

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Jesus at the Temple

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.**

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*

+those who are able may kneel

Preparation for Worship

+Silent Prayer

Greeting

Prelude (11:15)

“Praise to the Lord”

Setting by David Cherwien

++ God Gathers Us Together ++

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Assembly: Amen.

Leader: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,

Assembly: we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Leader: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

Assembly: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Leader: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

Assembly: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Leader: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Assembly: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Leader: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

*Gathering Song

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

Hymn 705

*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

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*Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world.

Assembly: Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

++ God Speaks to Us ++

Children's Sermon

Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

First Lesson

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Pages 693-694

Psalm Anthem (11:15)

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Words adapted from Psalm 91

Youth Choir

Music: Joncas, Arr. Hayes

Maryellen Paton, Accompanist

*Lenten Acclamation

(One measure of introduction)

Glo - ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter.

Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Holy Gospel

Mark 11:12-19

Pages 922-923

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Serving God’s Purpose”

Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

*Hymn of the Day

"Let Justice Flow like Streams"

Hymn 717

++ We Respond to God's Grace ++

*Apostles' Creed

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Offering and Signing of Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

(8:45)

"Treasures in Heaven"

Burroughs

Chancel Choir

(11:15)

"As the Deer"

Nystrom

Fellowship 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.

++ God Empowers and Sends Us ++

+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

*Lord's Prayer

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*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

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

Hymn 722

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

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!!

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Thank You to Those Serving Today


Lay Reader: 8:45: Jean Reinert

11:15: Kathy Bolzan

Greeters: 11:15: Marion Clendenin and Kohn Sherrill

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 9th 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.

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.

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 \$ _____