

A Place For You!

A Contemporary Worship Service!

The LORD'S Prayer

**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 or check website, www.firstlutheran.com.

**those who are able may stand*

+ GOD CALLS US TOGETHER +

Gathering Music

“Above All”

LeBlanc/Baloche

Above all powers above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began

Above all kingdoms above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure
What You're worth

Chorus

Crucified laid behind the stone
You lived to die rejected and alone
Like a rose trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me
Above all

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“Holy Is The Lord”

Tomlin/Giglio

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing

Chorus

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty, Holy, Holy

Chorus

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Community News

*Song

“Heart Of Worship”

Redman

When the music fades
All is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring
Something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

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I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back
To the heart of worship
And it's all about You
All about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord
For the thing I've made it
When it's all about You
All about You Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor
All I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus (2 times)

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself
Is not what You have required
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Chorus

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*Opening Prayer

+ GOD SPEAKS TO US +

Children's Message

Brian Russell

Bible Reading

Luke 11:1-13

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Message

Brian Russell

+ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE +

Song

"Praise Awaits You"

Chapman

Praise awaits You, O God, as Your people gather,
We rejoice in Your name.
Praise awaits You, O God, hear Your children singing,
We exalt You today,
We exalt You today.

Blessed are those who choose to praise You;
They will be filled with Your goodness and joy.
You are the hope of all creation,
You gave us salvation,
You gave us Your Son,
And we will worship You now.

Praise awaits You, O God, as Your people gather,
We rejoice in Your name.
Praise awaits You, O God, hear Your children singing,
We exalt You today,
We exalt You today.

Even though sin has overwhelmed us,
You have been faithful, O Lord, to forgive.
Only through Christ we find redemption,
He gave us salvation,
He gave us His life,
And we will worship You now.

Praise awaits You, O God, as Your people gather,
We rejoice in Your name.
Praise awaits You, O God, hear Your children singing,
We exalt You today,
We exalt You today.

Giving and Receiving of Gifts and Signing of the Fellowship Books

Musical Offering

“Life of Praise”

I will love You, Lord always
Not just for the things You've done for me
And I will praise You all my days
Not just for the change You've made in me
But I'll praise you for You are holy, Lord
And I'll lift my hands, but You are worthy of so much more

Chorus:

For You are awesome, God of the Nations,
Lion of Judah, Rock of the Ages, Alpha, Omega
You're worthy of all praise
More that these hands I'll raise
I'll live a life of praise

I will serve You Lord, always for You are my strength
When I am weak
I will never be afraid for You are my rock and You protect me
But I'll praise You for You are holy, Lord
And I'll lift my hands, but You are worthy of so much more

Chorus

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

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

+ GOD EMPOWERS AND SENDS US +

***Commissioning of Vacation Bible School Volunteers**

Leader: In Psalm 119:90 we read, “Your faithfulness extends to every generation, as enduring as the earth you created.” Today we come together to share our faith among the generations, to begin an expedition to explore the mighty love of God with the children of this congregation and those who will visit us this week. As a community of believers, we are called to share God’s word and empowered by his Spirit to share this Good News with everyone.

All: Thank you, Lord, for calling us to share your word and for your mighty love!

Leader: We give thanks for all those who have accepted the call to serve as leaders in this time of learning about Jesus. This year's program, High Seas Expedition, will help children recognize that God's love is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing and for everyone. We will discover God in our everyday life through "God Sightings", seeing that God is alive, active and with us. Will you, as leaders, help the children learn from the Bible stories and explore the mighty love of God?

Staff: We will encourage the children to hear and respond to Christ's call to faith. We will help them grow in their relationship with God and with one another, and explore the mighty love of God.

Leader (*to congregation*): Will you support the work of these volunteers and pray for God's guidance in their work?

Congregation Members: We will joyfully pray, encourage and support them!

Leader: On behalf of the congregation, we thank all volunteers for joining this expedition and for saying yes to Vacation Bible School. Thank you for hearing God's call to share his word and for using your gifts to help others explore God's love. May God guide you in your teaching and learning, inspiring in you a richer understanding of the life of discipleship. Let us pray.

All: Thank you, God, for demonstrating your mighty love for us in so many ways. Help us to treasure and respond to your love in ways that honor and glorify you. Empower us by your Spirit to lead lives filled with hope and joy. We pray all this through Christ, who guides us each day and calls us to grow in our faith as we share his love with others! Amen

*Blessing

Leader: May God's Kingdom-Reign be seen, and God's will be done, on earth:

**All: In us, by us, among us and through us, for the sake of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*Song

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies

The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock
And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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And may the God of my salvation be exalted

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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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.*

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Thank You to Those Serving Today

Ministers - The people of the First Lutheran faith community.

Worship Leader

Brian Russell

Director of Worship Ministries

Karen Brown

Contemporary Worship Coordinators

Brian Russell and Luke Bump

Sound Reinforcement

Mike Bingaman, Matt Poehler and Holly Miller

Welcoming Team

Cindy and Katie Bess Hilbinger, Floyd and Joann Nesbitt

Lay Reader

Andrew Chamberlin

Flowers in the Worship Room are given to the glory of God by Glenn Grayson in memory of Irma Grayson and by Judith Boggs and Kathy Schabinger in memory of their mother, Agnes Bahrs.

Prayer Concerns

Hospitalized this week: Anne Bost – Kindred; Fernando Cruz, Sr. and Ken Klase – Baptist; Gene Surbey – Wesley Long

We express sympathy to Nicole Apple on the death of her grandmother, Charlie Sells on 7/16