

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

“Come, Thou Fount”

Setting by Diane Bish

++ God Gathers Us Together ++

***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.

Assembly: 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.



1. I will give thanks with my whole heart, Be - fore the gods my praise ex -
 2. A - bove all things, O Lord, my God, You glo - ri - fied Your name and
 3. All ru - lers on earth who hear Your words, O Lord, will give You thanks and
 4. Lord, Your right hand shall save my life And make your pur - pose for me



press; I will bow down be - fore your throne And
 Word; I called and then You an - swered me And
 praise And tell how great Your glo - ry is, And
 sure; Do not for - sake what You have made; Your



praise your love and faith - ful - ness.
 gave me in - creased strength, O Lord.
 they will sing of all Your ways.
 love for - ev - er will en - dure.

Second Lesson

Colossians 2:6-19

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*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 11th chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

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Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Phil Stringer

*Hymn of the Day

"Lord, Be Glorified"
 vv. 1, 3 & 4

Hymn 744

++ We Respond to God's Grace ++

*Apostles' Creed

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Offering and Signing of Fellowship Books

Musical Offering "Come, Holy Spirit, Come" Trad.
Denise Riley, Soloist

*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.

++ God Empowers and Sends Us ++

Call to Prayer "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Hymn 752

+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

*Lord's Prayer ELW Page 208

*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 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymn 789
vv. 1 & 2

Leader: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Our Father in Heaven" 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: Donna Walli

Acolyte: Benjamin Rothermel

Crucifer: Emily Rothermel

Greeters: Marion Clendenin, Kohn and Bobbie Sherrill

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

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We strive to make the Lord's house a place of joy. With joy, we welcome you and pray that you're filled with hope and happiness as you lift up your heart to God. 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. 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

Ten for Teachers! Please bring school supplies for Guilford County Schools through August 22 (Faith Trek Day!) and put in the box outside of Frank Moore's office.

Look for sales locally and consider spending \$10 for school supplies or bring in 10 items – Ten for Teachers! These are tough economic times so contributions are needed very much. Please bring typical items such as paper, pens, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc. Lists are available on the literature table in the narthex and the table in the hall outside Frank's office. Teachers at First Lutheran will have an opportunity to choose items for their classrooms and any remaining items will be taken to Hunter School. Thanks for helping to support educators and needy students!

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. The deadline is today. She will be commissioned here on Aug. 15.

Stretching to serve

* **Please donate medications for Shannon Diehl's mission trip to Honduras.** A list is on the literature table near narthex. Bring items to Frank Moore's office by August 1. 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.

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 89 households have pledged \$54,405, 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. Our next hurdle is to restore the \$10,000 transfer to our Capital Replacement Fund. If you have been at church this summer, you know we are facing challenges with our aging HVAC system, and this fund is the source from which we will draw money to purchase replacement equipment. Contact Janice Eberenz, janice@firstlutheran.com, 292-9125, to discuss how you can help.

Administration Ministries

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ENVELOPES

What happened to those pink envelopes for the Capital Campaign that used to come with the regular offering envelopes in the mail? Three years ago when we ordered these envelopes, we had not envisioned doing a 4th year Finish Line Campaign and had no idea the economy would take a nosedive halfway through our 3-year campaign period. As a result, there are members still working to complete their building pledge.

If you need some more pink envelopes, don't worry – we have plenty! These can be found on the tables across from Frank Moore's office. Take as many as you need in order to complete your pledge.

If you want to just write one check for mission & ministry AND building pledges, that's fine, too. Just put it in your regular offering envelope and indicate the division of the money on the outside.

In a little over 3 years, First Lutheran has given \$1,777,611 toward our new addition. This is 82% of our current pledge total. We're nearing the finish line with both the construction and our pledges. It's an exciting time in the life of our church!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Faith Trek Day is August 22...when we Kickoff a New Season of Sunday morning classes, groups, interaction and learning...

On Sunday, August 22, we return to our fall schedule of worship.

Here's what the day will include:

8:45 a.m. -- Traditional Worship in Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. -- Contemporary Worship in Worship Room

10:00 a.m. -- Meet Teachers and Greet Classmates in Classrooms

10:20-11:10 a.m. -- Kickoff Party for All Ages in Fellowship Hall

(Music, Fun, Food, Door Prizes, A Surprise or Two!!!)

11:15 a.m. -- Traditional Worship in Worship Room



Join us on the
Faith Trek Journey!

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