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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday

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 A Mighty Fortress is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890
 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,

C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

P Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C Amen.

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:

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. *The assembly is seated.*

No Sunday School Today)

FIRST READING**LEVITICUS 19:1-2, 15-18**

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8**

Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

A The Word of the Lord.

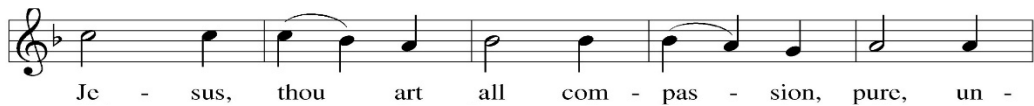
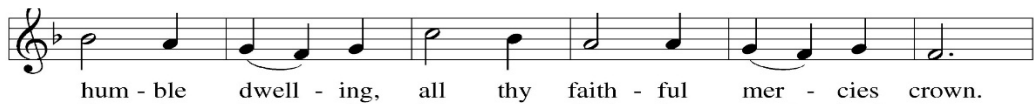
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley



Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

⁴⁵ “If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

DEACON LYNEA GEINERT

In Christ alone my hope is found
 He is my light, my strength, my song
 This Cornerstone, this solid ground
 Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
 When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
 My Comforter, my All in All
 here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
 Fullness of God in helpless babe
 This gift of love and righteousness
 scorned by the ones He came to save

Til on that cross, as Jesus died
 The wrath of God was satisfied
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
 Here in the death of Christ, I live

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 Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain especially those we name at this time... Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for retired clergy and their families honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. 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.

C Amen.

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

Come Jesus Come

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come Jesus come, let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade

Come Jesus come, we've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt and right every wrong
We need You right now, come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home

Come Jesus come
There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the weak and the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name

Come Jesus come, come Jesus come

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OFFERING *Please stand.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

C Amen.

THE LORDS PRAYER

C 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.

BLESSING

P The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

P The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

C Amen.

P The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

You'll Never Walk Alone
When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark

At the end of a storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark

Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
Though your dreams be tossed and blown

Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone

You'll never walk alone

DISMISSAL

P Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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.

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



Pastor	Stephen Hilding
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Director of Worship & Music	Anthony Morris
Vocalist	Mark Pettersen
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	LuAnn Wick
Ushers	Kevin Baisch, Steve Rehak
Reader	Don Wick
Coffee Hour	
Communion Servers	

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

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

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

Serve Night: Wednesday October 28

Fresh Start Ministry

Our new ministry is filling a huge need in our community. We have already given out 57 full hygiene kits and 110 individual items to the Caring Closet at Williston High School. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

In order to keep stocked up on items and kits we will be holding another serve night Wednesday, October 28 and we are short a few items. We are asking for your generosity once again to purchase and donate full-size items for the kits. A short list of what we are in need of is below:

Shampoo
Conditioner
Children's soap, body wash, and shampoo
Dental floss
Brushes for women and children
Nail clipper
Feminine pads
Gallon and Quart size zip lock bags

Items can be dropped off in the box by the door off the parking lot.



WELCA - THANK OFFERING

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 8TH, 2026

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, October 25

REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship Service -S

NO Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, October 26

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

5:00 – 9:00 pm Concert Chorale - P

6 pm Scouts - FH

Tuesday, October 27

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's

1 pm Staff Meeting – MR

Wednesday, October 28

2 pm -Women's Bible Study P

5:30 PM meal (new)- FH

6:00 pm contemporary worship (new) – chapel

Wed school students are dismissed to class
following worship camp song.

6:45 Confirmation

Serve Night – Fresh Start Ministry

TBD Youth Group Dates

Thursday, October 29

10 am - Coffee Group - P

1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat – P

6 pm –Cub Scouts Mtg - YR

Friday, October 30

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Movie Night Grades PRE-K – 9th grade

Saturday, October 31

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Sunday

Third Grade Bible Presentation

9:30 am Worship

9:45 Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Jean Lewis,

Sandra Robertson Johnson

Tara Gratz,

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

October 18–October 23

Weekly Giving - \$6,562

Attendance

Sunday, October 18 - 121

- **Wednesday October - 29**

- **150 - DISCIPLES** were sent
out in God's name to make a
difference. We go out to do the same
this week.

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!



Tithe.ly Church App –

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.

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**Don't forget our Radio
Broadcast's
in honor or memory
of your loved ones!!!**



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 28

5:30 pm Meal

6:00 pm Worship

Wednesday School students dismissed
to call following Worship Camp Song

6:45 Confirmation

Serve Night – Fresh Start Ministry

Friday, October 30th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Movie Night

Grades: Pre-K through 9th Grade – P

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME →

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST FALL BACK →

Sunday, November 1

- All Saints Sunday
- 3rd Grade Bible presentation

9:30 am Worship

Wednesday, November 4

11:30 am General WELCA Mtg - P

5:30 pm Potluck Meal Served by WELCA – FH

6:00 pm Worship

Wednesday School students dismissed to call
following Worship Camp Song

6:45 pm Confirmation

Sunday, November 22

Christ the King Sunday

10:30 am Turkey Bingo – FH

Wednesday, November 25

6 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

NO Wed School/or confirmation

Sunday, December 13

9:30 am Sunday School

Christmas Program

10:30 am Gingerbread - FH

House family activity

**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.*



Sunday, November 1

**3rd Grade Bible
Presentation**

9:30 am Worship

**Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner
Sunday, November 1st
4 – 7 pm
American Lutheran Church
401 1st St SW
Stanley-ND**

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COFFEE HOUR SERVING VOLUNTEERS

Help set up and serve
coffee for the 10:30 AM
Coffee Hour following
Sunday worship.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

The Mission of FLC is to share God's Love by
Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.

Volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex
on Sundays and at the reception desk
during the week.



**Volunteers needed to
help make coffee hour
welcoming for everyone.**

RECEPTION DESK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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*Looking for a meaningful way
to serve at First Lutheran Church?*

Volunteer Shifts Available

**Monday • Tuesday • Thursday
2-3 Hours Per Shift**

Responsibilities:



Greeting visitors and guests



Answering phones and taking messages



Assisting with bulk mailing projects



Printing bulletins and church materials



Providing general office support



*Sign-up sheet with specific dates
and times is available at the reception desk.*

Interested or Have Questions?



Beckie Youngs



rebecca@flcwilliston.com



701-572-6363



SHARING GOD'S LOVE

*The Mission of FLC is to Share God's Love
by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.*

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who serves as volunteers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and the many activities during the week. There are many opportunities. Please call the office 701-570-6363 if you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities at First Lutheran.

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USHERS, GREETERS, AND READERS

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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Can you Help? We need
individuals to serve as
ushers, greeters, readers
for Sunday morning
worship and
Wednesday evening
worship.



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

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

MOVIE NIGHT

WHERE: FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PARLOR

WHEN: OCTOBER 30TH 6:00-8:00PM

WHO: PRE-K THROUGH 9TH

MOVIE: HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH PIZZA TO ORDER



OCTOBER IS MINISTRY APPRECIATION MONTH



Ministry Appreciation: Grateful for Faithful Leadership

October gives us a special opportunity to thank the clergy who teach, encourage, pray and care for our congregation. May we honor their faithful service, support them with our prayers and remind them that their ministry makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS REMINDER

**There is a meal served before church services on
Wednesday each Week unless otherwise noted.**

*Once a month, on the first Wednesday,
will be a POTLUCK for the
congregation to participate in.*

**Wednesday, October 28 will be served by
Music Committee and Handbell Choir**

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

Ruth Gunlikson – 95th Birthday

December 6, 10:30 am

during Coffee Hour – Fellowship Hall

The fellowship hour following the 9:30 am Worship service on December 6th will be hosted by the daughters of Ruth Gunlikson in honor of Ruth's 95th birthday. Please join us to share stories and enjoy a cup of coffee and a piece of cake to celebrate this special day!



A copy of the Bethel Lutheran Nursing & Rehabilitation Center 2026 Annual Report has been placed at the reception desk and is available for the congregation to review.



100th

OSCAR QUARNE IS
TURNING ONE HUNDRED

*Join us for lunch
and cake to celebrate!*

Saturday, November 28th, 2026

Noon - 3:00pm

First Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Williston, ND

Student Name: _____

Confirmation Sermon Notes October 28th

1. What is one thing you learned about God today?
 - Explain why it stood out to you.

2. What do you think God is teaching our church right now?
 - Give an example from church, worship, confirmation, or your own life.

3. Martin Luther wanted people to trust God's grace. Where do people today need to hear that good news?
 - Share a situation or example.

4. What do you think God might be reforming, renewing, or changing in our church today?
 - Why do you think that is important?

Sunday, November 1



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.