

# A Place For You!

A Contemporary Worship Service!

For  
freedom  
Christ  
has  
set us  
free.



Galatians 5:1

**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](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 Music

**“They’ll Know We Are Christians”**

Schlotte

We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Chorus

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:

Chorus

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride:

Chorus

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

Chorus

## “Forever”

Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand  
and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and forever

Forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever and forever

*(Repeat)*

Forever

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Community News

\*Song

## "I Am Free"

Egan/Furler

Through You the blind will see.  
Through You the mute will sing.  
Though You the dead will rise.  
Through You our hearts will praise.

Through You the darkness flees.  
Through You my heart screams, "I am free! Yes I am free!"

Chorus

I am free to run. (echo)  
I am free to dance. (echo)  
I am free to live for You. (echo)  
I am free, yes, I am free. (echo)

Through You the kingdom's come.  
Through You the battle's won.  
Through You I'm not afraid.  
Through You the price is paid.

Through You there's victory.  
Because of you my heart screams, "I am free! Yes, I am free!"

Chorus

Who the Son sets free is free indeed.  
Who the Son sets free is free indeed.

Chorus 2 times

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\*Opening Prayer

### + GOD SPEAKS TO US +

Children's Message

Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

Bible Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*The Message*

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand! Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom. If you bite and ravage each other, watch out—in no time at all you will be annihilating each other, and where will your precious freedom be then?

My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.

This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know. If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom.

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.

Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified.

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.

Message

“A New Found Freedom”

Pastor Charlie Zimmerman



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for  
FREEDOM  
that  
CHRIST  
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Galatians 5:1

**+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE +**

Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

**"The Hand Song"**

Nickel Creek

The boy only wanted to give mother something,  
And all of her roses had bloomed.  
Looking at him as he came rushing in,  
Knowing her roses were doomed.  
All she could see were some thorns buried deep,  
And the tears that he cried as she tended his wounds.

Refrain:

And she knew it was love,  
It was what she could understand.  
He was showing his love  
And that's how he hurt his hands.

He still remembered that night as a child,  
On his mother's knee.  
She held him close and she opened her Bible,  
And quietly started to read.  
Then seeing a picture of Jesus, he cried out:  
"Momma, he's got some scars just like me."

Refrain

Now the boy's grown and moved out on his own.  
When Uncle Sam comes along.  
A foreign affair, but our young men are there.  
And luck had his number drawn.  
It wasn't that long till our hero was gone,  
He gave to a friend what he learned from the cross.

But, they knew it was love,  
It was one they could understand.  
He was showing his love,  
And that's how he hurt his hands.  
It was one they could understand.  
He was showing his love,  
And that's how he hurt his hands.

## 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 (Sung in Repetition)

Our Father,  
Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
On earth  
As it is in Heaven.  
Please give to us  
All that we need  
And forgive us  
All of our sins  
As we forgive  
Those who harm us  
And lead us  
Not away from You.  
For thine is the kingdom  
And the power and the glory  
Forever  
And ever.  
Our Father,  
Who art in Heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.

### + GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US +

#### Welcome to Communion

*(Scripture is from The Message, Mark 14:22-24)*

Leader: In Mark's Story of Jesus we read that Jesus and his closest friends gathered for a last meal on the night before he was killed. Mark writes:

**All: In the course of their meal, having taken and blessed the bread, he broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, this is my body." Then, taking the cup, he gave it to them, thanking God, and they all drank from it. Jesus said, "This is my blood, God's new covenant promise, poured out for many people."**

Leader: Today, followers of Jesus around the world share a simple meal of bread with wine or grape juice, remembering that Jesus gave his life for his cause. He was willing to do anything and everything to promote God's Way of compassion, forgiveness and peace. This is our Good News to share.

**All: God's love in Christ: A gift from the past, strength for today, and hope for the future. Amen.**

*(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.)*

Communion Song

**"Humble Thyself/Awesome God"**

Hudson

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord,  
And He shall lift you up, higher and higher  
And He shall lift you up.

(Repeat)

Our God is an awesome God, who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, pow'r and love – our God is an awesome God.

(Repeat)

(Repeat Song)

Our God is an awesome God,

\*Blessing

Leader: God's love in Jesus sets us free;

**All: Free from everything that keeps us from living and loving fully.**

Leader: God's love in Jesus keeps us free;

**All: Free to serve and give ourselves away,**

Leader: Free to experience God's greatest joy,

**All: As bread for the hungry and hope for all who suffer. Amen.**

\*Song

**"Free To Be Me"**

Battistelli

At twenty years of age I was looking for a dream  
A war's already waged for my destiny  
But You've already won the battle  
And You've got great plans for me  
Though I can't always see

Chorus

'Cause I got a couple dents in my fender  
Got a couple rips in my jeans  
Try to fit the pieces together  
But perfection is my enemy  
On my own I'm so clumsy  
But on Your shoulders I can see  
I'm free to be me

When I was just a girl I thought I had it figured out  
You see my life would turn out right, and I'd make it here somehow  
But things don't always come that easy  
And sometimes I would doubt

Chorus

And you're free to be you

Sometimes I believe that I can do anything  
Yet other times I think I've got nothing good to bring  
But You look at my heart and You tell me  
That I've got all You seek, oh  
And it's easy to believe  
Even though

Chorus

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

"Free to be Me"

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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.*

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

## *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 Co-Coordinators**

Brian Russell and Luke Bump

### **Sound Reinforcement**

Mike Bingaman, Matt Poehler and Holly Miller

### **Welcoming Team**

Cheryl, Jordan, Jessica Klein and Alice Bittinger

### **Lay Reader**

Elizabeth Russell

**Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Jean Lapeirre in memory of her father, John Partilla's birthday and by Bob and Kay Hedrick in celebration of their 1<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.**

## *Prayer Concerns*

**Hospitalized this week:** Anne Bost – Kindred; Bill Foster – Moses Cone

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***On this Fourth of July, we joyfully celebrate our nation's birth. We are pleased that you've come to praise God, who richly blesses our beloved country. 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.

**Charlie's Garden is Giving!** As of June 29, 57 lbs. of summer veggies have been picked and shared with the community! Charlie's Garden is really producing and it's great to see the results and the happy faces when we share the harvest. On Saturday, June 26, we teamed up with Starmount Presbyterian and St. James Presbyterian to have a vegetable distribution day at Peck School. Families identified by the principal came by and loaded up with fresh picked items from our combined gardens. It was a great morning!

**The Thorburn Faith Formation class will be meeting from 9:30 to 10:30 am on Sundays** during the summer. We invite all members, visitors, etc. to join us. Come early or late from either service. We will have fellowship at the beginning and at the end with a short program In-between presented by various individuals on various interesting topics.

## *Worship Ministries*

**There will be no Shout! Service tonight.**

## *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 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Registration for Volunteers and Participants is located on [www.firstlutheran.com](http://www.firstlutheran.com). For more information and how you can volunteer - contact Susan Brodeur at 856-1089 or [sbrodeur@triad.rr.com](mailto:sbrodeur@triad.rr.com).

## *Community Ministries*

**If you were not able to attend worship last Sunday,** please take a few moments to write your name on the back of a Habitat sign for Lorane and son Malik, who recently dedicated their new home. It's on a table in the narthex.

## **Stretching to serve**

\* **Catherine Moore is grateful for the response** to her year-long trip to Mexico, which begins in late August. So far, \$3,862 has been given toward the \$4,000 goal! The deadline is July 25. She goes to Honduras July 11-Aug. 7 for a Spanish immersion experience. Want to help? Make checks to FLC, put "Mexico" on memo line.

\* **FLC member and Elon student Shannon Diehl** will go to Honduras in August on a medical mission trip. A list of medications and other items needed is on the literature table near the narthex. Bring items to Frank Moore's office. Want to help? Contact Shannon, [sdiehl2@elon.edu](mailto:sdiehl2@elon.edu), 312-0443 or [www.globalbridades.org](http://www.globalbridades.org).

\* **The FLC breakfast teams need peanut butter and jelly**, which are used to make lunch sandwiches for participants. Please bring jars to Frank Moore's office.



*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*

*Luke Bump and Brian Russell, Contemporary Music Coordinators*

*Ron Swanson, President of the Congregation*