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Sunday, November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

WELCOME VISITORS.

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

"Gather Us In"

Please Stand



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

PLet us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

Q you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life

Q Amen.

▶ Hear the good news:God the Faithful One loves you,▶ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

+ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON.

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School following Children's Sermon.

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 in.)

Shall We Gather at the River



FIRST READING

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and

power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL LUKE 6:20-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C Glory to you, O Lord

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

- ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
- "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

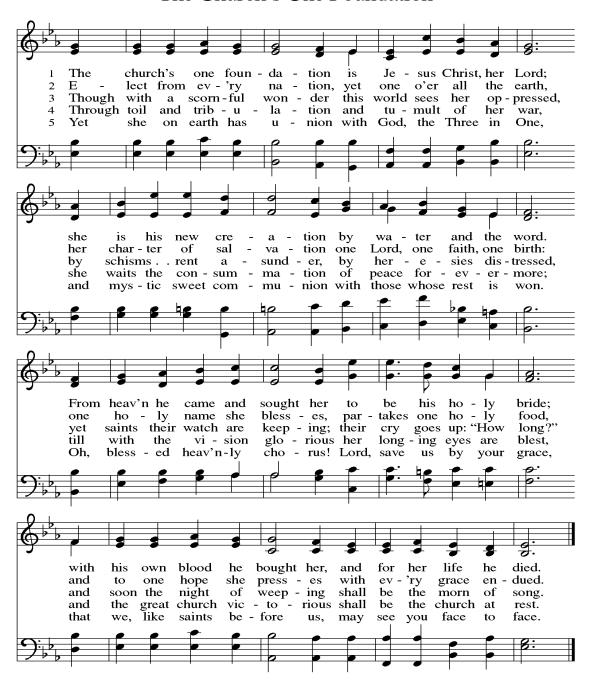
C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Pastor Zach Harris

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation



NICENE CREED

Stand

P God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care Especially those we name at this time... Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed especially, Larry Lynne. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

⚠ We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us Pray:
God of healing and hope,
you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.
Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.
Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.

C Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

P 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.

THE LORDS PRAYER

P Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

Please stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us Pray:

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C Amen.

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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@flewilliston.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.

Help Needed!! We are needing a few people to step up and help with the radio broadcast on Sunday mornings!! With a little bit of training, you will be good to go and we can relieve Bill Glen from always having to do it!!!



The Radio Broadcast today is given by Jean Lindvig in memory of Doris Lindvig's 100th Birthday, November 1

Pastor Zach Harris

Deacon Lynea Geinert

Music & Worship Coordinator Meriel Lora

Music Director Carmen Delaney

Trinity & Our Saviors Cindy Gardner

Sound Tech Zach Myhrer

Greeter Lorna Easton

Ushers Jean Lindvig, Karen Bates

Reader Beverly Conway

Communion Servers Diane Hagen, Tiffany Conway, Beverly Conway

Coffee Hour

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.

The Gospel Choir Group is holding practice.

- All are welcome!
- Contact Carmen Delaney at (701) 609-1987 for more information.
- On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the Sanctuary after the church service.
- On the 4th Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, November 2

9:30 am Worship Service -S 9:45 am Sunday School following the Children's Sermon 10:30 am Coffee Hour

10.50 am Conee Hour

Monday, November 3

8:30 am Pastors/Lay Text Study
11:00 am WELCA Board
3:30 to 5:30 pm Kids Quilting Class QR
6 pm Williston Chorale Practice - Chapel

Tuesday, November 4

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's 5 pm Executive Committee - Media Rm 6:30 pm Personnel Committee - Media Rm

Wednesday, November 5

11:30 am General WELCA Meeting - P *Cancelled* 2 pm WELCA Bible Study - P 6 pm Wed School Meal 6:30 pm Wed School/Confirmation 7 pm Trust Committee – Media Room

Thursday, November 6

10 am Coffee Hour – P Noon – Men in Mission 1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P 3:30 to 5:30 pm Kids Quilting Class QR 6:30 pm Cub Scouts YR

Friday, November 7

Saturday, Nov 8

Sunday, Nov 9

ThankOffering
9:30 am Worship Service -S
9:45 Sunday School following
Children's Sermon
10:30 am – Coffee Hour



PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND COMFORT:

Janelle VandeBerg, Bob Benson,
Darin Swensrud, Jean Lewis,
Vern Hendrickson,
Dan Bloomquist, Marion Hughes,
Ron Raymond, Sawyer Smith,
Louis Small Jr, Hector Miray,

Military Service Members

Isaac Haugen

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

For the family of Larry Lynne

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 27 – November 1

- Weekly Offering \$ 6,545,10
- Last week DISCIPLES 141 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!

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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Joint Thanksgiving Worship Service and Pie Social Wednesday, November 26 7:00 pm Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 1821 9th Avenue West

Watch Sunday bulletins for further information.



Thank Offering

Thankofferings are a tradition among Lutheran women, given in gratitude for blessings received. These contributions support the churchwide women's organization's various ministries, including communications, justice and advocacy, leader training, and administration of grants and scholarships, as well as efforts related to the triennial convention.



COCOA & COOKIES

To offer families a place to warm up and use a bathroom, First Lutheran will once again be offering

Cocoa and Cookies Friday Nov. 28th at 5pm

in the narthex of the church during the Light Up Harmon Park event.

We will welcome anyone wanting to help out by baking 2 dozen cookies and bagging them individually for the event. Have the cookies at the church no later than 4:30pm that day. There will be a signup sheet on the reception desk so we have an idea how many will be offering their baked goods. The evening of the event, we will also need volunteers to make cocoa, serve cocoa and cookies plus clean up- about 10 people. Please sign up on the same sheet. It really is a fun time. Thank you for your help.

Kathleen Sinclair

Upcoming Youth Group Activities

- ⇒ Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) Wednesday November 12th 7:30-8:30 pm
- ⇒ Senior High Youth Group (grades 9-12) Wednesday November 19th 6:30-7:30 pm
 - \Rightarrow All youth group (grades 6-12)

Christmas Cookie Decorating in the Kitchen Sunday December 7th from 1:00-4:00 pm

⇒ Please RSVP to Baylee Hanson 701-770-2179 by Sunday November 30th.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 5
WELCA General Meeting 11:30 am to 1pm – Parlor

Thursday, November 6
Men In Mission – Noon Luncheon - Parlor

Sunday, November 9
WELCA ThankOffering - 9:30 am Worship Service

Wednesday, November 26
Joint Congregation Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 pm
Location: Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
1821 9th Ave W. Williston

Friday November 28th
Cocoa & Cookies
5pm in the narthex of the church during the Light Up Harmon Park event.

Saturday, December 13 WELCA Bake Sale – 2:00 pm FH

Sunday, December 14
Williston Chorale Concert
2:00 pm Sanctuary

Upcoming Youth Activities

Wednesday, November 12

 $\underline{Youth\ Group}-7{:}30\ following\ Confirmation\ \underline{Grades\ 6-8}$

Wednesday, November 19

Youth Group – 7:30 following Confirmation Grades 9 – 12

Sunday, November 23

Turkey Bingo 10:30 Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 7

<u>Youth Group</u> – 1 pm – 4 pm Christmas Cookie Decorating <u>Grades 6- 12</u> Sunday, December 14

Sunday School Christmas Program During 9:30 Worship Service Sanctuary Family Activity – Gingerbread Houses in Fellowship Hall following Program