

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Mark 12:44



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 for Cello and Piano (11:15)

“Jesus Paid It All/O Sacred Head”

Arr. Brant Adams

John Brumbaugh, Cellist

++ 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.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Meditation Pastor Jay Hilbinger
"Disciples Need GPS: Grace Positioning System"

*Hymn of the Day "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hymn 803

++ We Respond to God's Grace ++

*Nicene Creed ELW Page 104

+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 of the journey,

Assembly: Show us the way.

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) "As the Deer" Nystrom

Fellowship Choir

(11:15) "Treasures in Heaven" Burroughs

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.

*Offertory Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.

Assembly: Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

++ God Empowers and Sends Us ++

***Great Thanksgiving**

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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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.

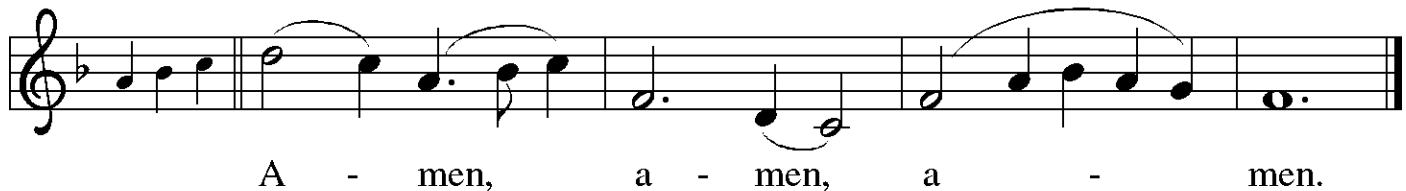
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Hymn 800

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Postlude (11:15)

“Trumpet Tune in C Major”

David Johnson

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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.

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Thank You to Those Serving Today

Lay Reader: 8:45: Dave Clark

11:15: Ken Klase

Communion Assts.: 8:45: Dan Basinger and Kim Cranford

11:15: Ted Langewisch and David Briscoe

Altar Guild: 8:45: Mike and Pat Redden

11:15: Fritz and Johnnie Apple

Acolyte: 11:15: Emily Mitchum

Crucifer: 11:15: Bradley Summers

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 back of the bulletin 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 \$ _____

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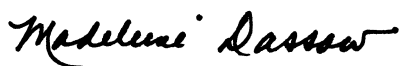
The Congregation Council hopes the following information will help you to become more aware of our current giving situation and we ask that you pray about how you might respond.

Despite a weakened economy which has affected some families at First Lutheran, many members and guests have continued to share resources to fulfill 96 percent of the mission and ministry plan (or budget) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. However, if this shortfall percentage continues, our deficit would be \$37,256 by the end of June. Please keep in mind that the 4% decline is in addition to a previous 5% cut from the 2008-2009 plan, which funds our staff, property needs, worship and faith formation, children's and youth ministry, and supports the greater mission of the Lutheran church, local mission and other ministries. We also have been using designated funds to help meet our goals.

In addition, and of great concern to the Council, is that we alerted the congregation to the need for a 6 percent increase to cover operational, insurance and program costs in the 2010-11 fiscal year when we voted 78% to 22% to move forward with the building program. That increase has not happened. Building continues and, as you might expect, poor weather has caused some delays.

Planning for the 2010-11 mission and ministry plan is underway, and we have told the staff to plan on no increase, pending your response to our current situation. We are facing some challenging decisions as a faith community, and I encourage you, on behalf of the Council, to attend next Sunday's Community Conversation as we hear updates on the progress of the building and an assessment of our current and projected finances.

In Christ,



Madeleine Dassow
Council President

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 Klaiiber, Contemporary Music Coordinator
Madeleine Dassow, President of the Congregation