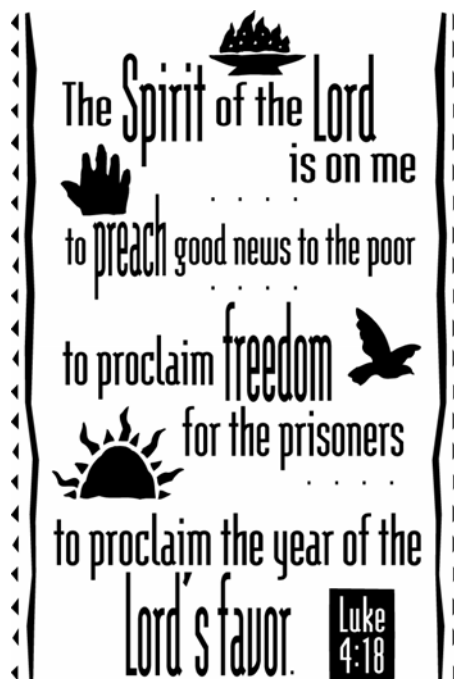


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule

Traditional Worship – Fellowship Hall	8:45 A.M.
Contemporary Worship – Worship Room	9:00 A.M.
Education Hour	10:00 A.M.
Traditional Worship – Worship Room	11:15 A.M.
Shout! Evening Service – Worship Room	6:30 P.M.

**The Mission of First Lutheran Church is
to serve God's purpose in the world
to gather, equip and send.**



**First Lutheran is a partner in the NC Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

**those who are able may stand*

+those who are able may kneel

Preparation for Worship

+Silent Prayer

Greeting

Prelude (11:15)

“Prelude in A Major”

J. S. Bach

++ God Gathers Us Together ++

*Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen.

Leader: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Assembly: 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

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. We invite those who are able to kneel; others may be seated.

+Leader: Most merciful God,

Assembly: we confess that we are captive 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.

Leader: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, “Peace be with you.”

*Gathering Song

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Hymn 719

vv. 1, 4, 5 & 6

*Greeting

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

*Kyrie

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*Canticle of Praise

“Glory be to God”

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe.

Assembly: **Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

++ God Speaks to Us ++

Children's Sermon

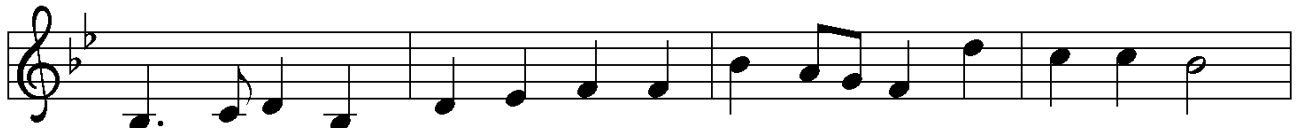
Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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*Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Meditation

“Crossing Boundaries and Barriers”

Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

*Hymn of the Day

“O God of Every Nation”

Hymn 713

++ We Respond to God’s Grace ++

*Nicene Creed

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+Prayers

Leader: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

Assembly: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Leader: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly: Amen

Offering and Signing of Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

(8:45)

“Be Still and Know”

Chapman

Fellowship Choir

(11:15)

“Nearer My God to Thee”

Gardner

Chancel Choir

*Offertory

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Hymn 679, v. 3

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

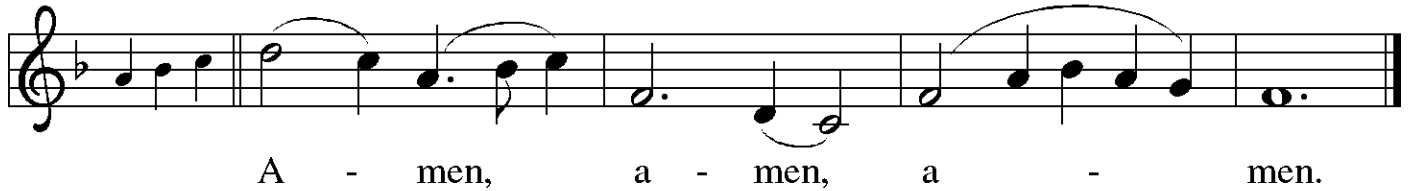
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us.

Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Leader: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



*Lord's Prayer

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Leader: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion Hymn
(2 measures of introduction)

“Lamb of God”

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Receiving of Communion

(All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. At 8:45 we approach the altar by the center aisle and then stand across the front. We return to our seats by the side aisles. At 11:15 we approach the altar by the diagonal aisle. An usher will direct you to a place around the altar. Those who are able are invited to kneel. If you would prefer grape juice rather than wine, please hold on to the bread until the communion assistant is before you. That will signify your desire for grape juice. We return to our seats by the straight aisles. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing and to know that God loves them.)

Post-Communion Blessing

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

Hymn 542

v. 1

*Prayer for Our Chaplains and Communion Ministers

Leader: Let us pray. O God, our help and shield, as Jesus sent out his followers as laborers in the field:

Assembly: Bless our chaplains and communion ministers who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our absent sisters and brothers. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this Holy Communion, that through the body and blood of your Son, we may all know the mystery of Christ in us, the hope of glory. Amen

*Post-Communion Prayer

Leader: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son.

Assembly: By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Benediction

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: Amen.

*Sending Song

“Christ, Be Our Light”
vv. 1, 2 & 5

Hymn 715

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Postlude (11:15) “Maestoso from Kleine Praeludien und Intermezzi, Opus 9”

Herman Schroeder

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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.

Karen Brown celebrates her 10 year anniversary at FLC this month! Please join us for a reception in her honor on February 28 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to write a note or card for Karen on this special occasion, please leave in the church office for Maryellen Paton or bring with you on the 28th. Thank you, Karen, for sharing your musical gifts with FLC for the past decade!!

Thank You to Those Serving Today

Lay Readers: 8:45: Joretta Klepfer

11:15: David Briscoe

Communion Assts.: 8:45: Mary Ann Gerhard and Jim Rhodes

11:15: Philip Peoples and Craig Spooner

Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Jason and Mary Aufdemberg in honor of all the youth being confirmed on February 14 and by Bob and Carol Heise in memory of Dot and Bud Heise.

Prayer Concerns

We express sympathy to Doris Cline on the death of her father, Herbert Borgelt on 1/23; to Johnny Sparrow on the death of his brother, Sam on 1/24; to Misty Kulle on the death of her mother, Billie Ann Zawacki on 1/25; to Dave Clark on the death of his father, Rev. J. Harvey Clark on 1/29 and to Barbara Willard on the death of her sister, Betty Jo King on 1/31.

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Please know that each of you is welcome to this worship service. Your attendance here gladdens us. Let joy abound! Faith Formation begins at 10:00 am. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.

Welcome

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!

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

The overview of the NCD process which was to be held on January 31 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 21 at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. The information about Natural Church Development in last month's newsletter is still available online on the News page by opening the January 17—January 30 First Focus and scrolling to page 3.

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!

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.

The High School Youth & Families would like to thank all those who prepared casseroles for the January Urban Ministry meal. It was a delicious success! We served about 120 people just before the big snow storm!

If you like to cook - here is a great way to support FLC's once-a-month dinner commitment to Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM)! We need cooks willing to pre-make a Chicken Tetrizzini casserole (in a 9 x 13 disposable pan) for our February GUM dinner. Please e-mail carol@firstlutheran.com or see the youth board near the library to sign up and pick up the recipe. We will need the casseroles in our church refrigerator by Wednesday, February 24. The 7th and 8th Grade Youth & Families will be preparing, serving and providing the rest of this dinner on Thursday night, February 25.

Next Sunday is Confirmation Sunday. Youth will lead worship at 9 and 11:15 am. They will be officially confirmed at the 11:15 am service. Come celebrate with the whole church family and welcome these young adults as they affirm their Baptism and make a commitment to be active members of our church family.

Youth Ministries

Today at 10 am -- Grades 5-6 will experience & practice Acolyte and Crucifer training in the worship room.

24-Hour Hunger Lock-In Event Has Been Rescheduled! All Youth Grades 7-12 are welcome to join! Friday, February 26, arrive at FLC at 7 pm Event ends Saturday, February 27 at 1:30 pm. Cost- \$13 (covers t-shirt and supplies & 'break-fast' meal). Fasting Time by the honor system begins at 12:30 pm Friday. **Sign up by February 14 (or re-confirm your participation) on the youth board!

Confirmation Youth & Families...The final banquet payments are due now. Please put them in Barbara's box in the main office. Guiding Verses are also due - please e-mail them to Carol - ASAP! Faith Projects are due by this Friday at noon, February 12.

Children's Ministries

Children's Ministry Planning Meeting... Anyone interested in planning for Children's Ministry please join us as we plan for the 2010-2011 year, on Sunday February 28 at 10:15 or immediately following the reception for Karen Brown in Room 1.

Parents, do you talk to your kids about Sex? We are offering a forum for parents to discuss when, how and why as Christians do we talk to our children about sex. Dr. Rob Harmon will lead us in how to answer tough questions and when is the timing right. Please join us on Sunday February 21 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend!

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.

Flower charts for 2010 are in the hallway outside the library. Please sign for flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Flowers are provided by Botanica Flowers and the cost of each arrangement is approximately \$40. You will be billed directly by Botanica. Questions? Contact Lisa in the church office: 292-9125 or lisa@firstlutheran.com.

Community Ministries

TODAY: To fight hunger, children and youth are collecting 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? You meant to bring cans or jars but walked out of the house without them? No problem! Please put in Frank Moore's office by next Sunday.

Explore discipleship at First Lutheran in the New Beginnings Class at 10 am, March 7 in the parlor. The class focuses on discipleship through a Lutheran lens and gives an overview of ministries here. The next joining date is March 14. Questions? Please ask a pastor or Frank Moore, frank@firstlutheran.com, 292-9125 Extension 102.

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

Stewardship

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!

"The Week That Changed The World"

February 17 (Ash Wednesday) through April 4 (Easter Sunday)

Our Lenten Journey at First Lutheran Church will take us back in time to explore that pivotal and climactic "Last Week" in Jerusalem for Jesus and his disciples. Over time, the events of that week became what Christians now call "Holy Week", culminating in one of Christianity's major festivals and biggest celebrations -- Easter Sunday and the Resurrection of our Lord. What really took place in that last week? Why did Jesus die, and who killed Jesus? What were his last and most urgent teachings for his followers, knowing that his time on earth was short? And of course, what are the implications for our faithful following of Jesus in Greater Greensboro and the world in the year 2010?

Together we'll experience and read about Holy Week, one day at a time, using the Gospel According to Mark as our major source. The earliest of the four New Testament gospels -- written about 70 AD -- Mark presents a unique account of that infamous week through his combination of both "history remembered" and "history interpreted". Our pastors and other leaders will also be utilizing Marcus Borg's and John Dominic Crossan's book "The Last Week" as a resource for preaching, teaching, devotions and reflection.

You are invited to join the journey in a number of ways, including:

- + Weekly Sunday Sermon series, beginning Sunday, February 21
- + Mid-week worship, reflection and conversation on Tuesdays at 11 AM, and Wednesdays at 7 PM, including Holy Communion
- + Daily Devotional Guide written by Pastors Jay, Charlie and Brady Faggart, for use from February 21 through April 4
- + Children's Sunday School classes that follow the Holy Week story
- + Weekly Take-Home materials for families for sharing faith in the home
- + Some of our adult classes on Sunday morning will discuss the weekly themes

You are invited to join the Lenten Journey as we experience together *"The Week That Changed The World."*

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