

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”

Setting by Paul Manz

++ 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 "Jesus, the Very Thought of You" Hymn 754

*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. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.

Assembly: Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

++ God Speaks to Us ++

Children's Sermon Pastor Jay Hilbinger

Lesson Genesis 18:1-10a Page 13

*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 10:38-42 Page 946

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Communion Meditation Pastor Jay Hilbinger

*Hymn of the Day "Be Thou My Vision" Hymn 793
vv. 1, 2 & 3

++ 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

"Standing on the Promises"

Arr. Mark Hayes

*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: 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:

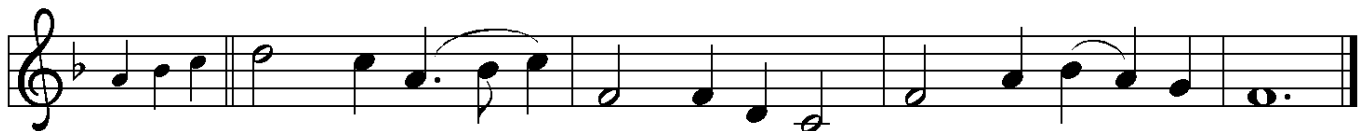
“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
vv. 1 & 4

ELW 858

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.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

Hymn 537

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“In Thee is Gladness”

J. S. Bach

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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: David Briscoe

Communion Assts.: Craig Spooner & Cynthia D’Agostino

Acolyte: Keaton Joyce

Crucifer: Emily Mitchum

Greeters: Kim Harms and Charlotta Selders

Altar Guild: Margaret May and Melissa Branham

Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Peter Weltner in memory of his mother, Eva Weltner’s birthday on July 16.

Prayer Concerns

Hospitalized this week: Anne Bost – Kindred; Fernando Cruz, Sr. – Baptist

We express sympathy to Al Lochra on the death of his sister-in-law, Sarah D. Lochra on 7/13.





St. Paul wrote that in Christ “all things hold together” (Colossians 1:17, NRSV). As we worship, let us remember that only Christ can hold a person, a church or a nation together. Nursery care is available for those up to 4 years old.

Congregation Ministries

The following Middle School Youth and Adults will spend a week beginning today in Seymour, TN. This mission trip, through TeamEffort, focuses on the needs of people in the Appalachia areas of TN, GA and NC. Youth attending are: Chandler Baer, Elise Baer, Julia Baer, Noah Berkelhammer, Alex Bohl, Jordan Brown, Jessi Cowan, Wade Cranford, Andrew Dixon, Shane Herman, Amber Johnson, Alan Miller, Gretchen Preheim, Thomas Shealy, Kaitlin Sivret, Madison Sivret, Miles Turner and William Young. Adults attending are: Heidi Baer, Carol McPeeters, Todd Miller and Deb Shealy. Please hold this mission team in your prayers.

Start your fall planning, think WAY ahead and mark your calendars for the FLC Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge. 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.

Community Ministries

THANK YOU! Catherine Moore has topped the ELCA’s goal of raising \$4,000 for her Mexico journey! Contributions received beyond \$4,000 will be shared with other young adults in global mission. Make checks to FLC, put Mexico on memo line by next Sunday, July 25.

Please write your name on a Habitat sign, which is in the narthex, for Lorane and son Malik, who recently dedicated their new home.

Stretching to serve

* **Please donate medications** for Shannon Diehl's mission trip to Honduras. A list is on the literature table near the narthex. Bring items to Frank Moore's office by August 15. For details, contact Shannon, sdiehl2@elon.edu, 312-0443.

* **The FLC breakfast teams need** peanut butter and jelly to make lunch sandwiches for Weaver House residents. Bring jars to Frank Moore's office anytime.

* **School supplies** collection begins soon!

Stewardship Ministries

Please consider increasing your giving to the FLC Mission and Ministry Plan by at least \$1 a day for the next year. Small steps make big changes! For example, because 88 households have pledged \$53,675, First Lutheran will be able to fund all of the \$50,000 goal for Mission Support, which provides ministries through the NC Synod and the ELCA, and will avoid a 3 percent cut in salaries and pensions for staff. More contributions will expand valuable ministries done through First Lutheran. Contact Janice Eberenz, janice@firstlutheran.com, 292-9125, to discuss how you can help.