

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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For
freedom
Christ
has
set us
free.

Galatians 5:1

Sunday Summer Schedule

Contemporary Worship – Worship Room

9:00 A.M.

Traditional Worship – Worship Room

10:30 A.M.

No Shout! Service this Evening

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

“God of Our Fathers”

Setting by J. Wayne Kerr

++ 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 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" Hymn 888

*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 God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us.

Assembly: With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

++ God Speaks to Us ++

Children's Sermon Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Page 1062

*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 10th chapter.

*Holy Gospel Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Pages 945-946

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Meditation "A New Found Freedom" Pastor Charlie Zimmerman

*Hymn of the Day "To Be Your Presence" Hymn 546

++ 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, 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

Offering and Signing of Fellowship Books

Musical Offering for Handbells "America the Beautiful" Arr. Page and Anderson
Christopher and Betty Carter

*Offertory "We Give Thee But Thine Own" Hymn 686, v. 1

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

*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: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion Hymn

"I Come with Joy"
vv. 1, 2 & 3

ELW 482

Receiving of Communion

(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 "By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

Hymn 469

v. 3

*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

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

Hymn 890

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“To Be Your Presence, Lord”

Arr. Austin Lovelace

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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.

Thank You to Those Serving Today

Lay Reader: Dan Basinger

Communion Assts.: Shirley Yount & Connye Post

Greeters: Minnie Westgard and Charlotta Selders

Acolyte: Benjamin Rothermel

Crucifer: Emily Rothermel

Sound Reinforcement: Rich Seybert

Altar Guild: Pat and Mike Redden and Johnnie and Fritz Apple

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 1st 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.

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.

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!

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 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

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, 312-0443 or 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