

Today we celebrate the Confirmation of thirty youth. With their affirmation of faith, we are reminded that Christ calls us to be an active participant in His Community. Each of us has unique talents, gifts, passions and personality, but none of these help if they are hidden away. Only when we are willing to open up and share these unique pieces of ourselves can we share God's light with the world! How will you share God's light with the world?

**those who are able may stand*

+ GOD CALLS US TOGETHER +

Gathering Music

“Weihnachts – Wiegenlied”

John Rutter

Arranged for Brass by Dave and Elin Limburg

Luther Brass: French Horn, Elin Limburg; Trombone, James Limburg;

Trumpets, Dave Limburg, Allen Gerhard; Tuba, Jim Franz

Community News

Wilson Roseman

*Song and Procession of Confirmands

“I’m Not Who I Was”

Brandon Heath Knell

I wish you could see me now
I wish I could show you how
I'm not who I was
I used to be mad at you
A little on the hurt side too
But I'm not who I was
I found my way around to forgiving you
Sometime ago
But I never got to tell you so

I found us in a photograph
I saw me and I had to laugh
You know I'm not who I was
You were there you were right above me
And I wonder if you ever loved me
Just for who I was
When the pain came back again like a bitter friend
It was all that I could do
To keep myself from blaming you

I reckon it's a funny thing
I figured out I can sing
Now I'm not who I was
I write about love and such
Maybe 'cause I want it so much
I'm not who I was

I was thinking maybe I should let you know
I am not the same
But I never did forget your name hello
Well the thing I find most amazing
In amazing grace
Is the chance to give it out
Maybe that's what love is all about
I wish you could see me now
I wish I could show you how
I'm not who I was

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*Passing the Peace

Zack Ebert

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

All: And also with you.

+ GOD SPEAKS TO US +

Children's Message

Karoline Joyce and Caroline Mize

Gospel Reading

John 15:12-16
Jessie Lyerly

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Message

Ian McPeeters, Liz Cranford, Morgan Herman and Rory Bergen

Bible Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-20
Kelly Boland

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+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE +

Message in Song and Movement **"If We Are the Body"**

Hall

Sarah Bernstein, Sarah Harmon and Liturgical Dancers

It's crowded in worship today
As she slips in trying to fade into the faces
The girls' teasing laughter is carrying
Farther than they know
Farther than they know

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But if we are the body
Why aren't His arms reaching
Why aren't His hands healing
Why aren't his words teaching
And if we are the body
Why aren't His feet going
Why is His love not showing them there is a way
There is a way

A traveler is far away from home
He sheds his coat and quietly
Sinks into the back row
The weight of their judgmental glances
Tells him that his chances are better
Out on the road

Chorus

Jesus paid much too high a price
For us to pick and choose who should come
And we are the body of Christ

Chorus twice
Jesus is the way

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Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Kristen Bueno

Musical Offering

Borning Cry/100 Years
Arranged by Dave & Kai Limburg and Mrs. Limburg

John Ylvisaker/
Five For Fighting

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old, I rejoiced
The day you were baptized to
See your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to serve you well, in a blaze
Of light you wandered off to
Find where demons dwell.

15, there's still time for you,
Time to buy and time to lose yourself
Within a morning star.

15, I'm all right with you,
15.

When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on, you were
Raised to praise the living Lord to
Whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time,
And you join your hearts as one, I'll be
There to make your verses rhyme, from
Dusk 'til rising sun.

15, there's still time for you.
22, I feel her too.
33, you're on your way,
Every day's a new day.
45, the sea is high,
Chasing the years of my life.
50.

In the middle ages of your life,
Not too old, no longer young, I'll be
There to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.

Halftime goes by, suddenly you're wise
Another blink of an eye, 67 is gone,
The sun is getting high,
We're movin' on.

When the evening gently closes in,
And you shut your weary eyes, I'll be
There as I have always been with
Just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old, I rejoiced
The day you were baptized to
See your life unfold.

There when you were but a child,
When you wandered off for awhile
15, there's still time for you.

Find someone to share your time,
(I'll be) there to make your verses rhyme,
22, I'll be with you.

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33, with a family,
45, the sea is high,
Middle ages of your life,
I will guide you.

Evening gently closes in,
(I'll be) there as I have always been,
99, and there's still time,
For dreamin'.

15, there's still time for you.
22, I feel her too.
33, you're on your way,
Every day's a new day.
45, the sea is high.
67, in the blink of an eye.
99, and I'm still dreamin.'

I was there
To hear
Your
Borning
Cry.

Prayers of the People David Churchill, Ryanne Brown, Sydney Brodeur and Patrick Riley
(After each petition the leader will say: "Lord of the Journey" and the people will respond,
"Show us the way.")

Lord's Prayer (*sung in repetition*)

Luke Bump and Elizabeth Russell

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth
As it is in Heaven.
Please give to us
All that we need
And forgive us
All of our sins
As we forgive
Those who harm us
And lead us
Not away from You.
For thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory

Forever
And ever.
Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.

+ GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US +

Rite of Confirmation

Leader: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these confirmands, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and its mission in the world.

I present the following who desire to affirm their baptism: Julia Carlisle Baer, Rory Corson Bergen, Sarah Jordan Bernstein, Kelly Grace Boland, Sydney Kristine Brodeur, RYANNE Taylor Brown, Kristen Leigh Bueno, Ryan James Burke, David Lee Churchill, Jr., Christian Len Cranford, Elizabeth Caroline Cranford, John Jacob Curtis, Jacob Patrick Dockery, Avery Austin Ebert, Zackery Jensen Ebert, Sarah Marie Harmon, Morgan Lynn Herman, Alison Jane Hunt, Ashley Karoline Joyce, Elin Leah Limburg, Kai Gast Limburg, Jessica Ann Lyerly, Ian Connor McPeeters, Mary Caroline Mize, Patrick Thomas Riley, Wilson Zachary Roseman, Benjamin William Rothermel, Troy Ellis Shoaf, Kaitlin Shea Sivret and Abby Flynn Walton.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these confirmands, whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Assembly: Amen

Leader: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you renounce the ways of sin that cause you to turn away from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Leader: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Confirmands: In faith I turn to Christ.

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Confirmands' Creed.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly: I believe in one almighty God, loving parent and creator of all.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God?

Assembly: I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was conceived by God's Holy Power. Born of Mary, He lived a glorious life by demonstrating God's love and sacrifice. He gave sight to the blind, healed the sick and gives hope to all who believe in him. Under Pontius Pilate he was nailed to the cross. He died, was buried, rose on the third day, and was lifted from the grave so that he could be united with God once again, and return to rule the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Church of God, the communion of saints, the redemption of sins, the restoration of the body, and the grace of life everlasting.

Leader: You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Leader: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

Assembly: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Parents and Faith Friends come forward for the laying on of hands.)

Leader: Stir up in Julia Carlisle, Rory Corson, Sarah Jordan, Kelly Grace, Sydney Kristine, Rynne Taylor, Kristen Leigh, Ryan James, David Lee, Christian Len, Elizabeth Caroline, John Jacob, Jacob Patrick, Avery Austin, Zackery Jensen, Sarah Marie, Morgan Lynn, Alison Jane, Ashley Karoline, Elin Leah, Kai Gast, Jessica Ann, Ian Connor, Mary Caroline, Patrick Thomas, Wilson Zachary, Benjamin William, Troy Ellis, Kaitlin Shea and Abby Flynn the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Confirmands: Amen.

Leader: Let us give thanks for those affirming baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

Assembly: As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Welcome to Communion

Communion Assistants: Avery Ebert, Abby Walton, Ben Rothermel, Ryan Burke and Christian Cranford

Leader: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Communion Song

“Hungry/Psalm 40 Medley”

Scott

Hungry I come to You for I know You satisfy.
I am empty but I know Your love does not run dry.
So I wait for you. So I wait for You.

I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.
I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me.
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broken I run to You for Your arms are open wide
I am weary but I know Your touch restores my life
So I wait for You. So I wait for You

He lifts me up out of the pits and out of the mire and clay
And I will sing, sing a new song
How long to sing this song?
How long to sing this song, to sing this song.

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He sets my feet upon a rock
Made my footsteps firm
Many will see
Many will see and hear

And I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song
How long to sing this song?
How long, to sing this song. Sing this song.

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Benediction

Kaitlin Sivret

*Song

“Free To Be Me”
Living Stones

Battistelli

At twenty years of age I'm still looking for a dream
A war's already waged for my destiny
But You've already won the battle
And You've got great plans for me
Though I can't always see

Chorus

'Cause I got a couple dents in my fender
Got a couple rips in my jeans
Try to fit the pieces together
But perfection is my enemy
On my own I'm so clumsy
But on Your shoulders I can see
I'm free to be me
When I was just a girl I thought I had it figured out
My life would turn out right, and I'd make it here somehow
But things don't always come that easy
And sometimes I would doubt

Chorus

And you're free to be you

Sometimes I believe that I can do anything
Yet other times I think I've got nothing good to bring
But You look at my heart and You tell me
That I've got all You seek
And it's easy to believe
Even though

Chorus

Sending

Alison Hunt and Julia Baer

Leader: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Refrain from *Free to Be Me/This Is Your Life* (Switchfoot)
Brian Russell and Living Stones

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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.*

We will receive into membership by the sacrament of Holy Baptism today at the 9:00 service Finn Callum Riley, son of Tai and Denise Riley. Godparents are Katie Ries and Michael Berent. Grandparents are Jean and Tom Ries and Kevin and Jane Riley. Youth assisting is Patrick Riley. The Baptismal Napkin was lovingly made by a member of the former Lydia Shenk Circle.

Thank You to Those Serving Today

Ministers - The people of the First Lutheran faith community.

Worship Leaders

Confirmands and Pastor Jay

Director of Music

Karen Brown

Worship Coordinator

Brian Russell, Intern

Sound Reinforcement

Holly Miller

Greeters

John Curtis, Troy Shoaf and
Jacob Dockery

Lay Readers

Confirmands

Altar Guild

Margaret May

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Please enjoy the expressions of each confirmands faith in the Narthex and Café today.

"We, the First Lutheran confirmation class of 2010, want to thank all the people who have helped form our faith and who have walked with us on this journey to get us to this point. There are too many to name, but we say a big THANK YOU! to our Parents, Godparents, Family Members, Nursery Staff & Volunteers, Sunday School Teachers, VBS Leaders, Day Camp Leaders, Camp Counselors & Staff, Music & Choir Leaders, Children's Ministry & Youth Directors, Youth Mentors & Leaders, Retreat Leaders, Faith Friends, Church Staff and Pastors. We thank God for you, and for all the gifts you have shared with us!"

*Congratulations to our
2010 Confirmation Class*



*Julia Carlisle Baer
Rory Corson Bergen
Sarah Jordan Bernstein
Kelly Grace Boland
Sydney Kristine Brodeur
Ryenne Taylor Brown
Kristen Leigh Bueno
Ryan James Burke
David Lee Churchill, Jr.
Christian Len Cranford
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John Jacob Curtis
Jacob Patrick Dockery
Avery Austin Ebert
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Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Susan Brodeur in memory of Kim Freitag, Sydney's faith friend for confirmation and by Jean Lapeirre in celebration of Sarah Lapeirre's 3rd birthday.

Prayer Concerns

Congratulations to Jason and Mary Aufdemberg upon the birth of a son, Elliott Lloyd on 2/9. The rose on the altar today is in recognition of the joy which is shared by the parents and the congregation and is provided by the Sullivan-Huddle Circle.

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WELCOME

Warm greetings to all who have come to worship. Your presence is a blessing for us. Please be ready to respond to outreached hands and words of gladness. Faith Formation begins at 10:00 am. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.

Congregational Ministries

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!

School for Young Children Benefit Concert...Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring family and friends to a night of music brought to you by professional musicians who happen to live in your community, attend your church, or send their children to this wonderful preschool! The concert is free but a donation of \$5 is being suggested with all proceeds going to benefit the children of SFYC.

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 Tetrazzini 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.

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of identifying and selecting nominees for the following positions: Council Vice President (3 year term, moving from VP, to President, and lastly At Large member), Stewardship Chair (2 year term), Endowment Committee (2 year term), and Nominating Committee (2 year term). Forms can be picked up in the church office or you can have it emailed to you, and can be placed in the nominating committee box in the church office. All forms should be returned by March 1.

Youth Ministries

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!

Service Project and Pizza for 5th and 6th graders on Sunday, Feb. 21st, from 4-6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall: We're making catnip toys for local animal shelter. Please bring old socks (no holes!) and \$4 to cover supplies and food. Pizza, drinks, and dessert will be served.

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!

Community Ministries

THANK YOU! Thanks for mentoring children about the joy of giving and sharing by generously providing \$1,068 for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, 441 cans of food, 82 jars of jelly (and 25 jars of peanut butter) to fight hunger on SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY! You easily surpassed 2 of the 3 goals, and jars of jelly are still being taken in Frank Moore's office.

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.

CHICKS FOR CHANGE!: For Lent 2010, parents and other caring adults can teach children to show love in action through God's Global Barnyard!

"Chicks for Change" will focus on collecting 100 chicks for a needy part of the world, **Little chicks can make a big difference!** Within a few months of birth, chicks begin laying eggs. Eggs make nutritious meals for growing children, and the extra eggs generate income to grow a small business.

From February 21 though April 4 (Easter), look near the library for a bulletin board full of chicks. Pick a chick, sign it (or buy one or more with friends!) and post it on the board. When we reach 100 chicks, which cost \$10 each, the pastors will appear in a chicken suit or mask to thank everyone! You'll want to see that! Also, little paper banks will be distributed.

Stay tuned for updates, a Children's Message and announcements! Please make checks to First Lutheran Church or the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and put "chicks" on your offering envelope.

Community Ministries and Children's Ministries are working together so that children will learn about sharing and caring. For more information, ask coordinator Amy Schenck (540-8395, aschenck73@gmail.com), Denise Riley, Frank Moore or go to www.elca.org/hunger/barnyard.

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.



**Happy 10 Year
Anniversary
Karen Brown**

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!!

"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 Kläiber, Contemporary Music Coordinator
Madeleine Dassow, President of the Congregation