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**FIRST LUTHERAN – ELCA
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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sunday, October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Hilding

WELCOME VISITORS.

***IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,
PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN***

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken

ELW 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

BAPTISM

We give thanks to God for the Baptism of Lennon Rae Nelson and celebrate this special day with her parents, Nicholas Nelson and Alyssa Nelson, and her sponsors: Olivia Wiedrich, Ty Wiedrich, Anyka Wiedrich, and Lexi Nelson.

The Rite of Holy Baptism
For Lennon Rae Nelson

INTRODUCTION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the pastor at the font.

P Today we gather with great excitement to welcome **Lennon** into God's family of faith.

Sponsors:

Today we present **Lennon Rae Nelson** for baptism.

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents Response:

P Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents Response: We do.

P As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,
so that *she* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help **Lennon** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Lennon** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor Response: We do.

Assembly

P People of God, do you promise to support **Lennon** and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

ALL C We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Parent & Sponsor Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL C I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

BAPTISM

P Lennon Rae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P We Say Together

C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.
The presiding minister continues:*

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give your daughters and sons new birth,
cleansing her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.

Sustain **Lennon** with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P **Lennon Rae Nelson**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

P Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

“BAPTIZED AND SET FREE”

Cathy Skogen-Soldner ELW 453

1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second and third staves contain the second line, and the fourth staff contains the third line. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group proceed to the front of the church. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

P Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**ALL We welcome you into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Stephen Hilding

(All kids age 3 up to 5th grade are welcome at Sunday School whether they are registered or not! If they are new and are anxious about going, parents are welcome to come and join!)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. *Please stand to welcome the Gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I Saw the Light

Hank Williams

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF ST MATTHEW...

Matthew 21:42-46

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Pastor Stephen Hilding

Please stand.

SERMON SONG

On a Hill Far Away (Old Rugged Cross)

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,

4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;

its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best

Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.

where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug-ged

cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example in our own day. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see your Spirit in creation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering especially those we name at this time... Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION (Celebration of those who have been received by baptism, transfer and affirmation since the last new member class)

**Baylor Balogh
Cecilio Benn
Hunter Carnes
Skylar Carnes
Emma Carnes
Lilly Carnes
Evelyn Carnes
Gracie Carnes
Lucas Carnes
John Engberg
Emma Feiring
Olivia Gafkjen
Roxie Helstad**

**Anne Hilding
Stephen Hilding
Andrew Kirstein
Zachary Myhrer
Cassandra Myhrer
Lennon Nelson
Derek Niemitalo
Jesse Richardson
Kenlee Richardson
Mack Sandberg
Kailey Snyder-Martinez
Katie Wold**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those around you.

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)

OFFERING MUSIC

Amazing Grace (Peaceful, Easy, Feeling)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see.

Cause I got a peaceful easy feelin'
And I know you won't let me down
'Cause I'm already standin'
On the ground

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Cause I got a peaceful easy feelin'
And I know you won't let me down
'Cause I'm already standin'
On the ground

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home.

Cause I got a peaceful easy feelin'
And I know you won't let me down
'Cause I'm already standin'
On the ground

The Lord has promised good to me his word my hope secures
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

OFFERING *Please stand.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

THE LORDS PRAYER

**☐ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRUBUTION/ MUSIC

Please stand.

Hallelujah

Original Song – Leonard Cohen with adaptations

Well, I hear there was a secret chord
That David played, and it pleased the Lord.
But you don’t really care for music, do you?

Well, it goes like this: the fourth, the fifth
The minor fall, the major lift,
The baffled king composing Hallelujah
Well, there was a time when you let me know,
The love you felt, the highs the low
And now I have to let you go;
you know it hurts me

And there was a time when I moved in you
And the holy dove was moving too
And every breath we drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu—jah

And now the time has come to sing
The praises of our Lord & King
For all the gifts and hope, that he can bring
The way we live, what we believe,
the blessing we have all received
It’s faith and grace that saves us Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu—jah

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

I'll Fly Away & Will The Circle Be Unbroken

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away (in the morning).
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away

Will the circle be unbroken, by and by the Lord, by and by.
There's a better home awaitin', in the sky, Lord in the sky.

In the joyous days of childhood, often told of wondrous love.
Pointed to the dying Savior, now they dwell with Him above.

You can picture happy gathering, round the fireside long ago
And you never think of parting; will they leave you here below.

I'll Fly Away – Albert E. Brunley - **Will the Circle Be Unbroken** - Lyrics: **Ada R. Habershon (1907)**
Music: **Charles H. Gabriel (1907)** [\[hymnary.org\]](http://hymnary.org),

DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Remember our Mission:
“The Mission of FLC is

To share God's Love by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.”

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CROSS TALK

You are welcome to experience God's love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!

Hearing transmitters are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.

If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact the church's Financial Admin, Randi Jangula, at 572-6363 or office@flcwilliston.com.

Help us help you! If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.

Restroom locations - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen.

SERMON SERIES



Engage. Inspire. Renew. — A New Wave of God's Love
God's love is on the move. This fall, as a new season begins at First Lutheran, we will follow Matthew's Gospel into the heart of our mission: to share God's love by engaging, inspiring and renewing. Jesus gathers the church into real community, breaks open the power of forgiveness, disrupts our ideas of deserving, calls us beyond words into action, asks us to bear fruit, and sends us to invite others into the feast of grace. This is more than the start of another program year. It is a renewed calling. Gathered by grace, we are sent in love.

Membership

Are you curious about becoming a member of First **Lutheran Church** or learning more about our faith, mission, and community? We would love to talk with you!

☎ *Church Office Phone*
701-572-6363

✉ *Pastor Stephen's Email:*
stephen@flcwilliston.com

WELCA has cards available at the reception desk for Ministry Appreciation Month.

Help Needed!!

We need volunteers to help with the radio broadcast on Sunday mornings!!

With a little bit of training, you will be good to go.

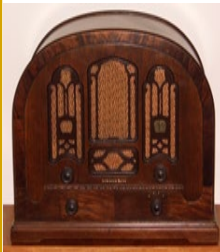
Text Zach Myher for more information!
218-688-2333

Pastor	Stephen Hilding
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Director of Worship & Music	Anthony Morris
Musicians: Tim Ritter - Vocals & Guitar, Amanda Johnson - Vocals & Fiddle Drums & Percussion - Chad Askim	
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	Carol Jean Sandvik
Ushers	Lowell Sandvik, Steve Rehak
Reader	David Slais
Coffee Hour	
Communion Servers	

Baptism

Welcome!
Lennon Rae Nelson
Parents: Nicholas & Alyssa Nelson
Sponsors: Olivia Wiedrich
Ty Wiedrich
Anyka Wiedrich
Lexi Nelson

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Broadcast's
in honor or memory
of
your loved ones!!!**



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THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, October 4

New Member Recognition

9:30 am Worship Service -S

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am New Member Reception

and Welcome to Anthony Morris,

New Director of Worship and Music

10:30 am Private meeting - Parlor

Monday, October 5

1:00-3:00 pm Adult Quilting - QR

6 pm Scouts - FH

Tuesday, October 6

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's

1 pm Staff Meeting – MR

5 pm Executive Committee – MR

6:30 pm Personnel Committee - MR

Wednesday, October 7

2 pm -Women's Bible Study P

5:30 PM meal (new)- FH

6:00 pm contemporary worship (new) – chapel

6:45 – 7:30 pm Wed School,

6:45 – 7:30 pm Confirmation

TBD Youth Group Dates

Thursday, October 8

10 am - Coffee Group - P

1:00-3:00 pm Adult Quilting - QR

1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat – P

6 pm –Cub Scouts Mtg - YR

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Worship

9:45 Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Tara Gratz, Dustin Clark, Dorothy Lynch,

Janelle Vandeburg, Jean Lewis,

Doug Lehman, Ron Raymond,

and Sawyer Smith

Military Service Members

Tayder Jones, Isaac Haugen,

Lars Conway, Cecilio Benn, Jorn Everson

Prayer List Updates?

Please look at the prayer list.

Those listed on the Prayer list will remain there for a period of four (4) weeks unless a request is received to be removed earlier. More info?

Call 701-572-6363

Week of

September 27–October 2

Weekly Giving - \$6,546

Attendance

- **Sunday, September 27 - 164**
- **Wednesday September - 58**
- **222- DISCIPLES were sent**
out in God's name to make a difference. We go out to do the same this week.



**Today's Radio Broadcast is in
Memory of
Arthur and Ardis Bean
and is given by Levin and
Ardis Bean**

Quarterly Devotionals are available at the reception desk and in the narthex. These are free and available for everyone.

STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back
It's all about God.

Direct – Cash or check donation
into the plate, always welcome!

Online – Make a donation on
our website:

www.flcwilliston.com

Text to Donate – Make a donation via
Text message.

Simply text the word “Give” to
833-934-3039

Click on the link in the response
and follow the prompts to
complete your donation!



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Search “Tithe.ly Church App” in your
phone App Store or Google Play.

Simply download and find

First Lutheran Church, Williston ND

Click on the Give button.

First Lutheran Church

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THE GOSPEL CHOIR GROUP IS HOLDING PRACTICE

- All are welcome!
- On the 2nd Sunday of each month
the Gospel Choir practices in the
parlor before the 9:30 am Worship
Service.
- On the 3rd Sunday of each month,
the Gospel Choir sings in
church.
- *Contact Karla Osborn at*
- *(701) 570-3987 for more info.*

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Worship & New Member Recognition
Sunday on October 4th.

Monday, October 5th

11 am WELCA Board Meeting - P

Wednesday, October 14

10 am WELCA Pack school backpacks and
personal Care Kits - FH

Wednesday, October 14

Faith statement meeting for
9th and 10th grade confirmation students
and their parents/guardians following worship.

Saturday, October 17

10 am Hope Circle - P

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am Shipping Fund and Quilt Blessing

Wednesday, October 21

9:30 am Faith Circle – P

Friday and Saturday October 23 & 24

Women's Retreat Camp of the Cross

Wednesday, November 4

WELCA General Meeting Time TBD - P

OCTOBER 14TH FAITH STATEMENT MEETING

There will be a Faith Statement meeting
for *9th and 10th grade confirmation
students and their parents/guardians*
on Wednesday October 14th
following worship.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund

As the work continues to grow in complexity and reach, LWR has streamlined our efforts to be good stewards of the gifts you entrust to us. To ensure efficiency, we have updated the suggested shipping donation to \$4.00 for each donated item. Please remember this is a suggestion; it is not a requirement. Any amount that you can donate to help your quilts and kits reach their destination is much appreciated!

Please help us to raise money to send to help cover these costs. Our goal will be to raise \$500 to send to LWR to help offset the cost of shipping quilts and kits.

CONTACT INFO

For more information contact:
Lisa Zunich (701) 570-4604 lzunich@me.com

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**
**Parents the online registration form is
available now!**
**Please use the online registration form
to register for: Sunday School,
Wednesday School, Confirmation and
Youth Group.**



Student Registration:

- Register here by scanning the QR Code



Beautiful Girl Retreat

All 4TH – 6TH grade girls are invited

- Friday, November 13, 2026 5:30 PM
Saturday, November 14, 2026 3:00 PM
- Springbrook Bible Camp
- 12601 58th Street Northwest
- Epping, ND, 58843



Through our event we hope the girls who attend will realize they have been created by a loving God who wants them to walk in freedom, discover their beauty and live a life of purpose. It's a night the girls will never forget. This is an overnight retreat where you can come on your own or with several friends.

Cost: \$60

REGISTER HERE:

[Beautiful Girl Retreat — Springbrook Bible Camp](#)

USHERS, GREETERS, AND READERS

Can you Help?

We need individuals to serve as ushers, greeters, and readers for

Sunday morning worship and the upcoming. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex on Sunday morning and at the reception desk during the week.



New Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 PM —Meal (For All Ages) – Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM — Midweek Worship (For All Ages) - Chapel

6:45 – 7:30 PM — Wednesday School

6:45 – 7:10 PM -- Confirmation Large Group

7:10 – 7:30 PM – Confirmation Small Group

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS REMINDER

— There is a meal served before church services on Wednesday each week unless otherwise noted.

**Wednesday, October 7 will be
served by Christian Concerns**

**Please join us for the meal
at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:00 pm.**



WELCOME RECEPTION

10:30 am – Fellowship Hall

Welcome Reception This morning following worship, we invite you to the 10:30 a.m. coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome our new members and introduce our new Director of Worship and Music, Anthony Morris.

Introducing Anthony Morris Director of Worship and Music

Hello Everyone,

Anthony here, and I feel truly blessed to be here with you here at The First Lutheran gladness and gratitude in this new chapter of my life, and I couldn't have done this without my lovely, supportive wife and all of our beautiful children.

God, Family, and Music- this is my answer when people ask me what I do now. I feel so fortunate to have this opportunity and have God, Family, and Music at the center, focus, and driving force of what I do every day. They say you shouldn't be defined by what you do, titles, achievements, etc. But I sure don't mind having God, Family, and Music define what I do and humbly help define and shape who I am; it is such a joy and blessing.

God's been good, and the Holy Spirit's been guiding me ever since; I was just too busy to realize it. I've been calling Williston home for 8 years now, and it was by the grace of God, through music, that brought me here and meet my wife and build our family here. It was also through God's timing and plan that led me here and to be part of the Worship team ever since I moved here, helping out in whatever shape or form I can, from playing music, arranging, composing, music production, editing and producing videos, co-directing, conducting, etc., from Sunday services, Concerts, and all our streamed services during the pandemic.

I believe that both my personal and professional journey so far helped me prepare for this new role, from playing in different orchestras around the world, being an educator, playing on different stages and in venues, Jazz festivals, theatres, and sharing the stage with great musicians and celebrities. Playing and collaborating in Films and TV works, and having worked at one of the biggest tech companies in the world as the head of music and education- all of these and more were blessings and experiences that I value and appreciate with all my heart, but what I do now is not just another job; this is a calling, and I remember praying months ago, asking God, "God, where do you want me to be?, What's next for me?" and long story short, here I am; it was all in front of me all this time; I was just too busy to realize it.

There's still so much to learn, and I appreciate everyone the more I get to know our people and our family here in the First Lutheran Church. Everyone is so dedicated and passionate about what they do; above and beyond is an understatement to describe their contributions. Please give them a warm hug, a handshake, a simple thank you, or a high five.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to the Worship team. Please let us know, let me know, if you want to sing and play with us; it would be such an honor and a treat for all of us to be singing and playing and sharing our gifts with everyone. The best choir is the congregation, and maybe it's time to dust off those old guitars, violins, trumpets, flutes, and vocal cords, so please, please join us. I would also love to have song suggestions. If you have any songs that you would love to hear and sing again, please let us know.

Thanks again, and please remember to pray for each other; be kind, and a little empathy goes a long way. God Bless.

Warmly,

Anthony Morris

Confirmation Student Name _____

Confirmation Sermon Notes 10/4

Matthew 21:42-46

1. Jesus says, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Have you ever been surprised when someone or something you thought was unimportant turned out to be really important? What do you think Jesus means by calling himself the cornerstone?

2. The religious leaders realized Jesus was talking about them, and they didn't like it. Why is it sometimes hard to hear the truth about ourselves? Have you ever had someone point out something you needed to change?

3. The leaders wanted to get rid of Jesus, but God's plan still moved forward. Can you think of a time when something disappointing or difficult ended up leading to something good?

4. Jesus says God's kingdom produces fruit. What is one "fruit" of faith you hope people see in your life this week? (Examples: kindness, courage, forgiveness, inviting someone, helping someone, praying for someone.)

5. This week we welcome new members to our church. Is there someone in your life who might appreciate an invitation to worship, youth group, church school, or a church event? Who is it, and what could you say to them?