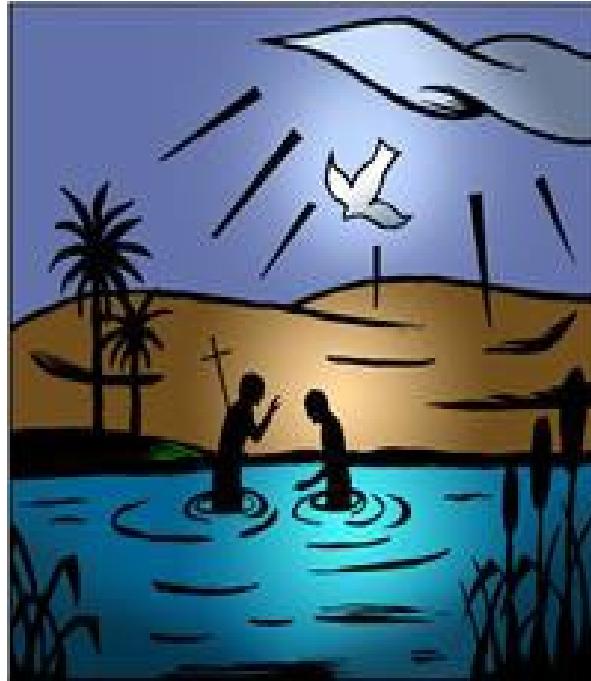


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Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Please stand

Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age - chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805-1876

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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,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.
Amen.

P Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty God, lover of justice,
C you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
C Amen.

P The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in [†] Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

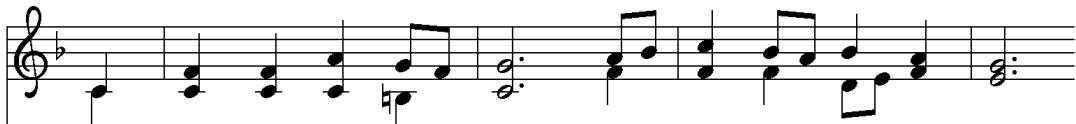
The assembly is seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(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!)

SONG OF PRAISE

Remember and Rejoice



1 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.
2 In life, in death, we trust in God's most ho - ly name,
3 We pledge our - selves a - new to flee the lures of hell,
4 God, bless us by your grace; re - mind us of your care.
5 Re - mem - ber and re - joice, re - newed by floods of grace.



We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.
for - ev - er traced by wa - ter sign, and sealed by Spir - it flame.
to cling to Christ's com - mu - ni - ty, in jus - tice, peace to dwell.
Re - new - ing Spir - it, fill us now, in - spire our work, our prayer.
We bear the sign of Je - sus Christ, that time can - not e - rase.



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

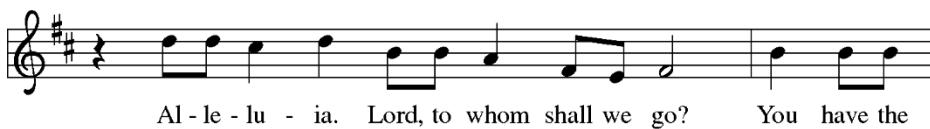
³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand to welcome the Gospel



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

C Glory to you, O Lord

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

A The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION

Pastor Zach Harris

Please stand

SONG OF THE DAY

Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Installation of WELCA Officers

*Sandy Winter
Lisa Zunich
Cindy Sorenson
Tina Hanson
Judy Johnson
Carol Jean Sandvik
Pauline Everson*

APOSTLES CREED

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 Apostles' Creed.

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

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.

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. Amen.

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

A As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

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 majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard

what you have prepared for those who love you,

yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered

to feed us with the reign of God come near,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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:

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.

P Come the table is prepared. All are welcome.

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

C Amen

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

P Let us Pray:

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the triune God,

who has put a new song in your mouth

and tuned your heart for praise

☩ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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.

Pastor	Zach Harris
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Music & Worship Coordinator	Meriel Lora
Music Director	Carmen Delaney
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	
Ushers	Randi Jangula
Reader	Arnie Siverson
Communion Servers	Randi Jangula, Diane Hagen
Coffee Hour	
Pianist	

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.

THANK YOU! A sincere thank you to those that helped decorate for Christmas as well as the youth that helped bring up boxes. There was a lot going on that day so we truly are thankful for your help.

We are **asking for volunteers** to assist in taking down and putting decorations in boxes **January 11** after a quick cup of coffee following worship. The work begins after we sweeten you up! Kathy Sinclair

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am Worship Service -S

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 Coffee Hour – FH

10:30 am Gospel Choir Prac-S

Monday, January 12

8:30 am Pastors/Lay Text Study

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

3:30 – 5:30 pm Kids Quilting Class – QR

6:00 pm Youth Committee-P

Tuesday, January 13

7 am Men’s Bible Study Gramma Sharon’s

12:00 pm-4:00 PEO-P

6:00 pm Council-MR

Wednesday, January 14

2:00 pm Women’s Bible Study P

6:00 pm Wed School Meal – FH

6:30 pm Wed School

6:30 pm Confirmation

Thursday, January 15

11:00 am Finance Committee-MR

12:00 pm Trust Fund Meeting-MR

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

3:30 – 5:30 pm Kids Quilting Class - QR

6:30 pm Boy Scouts – YR

Friday, January 16

Saturday, January 17

10:00 am Hope Circle-P

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am Worship Service -S

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour – FH

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Jim Hovde, Larene Grondahl, David Nelson,

Scott Shackelford, Abby Cymek,

Bob Benson, Darin Swensrud, Jean Lewis,

Vern Hendrickson, Dan Bloomquist,

Marion Hughes, Ron Raymond,

Sawyer Smith, Hector Miray

Sympathy and prayers:

To the family of Lorraine Christiansen

(Lorna Easton’s sister) her memorial

service was Wed Jan 7th in Maxbass, ND

and the family of Eugene Fenster (Liz

Stewart’s brother)

Military Service Members

Isaac Haugen, Lars Conway

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

Jan 4th-Jan 11th

- **Weekly Offering \$ 3,740.00**
- **Last week 111 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.

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY - JANUARY 25, 2026

Following 9:30 am Worship

The purpose of the Annual Congregational Meeting is to:

- Ratify the amendment to the FLC Constitution to bring it into alignment and compliance with the 2025 National Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Constitution.
- Ratify the updated by-laws and resolutions.
- Approve the 2026 FLC Budget and Nominations.
- Approve any other new resolutions.

Copies of:

1. Constitution Amendments and
2. By-laws are located in a binder at the reception desk for your review. Individuals may request to receive copies of the Constitution/Bylaws by via email. To receive a copy call the office at 572-6363 or email: rebecca@flcwilliston.com

Membership Opportunity

—As a heads up, during the month of February, Pastor Zach will offer an opportunity for folks who have not yet officially joined First Lutheran as a member. It has been a while since the Council officially verified the corrected membership roster that had become outdated and since we had a New Members opportunity. Since then, we have had a number of folks who have found First Lutheran to be their church home. Official membership in a congregation allows one to vote at congregational meetings and serve on Congregational Council. It also both publicly indicates a commitment to the ministry of First Lutheran and gives the congregation a more accurate idea of who are the folks who can be counted among this part of the body of Christ! So, if you or someone you know would like to make this official step, please let the church office know!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 11

Following worship Volunteers needed
to remove Christmas Decorations

Sunday, January 25

First Lutheran Church (FLC) -
Williston

Annual Congregational Meeting
Following 9:30 Am Worship

Sunday, February 15

Pastor Zach's last Sunday with us

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday Time: TBD

Saturday, February 28

Lutefisk Dinner
11 am - 5 pm

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday
First Communion
Time: TBD

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12

Easter Cantata