran Church Global Missions. Thank you for your support!

News **YOU CAN USE!**

Connecting people to God and to each other.

NEW DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AT FLC!

It's with joy and delight that we announce that Danelle Kjar has accepted our position of Director of Finance and Administration at First Lutheran. In this role she will oversee the areas of finance, HR, and facility management. We're grateful for the array of gifts she brings to these areas. Congratulations Danelle!

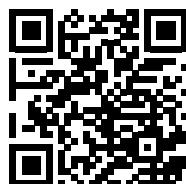


SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS

We have summer camp opportunities for youth of all ages to grow their faith and have fun!

- **Vacation Bible Experience, June 9 - 12** (Age 3 - Gr. 5)
- **Luther Crest Day Camp, July 14** (Kind. - Grade 5)
- **Castaway, July 30 - August 3** (Gr. 6-8)
- **Crooked Creek Colorado, June 28 - July 5** (Gr. 9-12)

Scan the QR code to find all of these camps and links to sign up on our website. If you have questions about Vacation Bible Experience, please contact Elizabeth Ferguson at eferguson@flcfargo.org. If you have questions about Luther Crest Day Camp, Castaway, or Crooked Creek Colorado, please contact Alexis Bachmeier at abachmeier@flcfargo.org.



FAITH IN FILM: FATHER STU

Monday May 12 | 6 - 8:30 p.m.
FLC BibleMax Theatre

Join us for this FREE movie! We'll watch "Father Stu" (R). A biographical drama film starring Mark Wahlberg as Stuart Long, a boxer-turned-Catholic priest who lives with a progressive muscle disorder. He inspired countless people during his journey from self-destruction to redemption. Join us for the film, popcorn, and a conversation after the film. All are welcome!



WOMEN'S VIDEO-BASED BIBLE STUDY: "JAMES:WHAT YOU DO MATTERS"

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

(starts on April 22) OR

**Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in the Luther Room
(starts April 23)**

Join Alyssa Holmen for a powerful 5-week video-based study on the book of James, featuring Margaret Feinberg's "James: What You Do Matters". Together, we'll examine the connection between what we believe and how we live, **exploring the vital link between faith and action** Please bring your Bible! Study materials will be provided. Optional individual study guide books are available for purchase online for personal study, but not required. No registration needed, drop in whenever you can!



YELLOW SHIRT SUNDAY - MAY 4TH!

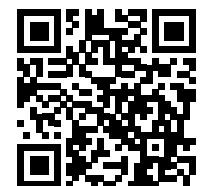
We will celebrate our partnership with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on Sunday May 4! FMSC is a Christian nonprofit committed to delivering nutritious meals - and hope - to children around the world. First Lutheran has a rich history of partnering with FMSC. If you've served in the past year, wear your yellow t-shirt to worship on May 4! Haven't served yet? Now is the perfect time to ACT! Learn more about the next packing event and get your own yellow t-shirt!



FAITH IN ACTION OPPORTUNITIES THIS MAY

>>Mission Soup Sunday (May 18) - each month, small groups in our church cook homemade soups! All are invited to the Great Hall from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. to eat together or take soup to go! Free will offering or \$5 to take your soup to go! All proceeds this time will support our mission partner, Emergency Food Pantry.

>>Serve at the Emergency Food Pantry - volunteer or donate food to help those in need. Pick a date that works for you and sign up online by scanning the QR!

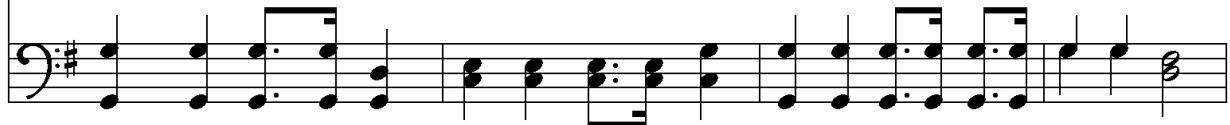


What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



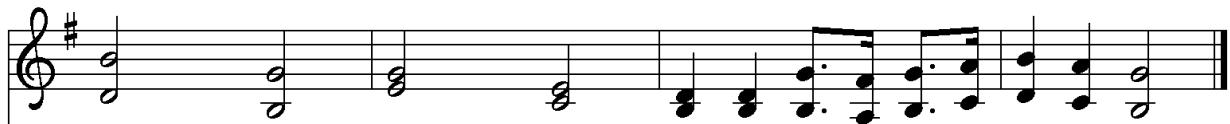
Refrain



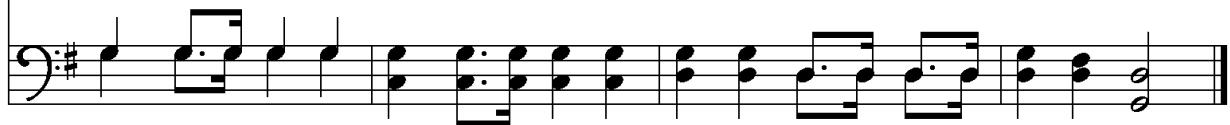
Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref.
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. Ref.

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

SENIOR HIGH RECOGNITION DAY



Congratulations to First Lutheran high school seniors who graduate this spring!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11

*Ellie Ahlfeldt
Addison Cerney
Isaiah Damico
Milo Edmunds
Tia Frisk
Payton Gast
Caleb Haas
Olivia Hammes
Eric Hanson
Nathan Hanson
Ahna Haugo
Amelia Hawley
Reid Johnson
Jake Kava
Ryne King
Alayna Kloeckner
Emily Murchie
Hunter Peterson
Rylee Rastedt
Hallie Steen
Aidan Wanner
Grace Wawers
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