

A Place For You!

A Contemporary Worship Service!

"...she... put in
everything -
all she had..."

Mark 12:44



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

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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

“By Your Side”

Richards

By Your side I would stay
In Your arms I would pray
Jesus lover of my soul
Nothing from You I withhold

Chorus

Lord I love You and adore You
What more can I say
You cause my love to grow stronger
With ev’ry passing day

Repeat all

Chorus

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“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Foote

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.
I’m accepted; You were condemned.
And I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again,

Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, should die for me,
Amazing love, and I know it’s true
And it’s my joy to honor You.
In all I do, to honor You.

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Amazing love, and I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do, to honor You.
In all I do, to honor You.
You are my King,
You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King.
You are my King.

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That You, my King, should die for me,
Amazing love, and I know it's true
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That You, my King, should die for me,
Amazing love, and I know it's true
And it's my joy to honor You
In all I do, to honor You.
In all I do, to honor You.

In all I do, let me honor You.

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Community News

*Song

“Love the Lord”

Brewster

Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength

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I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
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With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength

I will love You Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
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+ GOD SPEAKS TO US +

Children's Message

Amy Schenck and Jennifer Bingaman

Bible Reading

Mark 12:28-34, 41-44

The Message

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is most important of all the commandments?"

Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these."

The religion scholar said, "A wonderful answer, Teacher! So lucid and accurate—that God is one and there is no other. And loving him with all passion and intelligence and energy, and loving others as well as you love yourself. Why, that's better than all offerings and sacrifices put together!"

When Jesus realized how insightful he was, he said, "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom."

After that, no one else dared ask a question.

Sitting across from the offering box, he was observing how the crowd tossed money in for the collection. Many of the rich were making large contributions. One poor widow came up and put in two small coins—a measly two cents. Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford—she gave her all."

Message

“Our GPS (God Positioning System)”

Pastor Charlie

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE +

Reconciliation with God and with Others/Announcement of Forgiveness

Leader: Awesome and challenging God, hold us close for this moment, so that with your support we might look deep within and let your healing light purify our darkness.

All: Only in your grasp can we face our struggles – our frantic pursuit of busyness; the ease with which we tolerate the troubles and inequities of our divided society; the acceptance of bottom-line thinking as the final word; that fear of differences that keeps us from receiving gifts of others; our reluctance to get involved.

Leader: Holy and disturbing God, keep us close to the cross, and let us experience your transforming love that turned a sorrowful Friday into an Easter hope.

All: Renew our hearts, refashion our lives, and revive our spirits.

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.

Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

“From the Inside Out”

Joel Houston

Youth Choir

A thousand times, I've failed, still Your mercy remains.
And should I stumble again, still, I'm caught in Your grace.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, Your Glory goes beyond all fame.

Chorus

In my heart, in my soul, Lord, I give You control.
Consume me from the inside out, Lord.
Let justice and praise become my embrace,
To love You from the inside out.

Your will above all else, my purpose remains,
the art of losing myself in bringing You praise.
Everlasting, Your light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, Your Glory goes beyond all fame.

Chorus

Everlasting, Your Light will shine when all else fades.
Never ending, Your glory goes beyond all fame.
And the cry of my heart is to bring You praise,
From the inside out. Lord, my soul cries out. Everlasting....

+ GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US +

Welcome to Communion

(All who wish to participate are invited to share in the Lord's Supper. We come forward by the diagonal aisles. We use a method called intinction. You will be given a wafer (bread), which can then be dipped in either the wine (chalice) or grape juice (clear glass). We return to our seats by the straight aisles. Children are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, to know that God loves them.)



Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has rescued me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has rescued me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace
My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has rescued me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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*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.**

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

All: **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.

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.

Thank You to Those Serving Today

Ministers - The people of the First Lutheran faith community.

Worship Leader

Charlie Zimmerman, Senior Pastor

Director of Worship Ministries

Karen Brown

Contemporary Worship Coordinator

Susan Klaiber

Sound Reinforcement

Mike Bingaman, Matt Poehler and Holly Miller

Welcoming Team

Cheryl, Jordan, Jessica Klein and Alice Bittinger

Lay Reader

Ginger Guterrez

Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Bill and Sally Hansen and by Ray O'Neal in celebration of Doris Hansen's birthday.

Prayer Concerns

We express sympathy to Ellen Hefner on the death of her father, Nick Nichols on 2/24 and to Jean Lapeirre and Mike Lapeirre on the death of their mother-in-law and grandmother, Eleanore G. Lapeirre on 2/26.

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We cordially greet all who have come to worship today. Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service. Faith Formation begins at 10:00 am. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.

Congregational Ministries

Come to the Community Conversation on Sunday, March 14. There will be two opportunities: 10 and 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Hear updates on building progress and financial situation going forward. Please see the very important letter on the insert for more details.

There will be no Bible study this evening. We will meet again on March 14.

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

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.

All the youth & parents give a big thank-you to everyone who made a Chicken casserole for Greensboro Urban Ministry! You have helped make our once a month Thursday night dinner meal a great success! If you'd like to help out - please see the youth board for the recipe & sign up sheets for March and/or April.

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.

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.

Equipping Parents...Talking to Children about Sex Part 2

On Sunday, March 21 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall Rob Harmon will lead a discussion with parents about how to talk to your children about sex. This is a follow up to our session in February. Feel free to join the discussion and see what is going on in the world around us. (Sexting, experimenting etc.) You do not need to have attended the February session. Bring a Friend.

Youth Ministries

Today at 10 AM -- 5th & 6th Grade Parent meeting in Room 1 to discuss the "Created By God" series. See Carol McPeeters if you have a conflict.

Today at 10 AM -- the High School group is going to Brueggers at Friendly Center. Bring money for breakfast & meet in the Youth Room promptly at 10 am. We will car-pool over to Friendly. Parent drivers may be needed - if you can help -- please show up in the youth room to help out! Thanks. Our plan is to pick up food and bring it back.

Summer Mission Trip Deadline today!!!! The HS trip is scheduled for June 27 - July 3. The 7th & 8th grade trip is July 18-24. Please sign up with a \$75 deposit by today. I must 'give up' our held spaces for other groups! See the Youth Board or Newsletter for more details!

Community Ministries

BUILDING AND HATCHING HOPE!

* The Habitat home project is scheduled to begin Saturday., April 10 - and you are needed to build, prepare food and other tasks! For details, see bulletin board near library, check next newsletter or contact Kimberly Embry, 332-3359, embryk@vfc.com or Colette Gibson, 856-7481, hornung107@triad.rr.com. Dedication is planned for June 26.

* Show God's love in action through "Chicks for Change." Each \$10 contribution buys 10 chicks; our goal is 1,000 chicks by Easter, April 4. Please make checks to FLC or the ELCA World Hunger Appeal; put "chicks" on your envelope. There also are World Hunger Appeal envelopes in the pews. After you donate, sign your name on a chick on a bulletin board near the library. For details, Amy Schenck (540-8395, aschenck73@gmail.com).

COMING SOON ... The spring grocery store food drive is March 19-20 at the Harris Teeter behind Chick-Fil-A off Friendly Avenue. If you can help on Friday, contact Bob Meacham, 855-7396; for Saturday, contact Christina Weaver, 540-089, camorganpt@hotmail.com. Thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a \$1,000 gift, which will buy lots of food!

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.

The first day of spring is Saturday, March 20, the same day as The Human Race. The Human Race is a nationwide, community fundraising event that allows participants to raise money for their favorite nonprofit by running, walking or rolling their way to the finish line on race day. Two organizations that are participating that FLC supports are Shepherd's Center and Greensboro Urban Ministry. For more information on Shepherd's Center go to www.shepctrq.org or call 278-0766 and for Greensboro Urban Ministry go to www.greensborourbanministry.org or call 271-5959.

Stewardship

CHILE UPDATE: ELCA Disaster Response is continuing to assess damage in Chile and is working with the Lutheran Church in Chile and an emergency response organization to help people. Mission Support dollars in the FLC mission and ministry plan are used for ministries such as Disaster Response. To help, go to www.elca.org or send contributions to ELCA Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL, 60694-9300.

Property

First Lutheran Church Outdoor Clean-up will be Saturday, March 20 from 9 am – noon. Easter and spring will be here soon and WE WANT TO BE READY. Come for all or part of the time. There are always things to pick up, plant, trim, spread, etc., during spring clean-up. We need 20-30 people to come dressed to work with gloves, rakes, trimmers, buckets, shovels, etc. Treats and bathrooms provided. Let Kay Reardon (kreardon@triad.rr.com) know you can come to help. Questions? Call 855-1880. ONE MORNING CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE – LET'S GIT 'ER DONE!

Worship Ministries

Flower charts for 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. We are in need of arrangements for the following dates: one arrangement for 3/14 (next Sunday), 4/4, 4/11 and 5/9; two arrangements for 4/18 and 5/23. Also, please sign up for flowers for Easter. Fill out the form below and return it to the church office with a check.

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 \$ _____