



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 17, 2026

WELCOME

SONGS:

The Plans

There Was Jesus

CONFESSION

SCRIPTURE

MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

OFFERING

SONG: *Way Maker*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS:

Nothing But The Blood

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

BENEDICTION

SONG: *I'm So Blessed*



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | MAY 17, 2026

PRELUDE:

Partita on "Thy Strong Word" –John Behnke
Bill Tweten, organist

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: (Insert)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

CATHEDRAL CHOIR ANTHEM:

Crown Him with Many Crowns – arr. D.N. Johnson
David Ferreira, conductor

GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 81)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Dear Lord, I pray this morning that you soften my heart and give me a teachable spirit. When I am disciplined or reprov'd, help me not to despise it or be weary, but to remember it is a sign of Your love and desire to bring me into Your peace. In your name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (Marianna Malm)

Proverbs 3:1, 11-12; 12:1-3; 15:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Green Hymnal pg. 83)

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

MESSAGE: Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

OFFERING

HYMN OF THE DAY: (Green Hymnal #272)

Abide with me

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.

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.

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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: (Green Hymnal Pg. 92)

Lamb of God

SPECIAL MUSIC:

He Touched Me - William Gaither
Bonnie and Terry Yoney, vocalists;
Bill Tweten, accompanist

COMMUNION HYMNS:

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (Blue Hymnal #711)
Here in This Place: Gather Us In (Blue Hymnal #718)

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Insert)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor - J.S. Bach
Bill Tweten, organist



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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17

- 9 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cathedral Choir Potluck, Youth Area

Monday, May 18

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quilters, Adult Ed. Room
- 12:30 - 3 p.m. Micah's Mission Food Prep, Kitchen

Tuesday, May 19

- 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 Class for Seniors, Gym
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 5:45 - 8 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Luther Room
- 6 p.m. AGO Meeting and Potluck, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 20

- 1:30 - 3 p.m. Weds. Fellowship, Chapel & Great Hall
- 7 - 9 p.m. Young Life End of Year Party, Offsite (Kava Kove)

Thursday, May 21

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 12 - 1 p.m. Foundation Meeting, Luther Room
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Class for Seniors, Gym

Friday, May 22

- 9 - 11 a.m. Friday Lunch Pack, Kitchen

Sunday, May 24 - Summer Worship Schedule Starts

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

Calendar also available at flcfargo.org/calendar/



YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

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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, Dawn, Deb, 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 and Gene, Ruth, Ruth Dunicliff, Sean, Selso, Sharon, Solen, Susan, Todd McComb, Tracy



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starts Sunday, May 24

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



SPRING YOUTH EVENTS

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

Wednesday, May 20

-7 - 9 p.m. - Young Life

End of Year Party

Join us at Kava Kove (310 Main Ave, Fargo) for games, burgers, and bingo!



SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Please note: First Lutheran will be closed on Monday, May 25 due to Memorial Day.

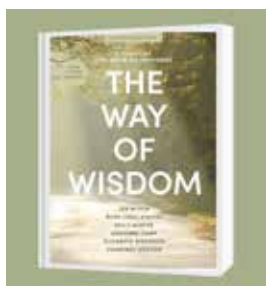
THE WAY OF WISDOM: WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

June 17, 24 and July 1, 8, & 15

Co-led by Pastor Stephanie Tollefson and Alyssa Holmen

What does it look like to walk wisely in today's world? Join us for a five-week women's Bible study through the book of Proverbs as we explore God's wisdom for everyday life and deep-rooted faith through teaching videos and guided discussion. Bring a friend and come discover the wisdom of Proverbs as an invitation to walk steadily in God's Way. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or scan the QR code.



FOUNDATIONS SUMMER STUDY

Starts June 14 | Sundays at 7 p.m.

Grades 9 - 12 (2025-26 school year)

Location: TBD (local coffee shop)

What does it look like to build a faith that lasts? Join us for Foundations — a study that “exists to help you establish a friendship with God strong enough to build your life on.” Students will meet in separate boys and girls groups while studying the same content. Girls are invited to join Pastor Jessica McEvers, and boys are invited to join Sam Erickson for a summer of Bible study, meaningful conversation, and hangout time. Scan the QR to sign up!



DOWNLOAD A PHONE WALLPAPER!

Scan a QR code to choose from three summer-themed designs to go with our Summer Sermon Series: *Picnic Through Proverbs*. Each time you check your phone, you'll see our series verse (Proverbs 3:5-6) and be reminded to trust God — He will guide your steps.



MEN'S GROUP

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

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



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.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays
June 10 - July 29

Join us for FREE concerts this summer sponsored by First Lutheran Church Foundation! See you on Wednesday nights for food at 5 p.m.* and concerts at 6 p.m. We'll meet in the lot to the west of the church building.

June 10 - Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome

June 17 - Brass Interference

June 24 - Heart and Soul

July 8 - Musical Theater

July 15 - Gina Powers Band

July 22 - Worship Bands

July 29 - Front Fenders (and car show!)

*Food available for a charitable fee and goes to support First Lutheran's mission partners.



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

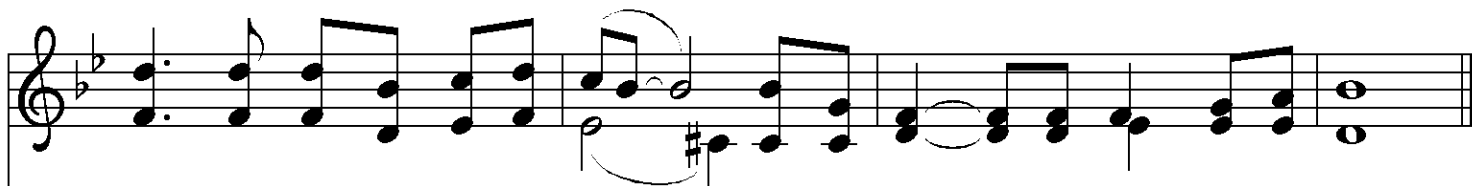
a faith that trusts God. We are called to center our thoughts and actions on Him — to study, to think, to learn the practical disciplines of faithful living. These sayings are not quick bites of inspiration; they are words to reflect and meditate upon, shaping the way we see and respond to the world. 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.



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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



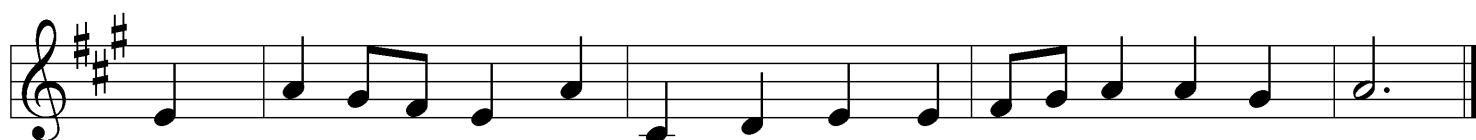
1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food,
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
who formed cre-a-tion with a word and then pro-nounced it good.
and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,



the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-'ry-where that I could be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, M. v. Werkmeister, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784