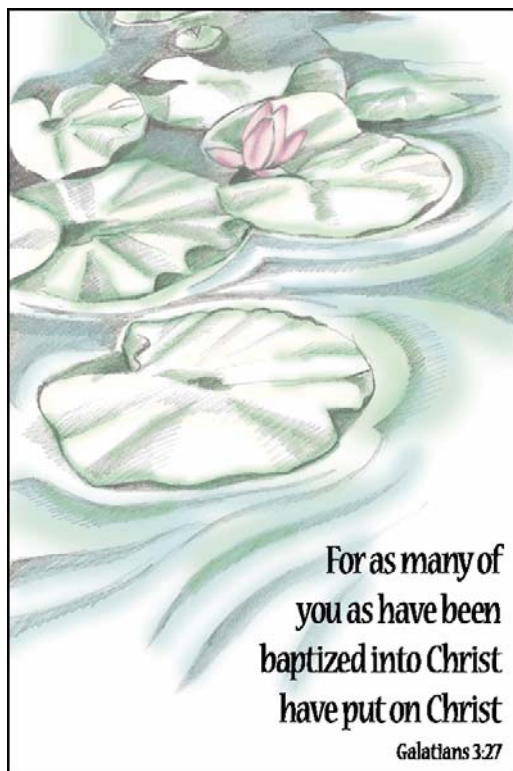


FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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For as many of
you as have been
baptized into Christ
have put on Christ
Galatians 3:27

Sunday Summer Schedule

Contemporary Worship – Worship Room	9:00 A.M.
Traditional Worship – Worship Room	10:30 A.M.
Shout! Evening Service – Worship Room	6:30 P.M.

*Communion is offered at all morning services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.
Communion is offered every Sunday at the Shout! Service.*

**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

“Lift High the Cross”

Setting by Don Busarow

++ 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

Leader: 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.

*Sharing the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord, "Peace be with you."

*Gathering Song "Lift High the Cross" Hymn 660

*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 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" ELW 599
vv. 1 & 2

*Canticle of Praise "The Day of Resurrection!" ELW 361
v. 4

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.

Assembly: In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

++ God Speaks to Us ++

Children's Sermon Pastor Jay Hilbinger

Lesson Galatians 3:23-29 *The Message*

Until the time when we were mature enough to respond freely in faith to the living God, we were carefully surrounded and protected by the Mosaic law. The law was like those Greek tutors, with which you are familiar, who escort children to school and protect them from danger or distraction, making sure the children will really get to the place they set out for. But now you have arrived at your destination: By trusting Christ Jesus you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe. Now you "wear" Christ's life, which is the fulfillment of God's original promise. In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with God in Jesus Christ. Also, since you are Christ's family, then you are Abraham's famous "descendant," heirs according to the covenant promises.

*Gospel Acclamation Tune: A Mighty Fortress
God's word shall be our lasting joy,
a lamp and light forevermore.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

*Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Pages 942-943

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Meditation "The Gravely Let Me Down But God Didn't" Pastor Jay Hilbinger

*Hymn of the Day

"Faith of Our Fathers"

Hymn 813

++ We Respond to God's Grace ++

*Nicene Creed

ELW Page 104

+Prayers

Leader: Gathered together as God's people 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: Hear us, O God.

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

Leader: Into your hands, gracious God, 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 for Handbell Quartet "A Prayer" Beethoven, Arr. Mary Cranford
Jan Swanson, Sarah Ahrends, Kendra and Russell Whittington

*Offertory

"We Praise, You, O God"

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

*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

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW 858

vv. 1 & 4

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.

*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

“O Zion, Haste”

Hymn 668

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Charles Ore

To share this service or hear it again, please visit the website Worship page later this week or request a CD.

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Thank You to Those Serving Today

Lay Reader: Shirley Yount

Communion Assts.: Russell Whittington & Ken Klase

Acolyte: Keaton Joyce

Crucifer: Emily Mitchum

Altar Guild: Rudy and Phyllis Hoch, Brady and Lois Faggart

Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Greg and Leslie Pipan in honor of their fathers and by Bob and Malone Stinson in celebration of Bob’s mother, Della Stinson’s 100th birthday on 6/26.

Prayer Concerns

Hospitalized this week: Ann Bost – Kindred

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Sundays are special because we show our love for our heavenly Father together. On this Father’s Day, we worship God and honor our earthly fathers as he commanded. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.

Congregation Ministries

Start your fall planning, think WAY ahead and mark your calendars for the FLC Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. The date is October 8-10. To remind you, take a look at the bulletin board outside of the library with information. We will have an information Sunday on August 15th and registration will start on Sunday August 22 and continue through Sunday August 29th outside of the library. We have an exciting weekend planned for you with our theme “Take a Minute.” For questions please contact Donalyn Johnson at 288-5106.

Worship Ministries

There will be no Shout! Service on Sunday, July 4.

Children's Ministries

Make Plans now to Set Sail for this year's VBS Program. HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION ~ July 26-30, 9 am – Noon, 4 yrs old to rising 5th Graders. Registration for Volunteers and Participants is located on www.firstlutheran.com. For more information and how you can volunteer - contact Susan Brodeur at 856-1089 or sbrodeur@triad.rr.com.

Community Ministries

Habitat dedication next Saturday! You're invited to attend the dedication of a Habitat home for Lorane Mclver and son, Malik, at 11 am Saturday, June 26, at 414 Bingham St. See directions on the home page at www.firstlutheran.com or call Frank Moore, 292-9125. Also, Lorane and some Habitat helpers will speak at the two Sunday morning services. In addition, a housewarming is 10-11 am in the parlor. Gift certificates for household items are appreciated. Bring to the event, to Frank's office or put in his mailbox in the church office.

Stretching to serve

* **YOU are needed** to serve dinner at Greensboro Urban Ministry, 6-8 pm, THIS THURSDAY, June 24. We also need casserole bakers; see recipe on Youth bulletin board. Contact Louise Lampron-Welker, 856-1532, lblampron@earthlink.net.

* **A summary of NC Synod Assembly news** can be found at www.nclutheran.org. An annual assembly is held to make decisions about Synod concerns and to celebrate ministries of the Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, www.elca.org.

* **The final count for the Soles4Souls** is 5,549 pairs or about 10,000 pairs in two years!

* **Join the Greensboro Pack-A-Thon** July 22-24 at Westover Church, 550 Muirs Chapel Road. The goal is to pack 100,000 meals for people in Haiti. Info, call Frank Moore, 292-9125.

* **We're nearly out** of Emergency Assistance funds. Please make checks to FLC, put "EA" on offering envelope.

From Catherine Moore...¡Muchas Gracias! A big thank you to my First Lutheran family for sharing in my passion and excitement last Sunday as I shared about my year ahead in Mexico. Thank you for your ongoing support to help me reach my \$4,000 goal (I'm halfway there!). You can pick up a Sponsorship Information sheet on the table in the narthex or on the Care Card table near Frank Moore's office.

Stewardship Ministries

Thanks for your generous response to the "dollar a day" effort to raise additional funds for our mission and ministry for 2010-2011. While some members have literally pledged an extra dollar a day, others have chosen to make a new pledge, raise their current pledge by an amount that works for them, or convert capital campaign giving to mission and ministry. All of these ways are welcome! So far, we have 59 households who have responded with a total of \$43,030. Our goal is to fully fund the requested mission and ministry proposal, which means we need a total of \$78,372 or about \$35,000 more to achieve our ultimate goal. You can respond by calling Janice Eberenz in the church office (292-9125) or emailing her at janice@firstlutheran.com.