

# A Place For You!

A Contemporary Worship Service!



## Jesus at the Temple

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

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

**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](mailto:info@firstlutheran.com) or check website, [www.firstlutheran.com](http://www.firstlutheran.com).

*\*those who are able may stand*

**+ GOD CALLS US TOGETHER +**

Gathering Time

**“Step by Step”**

Beaker

O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
O God You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
I will seek You in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
And I will follow You all of my days

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And I will follow You all of my days.  
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And step by step You'll lead me,  
And I will follow you all of my days.

## “Lord Reign in Me”

Brown

Over all the earth You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
But my one request Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r  
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again

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Won't You reign in me again; won't You reign in me again

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Community News

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

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(Instrumental Interlude)

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now  
(Repeat 1 time)

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come (repeat 4 times)

**+ GOD SPEAKS TO US +**

Children's Message

Pastor Jay

Bible Reading

Mark 11:11-20

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Message

“Looking at Worship through a Discipleship Lens”

Pastor Jay

**+ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE +**

\*Song

**”Once Again”**

Redman

Jesus Christ  
I think upon Your sacrifice  
You became nothing  
Poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered  
At Your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again

Chorus

Once again  
I look upon the cross  
Where You died  
I'm humbled by Your mercy  
And I'm broken inside  
Once again I thank You  
Once again I pour out my life

Jesus Christ  
I think upon Your sacrifice  
You became nothing  
Poured out to death  
Many times I've wondered  
At Your gift of life  
And I'm in that place once again  
I'm in that place once again

Chorus

Now You are exalted  
To the highest place  
King of the heavens  
Where one day I'll bow  
But for now  
I marvel at this saving grace  
And I'm full of praise once again  
I'm full of praise once again

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Chorus

Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross my Friend  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross  
Thank You for the cross my Friend

Chorus

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Affirmation of Faith

**God is our source of hope. Though our hopes are sometimes fragile and battered, we cling to God, who points us to the eternal and everlasting.**

**We affirm that hope is woven with faith and love to form a tapestry of purpose and possibility. We dare to believe that out of suffering, hope and new life can emerge through the grace of God.**

**Jesus shows us how to live with hope, keeping our eyes on the Creator and letting God's love unite us.**

**We are open to God's Spirit who fills us with power to be witnesses of hope, examples of caring, and sharers of good news.**

Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

**"Bring the Rain"**

*Chris Weske, solo*

Mercy Me

I can count a million times  
People asking me how I  
Can praise You with all that I've gone through  
The question just amazes me  
Can circumstances possibly  
Change who I forever am in You

Maybe since my life was changed  
Long before these rainy days  
It's never really ever crossed my mind  
To turn my back on You oh Lord  
My only shelter from the storm  
But instead I draw closer through these times  
So I pray

Chorus

Bring me joy, bring me peace  
Bring the chance to be free  
Bring me anything that brings You glory  
And I know there'll be days  
When this life brings me pain  
But if that's what it takes to praise You  
Jesus bring the rain

I am yours regardless of  
The clouds that may loom above  
Because You are much greater than any pain  
You who made a way for me  
By suffering Your destiny  
So tell me what's a little rain  
So I pray

Chorus

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
is the Lord God Almighty  
is the Lord God Almighty

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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: Go now, as the children of God that you are.  
Choose well the road you take, and the decisions you make.  
Keep in your heart and mind always that the God you serve  
Continues to call to you, and live through you...

**All: Shaping us more and more every day into the compassionate, faithful ones  
God wants us to be.**

I don't know where you lay your head or where you call your home.  
 I don't know where you eat your meals or where you talk on the phone.  
 I don't know if you got a cook, a butler or a maid.  
 I don't know if you got a yard with a hammock in the shade.

I don't know if you got a shelter, say a place to hide.  
 I don't know if you live with friends in whom you can confide.  
 I don't know if you got a family, say a mom or a dad.  
 I don't know if you feel love at all, but I bet you wish you had.

Chorus:                   Come, and go with me, to my Father's house.  
                               Come, and go with me, to my Father's house.  
                               It's a big, big house, with lots and lots of room.  
                               It's a big, big table, with lots and lots of food.  
                               It's a big, big yard, where we can play football.  
                               It's a big, big house, it's my Father's house.

All I know is a big ole house, with rooms for everyone.  
 All I know is lots of land, where we can play and run.  
 All I know is you need love, and I've got a family.  
 All I know is you're all alone, so why not come with me?

Chorus (three times)

It's a big, big house, with lots and lots of room.  
 It's a big, big table, with lots and lots of food.  
 It's a big, big yard, where we can play football.  
 It's a big, big house, it's my Father's house.

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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.*

**Karen Brown celebrates her 10 year anniversary at FLC!** Please join us for a reception in her honor today at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Karen, for sharing your musical gifts with FLC for the past decade!!

# *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**

Cindy and Katie Bess Hilbinger, Floyd and Joann Nesbitt

**Lay Reader**

Mike Fleck

**Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Jay, Cindy and Katie Bess Hilbinger in memory of Mercer Hilbinger and by Bob and Carol Heise on memory of Carol's parents.**

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***We're delighted by your presence on this second Sunday in Lent. Our aim is to help you worship and grow in your spiritual life. Please join heartily in worship and fellowship. Faith Formation begins at 10:00 am. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.***

## *Congregational Ministries*

**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.

**The Powlas Deal Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 2 (note change of date due to Lent)** at the church in Room 4 at 7:00 pm. The hostess will be Kim Harms and the program will be learning how to fold boxes and assembling Easter baskets for Mary's House residents. Please bring items for the baskets for 14 children and 8 adults.

**The Mary Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 3** at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Helen DeRochi will be the Hostess.

**The Sullivan Huddle Circle will meet on Monday, March 1** at 7:30 pm at the home of Marion Bunge. The program will be Sisters 'N Saints.

**SPRING FEVER IN CHARLIE'S GARDEN...**It's been a long, cold winter but we are ready to make plans for this year's garden. We'd love to have you join in the fellowship and gardening as we enter our second season of growing food to feed the hungry. If you are interested in being a part of Charlie's Garden, please plan to join us on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Room 4 for our planning meeting. If you cannot attend but are interested in helping, please contact Marian King at 855-6130 or [marianking@aol.com](mailto:marianking@aol.com).

## *Youth Ministries*

**The Youth Choir will meet today from 4:30 – 5:00 in the Choir Room.**

**5th & 6th Grade parent meeting** is next Sunday, March 7 in Room 1 to discuss the "Created By God" series. Parents please join us or see Carol McPeeters if you have a conflict.

## **Summer Opportunities**

Both the High School (current 9-12 graders) and the current 7-8 grade Mission trips are with TeamEffort and are serving 2 different areas of Tennessee. The HS trip is scheduled for June 27 - July 3. The 7-8 grade trip is July 18-24. Please sign up with a \$75 deposit by March 7. After that time I must 'give up' our held spaces for other groups! See the Youth Board or Newsletter for more details!

## *Children's Ministries*

**Day Camp Registration is now open.** The dates for this year's camp are June 21 – 25. The cost is \$125 if you register by April 5 or \$140 after that date. Registration closes on May 24. See Denise or the FLC website for further details.

## *Worship Ministries*

**The Worship Ministries division will meet today** from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Luther Cafe. If you are interested in attending, Karen Brown, Maryellen Paton or Pat Bergen can give you additional information.

**It is time to order Easter lilies and hydrangeas.** Look for the order form on the last page of the bulletin.

## *Stewardship*

As part of a lesson on stewardship that Pastor Charlie wrote, he asks participants to reflect on the following questions. Take a moment to consider them! Contact either Pastor Charlie or Frank Moore if you would like to have a copy of the lesson plan.

- + What ministries (1or 2) at FLC are you most passionate about?**
- + How do you support those? Time? Talent? Treasure? All?**
- + How have those ministries been a blessing in your life? and to others?**

## *Community Ministries*

**HATCH HOPE!** Check out "Chicks for Change" during Lent to show love in action through God's Global Barnyard! Each \$10 contribution buys 10 chicks, and we hope to hatch 1,000 chicks by Easter, April 4. They will be sent to a needy part of the world through the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Donate and sign your name on a chick, which are on a bulletin board near the library.

Please make checks to First Lutheran Church or the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and put "chicks" on your offering envelope. Also, little banks have been distributed to children so they can save \$10 for a chick. More banks are on a table near the library. SOMETHING TO WATCH FOR: When we reach 100 chicks, the pastors will appear in a chicken suit or mask to thank everyone! For more information, ask coordinator Amy Schenck (540-8395, aschenck73@gmail.com), Denise Riley, or Frank Moore.

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

**LAST CALL - really!** Temple Emanuel, 1129 Jefferson Road, is hosting an interfaith event with Sen. Kay Hagan, Sunday, March 7, 7:30 pm, which will also include an update on homelessness in Greensboro. Coffee and dessert will be served. Seating is limited; please contact Frank Moore by Monday (tomorrow), 292-9125, frank@firstlutheran.com. The deadline was extended. Pastor Charlie and Kay are attending and welcome others to join them.

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** Youth 15-18 years old from Germany, Belgium, Brazil, China are seeking families for the Center for Cultural Interchange, a high school exchange program. For more information, contact Orin Sadler, 274-2938, orin.sadler@earthlink.net or check [www.cci-exchange.org](http://www.cci-exchange.org).

**COMING SOON ...** Details on the Habitat build schedule and how you can help! The townhome construction is scheduled to begin April 10 with dedication on June 26. Questions? Contact Kimberly Embry, 332-3359, embryk@vfc.com or Colette Gibson, 856-7481, hornung107@triad.rr.com.



**2010 sounds like a good year to have another Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge.** Please mark your calendars for Oct 8-10, 2010. Our first planning meeting will be April 11th at the church at 4:00 PM. Let's have a big group come together with excitement to help make this weekend special. Please call Donalyn Johnson at 288-5106 with questions and don't forget to mark your calendars.

## Easter Flowers

Help celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday by placing flowers and greenery in the Worship Room and narthex, either as a memorial or honorarium.

In lieu of the lilies and hydrangeas you may make a contribution towards the purchase/rental of decorations and/or greenery.

Please complete this form and mail or bring it to the church office with a check made payable to First Lutheran Church **NO LATER** than Monday, March 22. Please **DO NOT** place your order form in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of lilies \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of hydrangeas \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous contribution (Liturgical Arts) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total check amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_