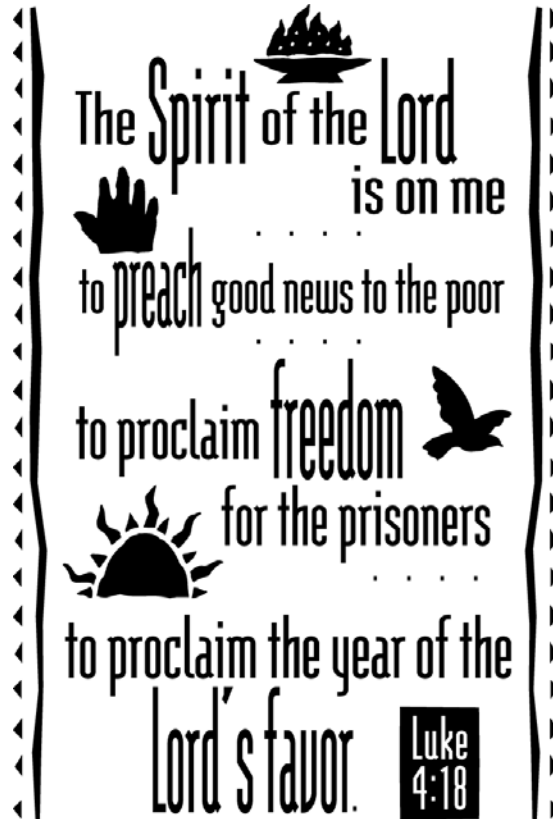


A Place For You!

A Contemporary Worship Service!



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A PLACE FOR YOU

JANUARY 31, 2010 (Adapted for February 7 due to inclement weather)

WELCOME GUESTS: Please take a candle (or bubbles for children) from the gathering space near the Worship Room or the table in the café as a reminder of your visit. Also, please pick up a newsletter to see what is happening at FLC. For questions, please call 292-9125, email info@firstlutheran.com or check website, www.firstlutheran.com.

**those who are able may stand*

+ GOD CALLS US TOGETHER +

Gathering Time

“Blessed”

Zchesch/Morgan

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house
They are ever praising You
Blessed are those whose strength is in You
Whose hearts are set on our God

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house
They are ever praising You
Blessed are those whose strength is in You
Whose hearts are set on our God

We will go from strength to strength
'Til we see You face to face

Hear our prayer
O Lord God Almighty
Come bless our land
As we seek You
Worship You

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Hear our prayer
O Lord God Almighty
Come bless our land
As we seek You
Worship You

For You are holy
For You are holy
For You are holy Lord
(Repeat 3 times)

Hear our prayer
O Lord God Almighty
Come bless our land
As we seek You
Worship You

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O Lord God Almighty
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“Shout to the North”

Smith

Men only: Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.

Chorus - All Shout to the North and the South.
Sing to the East and the West.
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of Heaven and earth.

Women only: Rise up women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing pow'r of our awesome King of love.

All: Chorus

We will shout to the North and the South. Sing to the East and the West.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of Heaven and earth.
We've been through fire, we've been through rain,
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You,
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Chorus – 2 times

Rise up Church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God Who reigns on high, by His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus – 3 times

Oh, Lord of Heaven and earth.
Oh, Lord of Heaven and earth.
Oh, Lord of Heaven and earth.

Community News

*Song

“I Wanna’ Sing”

Krippayne

Chorus:

I wanna sing of Your mercy
I wanna sing of Your love
And tell the world I'm grateful
For everything that You have done
I wanna sing of Your kindness
Wanna share the good news
As long as I can sing
I wanna sing about You

Grace so amazing I can hardly understand
How You forgive me and accept me as I am
I can't believe in the way that You work in my life
I would be crazy if I kept this all inside

Chorus

Hope for tomorrow and a passion for today
Joy in the sorrow 'cause You're with me all the way
Oh and You gave Your life to show that You care
This is the music that I want so much to share

Chorus

And I want to make a difference
I want to rise above the noise
With the kind of words I choose to use
Each time I lift my voice

I wanna sing of Your mercy
I wanna sing of Your love
And tell the world I'm grateful
For everything that You have done
I wanna sing of Your kindness
Wanna share the good news
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*Opening Prayer

+ GOD SPEAKS TO US +

Children's Message

Pastor Jay

Bible Reading

Luke 4:14-21

The Message

After his wilderness experience, Jesus returned to Galilee empowered by the Spirit. News that he was back on his home turf spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places -- the synagogues -- to everyone's acclaim and pleasure. Eventually he came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place for worship. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written:

"God's Spirit is working within me; God has chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor, and sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind. I'm here by God's calling to set the burdened and battered free, and to announce, "This is God's time to act!" (Isaiah 61:1)

Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he announced, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It is coming true right now in this place."

Message

"What Salvation Looks Like"

Pastor Jay

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE +

*Song

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Founds

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

“Give Me Your Eyes”

Heath/Ingram

Scripture References: Psalm 146:8 and Acts 9:18

Living Stones

Look down from a broken sky
Traced out by the city lights
My world from a mile high
Best seat in the house tonight
Touch down on the cold black top
Hold on for the sudden stop
Breathe in the familiar shock
Of confusion and chaos
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared

Chorus

Give me Your eyes for just one second
Give me Your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing
Give me Your love for humanity
Give me Your arms for the broken hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me Your eyes so I can see
Yeah yeah yeah yeah

Step out on the busy street
See a girl and our eyes meet
She does her best to smile at me
To hide what's underneath
There's a man just to her right
Black suit and bright red tie
Too ashamed to tell his wife
He's out of work he's buyin' time
All those people going somewhere
Why have I never cared

Chorus

I've been here a million times
A couple of million eyes
Just move and pass me by
I swear I never thought that I was wrong
I want a second glance
So give me a second chance
To see the way You've seen the people all along

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Prayers of the People

(After each petition the leader will say: "Lord of the Journey" and the people will respond, "Show us the way.")

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

+ GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US +

*Blessing

Leader: You are God's wonder and delight. Carry God's love gently and firmly to all you meet. God lives in you and breaths through you.

All: **May we scatter seeds of love, sing songs of joy, shape conversations of peace, and build bridges of love. Amen.**

*Song

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Kendrick

Chorus:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill the land with the Father’s glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By your love I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror’d here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Chorus

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Leader: Go with Christ to love and serve the world.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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*To share this service or hear it again, please visit
the website Worship page later this week or request a CD.*

*After 8:45 and 9:00 worship, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall/Cafe for coffee and
conversation, then attend the Faith Formation class of your choice at 10:00 am.*

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Thank You to Those Serving Today

Ministers - The people of the First Lutheran faith community.

Worship Leader

Jay Hilbinger, Pastor

Director of Worship Ministries

Karen Brown

Contemporary Worship Coordinator

Susan Klaiber

Sound Reinforcement

Mike Bingaman, Matt Poehler and Holly Miller

Welcoming Team

Mattie Williams, Doug and Susan Braun,
Margaret Todd & Ruth Zeemer

Lay Reader

Scott Sharer

Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Bill and Sally Hansen in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary and to the glory of God by David and Pam Ferrell.

Prayer Concerns

Hospitalized this week: John McCarthy - Duke

We express sympathy to Doris Cline on the death of her father, Herbert Borgelt on 1/23 and to Johnny Sparrow on the death of his brother, Sam on 1/24.

The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Zimmerman, Sr. Pastor

The Rev. John S. Hilbinger, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Brady Y. Faggart, Pastor Emeritus

Karen S. Brown, Director of Worship Ministries

Dr. Billy Summers, Choral Director

Susan Klaiber, Contemporary Music Coordinator

Madeleine Dassow, President of the Congregation



Welcome

On this Lord's Day, we eagerly anticipate worshiping the loving Creator of us all. As children of the living God, let us dwell in unity with one another. Welcome to all! Faith Formation begins at 10:00 am. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.

Congregational Ministries

Please mark your calendars for a fun family concert that will benefit the children of SFYC. Carmen Eby, music teacher here at SFYC, has put together a benefit concert featuring Grace Reigns Down and many of our very own SFYC parents. The concert will take place in the fellowship hall at First Lutheran on **Tuesday evening, February 16th at 6:30 pm**. Though this is a free event, a donation of \$5.00 is being suggested with all proceeds going directly to SFYC. In addition to Grace Reigns Down, you will hear a variety of music from tangos performed by a fantastic saxophone quartet, to jazz and blues, to hymns, to classical clarinet and lyric soprano. Please bring a friend and come out to support SFYC. Treat yourself to a night of music brought to you by professional musicians who happen to live in your community, attend your church, and send their children to this wonderful preschool!

Sullivan Huddle Circle will meet on Monday, February 1 at 7:30 pm in the church parlor. Carol Wood will present the program and Tina Brewer will be our hostess.

Powlas Deal Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 pm in the café. The program will be presented by Gwen Bader.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, February 3 at 10:00 am at the home of Phyllis Hoch. Glenn Grayson will present our program on Jesus and Women. Meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool.

The Green Team will meet on Monday, February 8 at 7:30 pm in Room 9.

Natural Church Development (NCD) is a process that helps church communities develop and maintain a healthy, thriving spiritual environment that is conducive to growth in faith as well as in numbers. While we believe FLC is healthy, we have not grown numerically. We wonder if there is some aspect of our life that needs to be strengthened.

NCD grows out of years of study in congregations large and small throughout the world. It is not denominationally specific, but rather looks at the behaviors common to congregations that thrive and therefore grow. About 10 years ago, the ELCA began training pastors to lead congregations through this process. Positive growth has happened in those congregations who've participated.

The 8 quality characteristics or behaviors are like muscle groups. They need to be toned and cultivated if the body is to function most effectively. These 8 characteristics include: Empowering Leadership, Gift-based Ministry, Inspiring Worship, Holistic Small Groups, Effective Structures, Passionate Spirituality, Loving Relationships, and Need-based

Evangelism. Details about those were included in an earlier newsletter. An overview of the NCD process will be held on January 31 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall.

The Power of Prayer...A new prayer group, titled Power of Prayer, will meet on Mondays each week. We want to pray for those of you who feel the need for more prayer. This group will pray for joyous events of thanksgiving, times of trial, for you personally, for a family member or a friend. There is no limitation regarding the types of situations, nor the number of prayer requests. Prayer requests may be made one of two ways: place a prayer card in the prayer boxes that will be located in the café or narthex; contact the members of the group by calling or emailing, Jo Fleck, Gwen Bader, Mary Ann Boone, Penny Stein or Leslie Pipan. Phone numbers and email's for the group along with additional information can be found in your newsletter that will come out next week.

Welca Bunko night is Friday, Feb 19 starting at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign-up on the Welca board. All females are welcome...any age as long as they can keep up with the play...bring a friend! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Youth Ministries

Youth Choir meets today at 4:30 PM in the Choir Room.

Confirmation Class

DUE TODAY! Final Banquet Count & Final Payment, 16+16 Service/Worship Leadership Forms.

Reminder -- Next Saturday, February 6 - Mandatory Worship Service Practice begins at 9 am ends at 11:45 am in worship room.

24 Hours With No Food...This weekend more than 24 youth participated in a 24-hour hunger event at FLC. This experience helped bring awareness to the issues of famine and poverty in the world. The 1208 crosses on the front lawn represent the number of children that die each hour due to lack of food. Please remember to help support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal on Souper Bowl Sunday!

Grades 5-6, TODAY, 2:00 - 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall...It's game day at FLC! Come learn a simple dice game, enjoy socializing with friends and win a special prize in the end! You need to bring - 1 favorite snack to share & 1 favorite 2-liter bottle of drink. No sign up needed -- just come and play! Parents are welcome to come participate too!

Administration Ministries

EASTER is right around the corner, and we want to enhance the east courtyard to make an attractive entrance. Can you help with your ideas and insight as to what should be done? Mike and Kay Reardon will hold a meeting **TODAY** in the library at 10 am. NO work required -- just ideas and wishes for a lovely church entrance. If you have ideas but cannot make the meeting, please call **Kay Reardon** at 855-1880 or email her at kreardon@triad.rr.com.



2009 Contribution Statements NOW AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP IN THE EAST HALLWAY.

Worship Ministries

Immediate need: We have lost one of our handbell ringers due to work shift and health issues. Anyone who reads treble clef music is invited to contact Karen Brown, 292-9125 or karen@firstlutheran.com as soon as possible with questions or expression of interest.

Community Ministries

HELP HAITI: Make checks to ELCA International Disaster Response, put "Haiti" on offering envelope and give here or go to www.elca.org/disaster and give online. Members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can give online at www.thrivent.com OR mail to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 4321 N. Ballard Road, Appleton, WI 54919, Attn: Fraternal Service Center. Thrivent will supplement \$1 for every \$2 given up to \$250 per member.

TODAY: 2-5 pm, Room 2: New Beginnings Class for people interested in joining First Lutheran. The class focuses on discipleship through a Lutheran lens and gives an overview of ministries here. See Frank Moore if questions.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 7: To fight hunger, children and youth will collect food and money for the Souper Bowl at all worship services. Canned items will go to Food Assistance Inc. (Groceries on Wheels to older adults); jars of jelly for Thursday/Friday breakfast teams at Urban Ministry and financial donations for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Let's collect 100 pounds of canned food + 100 jars of jelly + \$600 for world hunger! Can YOUR household give \$5, a can of food and a jar of jelly?

COMING IN LENT! God's Global Barnyard - CHICKS FOR CHANGE! Stay tuned for details.

Stewardship Ministries

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. Discover how to get connected with mission and ministry at and through First Lutheran by contacting Rachel Gardner (Congregational Ministries), Maryellen Paton (Worship Ministries), Kimberly Embry (Community Ministries), Kathy Peterson (Stewardship Ministries) or Jackie Freeman (Administration Ministries) or any staff member. Call the church office, 292-9125, for email addresses or phone numbers.

THANK YOU! Frank Moore appreciates your grace-filled recognition of his 20th anniversary at First Lutheran. The gift of providing a home will be a life-changing event for a fortunate family and is yet another sign of your generosity and compassion. I appreciate your kind words, fun reception, wonderful song and heartfelt good wishes. In addition, my sister and other family members felt very welcomed by your hospitality. It was a spectacular day - I haven't been so surprised since Lisa said yes when I proposed 25 years ago!

