

**Christ is risen.
The tomb is empty.
Now what?**

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SUNDAY, MAY 30
JAMES, CHAPTER FIVE



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME! If you believe Jesus is the risen Son of God, or if you are here to explore the mysteries of faith... **WELCOME.** We are just glad you are here.

Please make yourself at home and let us know if there is anything you need. This bulletin will help you navigate worship at First Lutheran and opportunities to serve and connect with our faith community.



WHAT ARE WE ABOUT?

We want to make Jesus famous.

It is as simple as that. Our purpose in gathering here today is to make Jesus known and to know him better. Because if this isn't about Jesus, it isn't worth doing.



COMMUNION The sacrament of Communion is celebrated at all services the first and third Sundays and Wednesdays of each month. All are welcome to participate in this act of worship and remembrance. Children

who do not receive communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

WORSHIP We believe that all instruments, all voices and all people should praise the Lord. We do not worship a "style," we worship Jesus.



Traditional Worship follows a liturgy and the music centers around the organ and piano. The order of worship is inserted into the bulletin. **9 a.m. Sundays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel.**



CONNECTING We would love to get to know you better. Peruse our website for ways to connect through service, study, or community-building events. Fill out the blue post-it so we can keep in touch.



Celebration Worship uses a praise band and the order of worship and song lyrics are projected on the wall. **9 & 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Celebration Center on the west end of the church**



OFFERING We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship, obedience, and thanksgiving. If you are a guest, you are not expected or obligated to give.



BELONGING Each quarter, we host a new member BELONG class to introduce and welcome new members to First Lutheran. The next class will be held in the fall/October. Contact the church office for details.

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to bring people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow in the Christian faith.

May 30, 2021: Practice Resurrection

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Message | Rollie Johnson |
| Assisting Pastor | Pastor Laurie Neill |
| Music Minister | Michael Olson |
| Cantor | Gene Okerlund |

PRELUDE:

Battle Hymn of the Republic — arr. Phillip Keveren
Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Michael Olson, accompanist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS: *(please stand as you are able)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who gives us a new birth into a living hope, who raises us with Christ from death, who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us repent of our sin, and claim the promise of God.

Silence for reflection

P: Eternal God,

C: Your grace calls us toward growth and service in you. Yet we acknowledge the many times we have forgotten your mercy and rejected your love. Forgive us when we sin against you through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we neglect to think, speak, and do as you desire. Renew and restore us, O God. Help us to run the race you put before us with perseverance, patience, and passion. Amen.

P: Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness. Sing a song of redemption! Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

(ELW 413)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

(please be seated)

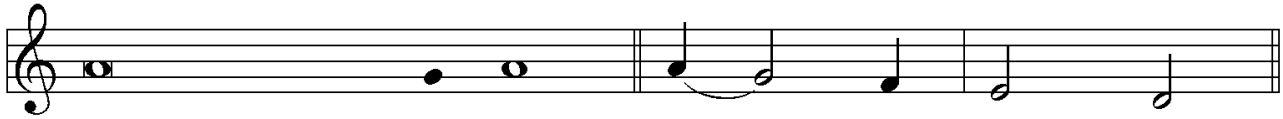
GREETING:

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

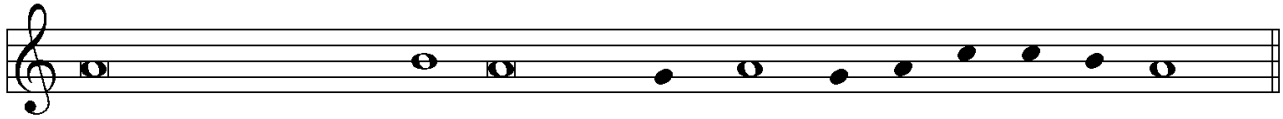
C: And also with you.

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KYRIE:



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



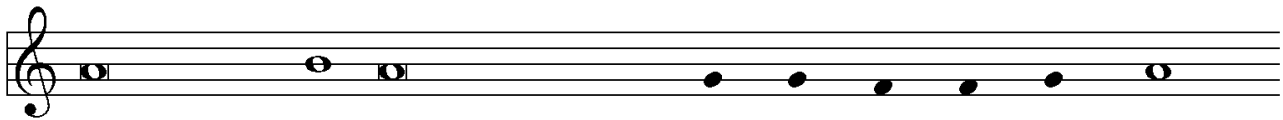
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



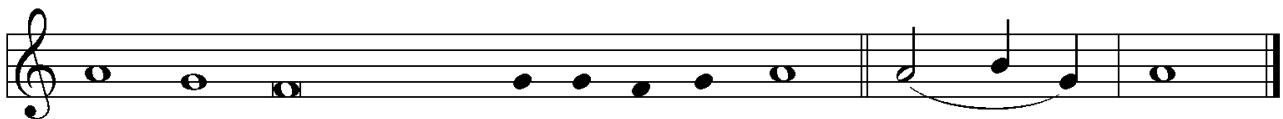
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 5:7-11

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

(please be seated)

MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(ELW 742)

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

OFFERING:

OFFERING OPTIONS

Thank you for your new or continued generosity towards God's mission at First Lutheran Church. In-person offerings may be dropped in the offering baskets at the entry/exit. Offerings can also be mailed to the church office and we encourage you to use our online giving and texting options.



ONLINE GIVING: www.flcfargo.org (from the Quick Links banner select **Donate Now**)



TEXT TO GIVE: Text 701.354.1495 with the dollar amount you would like to give



MAIL A CHECK: 619 Broadway, Fargo, ND 58102

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

This I Pray — Heather Sorenson
Gene Okerlund, vocalist
Michael Olson, accompanist

APOSTLES' CREED: *(please stand as you are able)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

(please be seated)

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S 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 the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

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SENDING HYMN: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

(ELW 618)

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

POSTLUDE:

Etude, Op. 10, No. 3 — Frederic Chopin
 Gene Okerlund, trumpet; Michael Olson, accompanist

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SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Over eight weeks in June and July, renowned local and regional musicians will perform a **FREE** concert Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on the corner of 6th Avenue and Broadway in downtown Fargo.

We invite you to join us to enjoy great music and to meet our neighbors in the downtown community. Event starts at 5 p.m. with **Food Trucks!***



MUSICAL ACTS (6 P.M.)

June 2 - Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome

June 9 - Becker County Dixieland Authority

June 16 - Penny & Pals (Kids Night/Chalk Art Crafts)

June 23 - Fargo Blues Machine

July 7 - Poitin

July 14 - Front Fenders

July 21 - David Ferreira & Friends

July 28 - River City



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*Visit flcfargo.org for more info on featured food trucks.

NEWS & EVENTS

Visit our website for more detailed information and to register, flcfargo.org.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Sunday, May 30, 10:15 a.m., Adult Ed Room

Join us for coffee and conversation each Sunday during May to dive into the book of James and further learn what it means to "Practice Resurrection." The chapters are short - we encourage you to read them weekly! This week we review James 5.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 30, worship schedule:

- 9 a.m., Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m., Coffee & Conversation, James 5
- 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Center (no 9 a.m. Celebration Worship).

Monday, May 31:

- Church/church office closed in observance of Memorial Day

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays, June-July, beginning June 2
5 p.m. food trucks, 6 p.m. concert

This summer we invite you to join us for great music and to meet our neighbors in the downtown community. Bring your own chair for seating comfort. See bulletin insert for concert details and schedule.

FLC @ MINNESOTA TWINS GAME

Tuesday, June 22, day trip to Minneapolis
7 a.m. departure, game time 12:10 p.m.
\$110 per person, register at flcfargo.org

FLC is heading to a Twins game! Spend a fun-filled afternoon at Target Field enjoying baseball and community as the Twins go up against the Cincinnati Reds. Hosted by Pastor Laurie.

CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389, info@flcfargo.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, THURS 8 a.m.—4 p.m.

WEDS 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

FRI: 8 a.m.—12 p.m.

SUN 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.

Wi-Fi: FLCGuest, password: FirstLutheran619

CELEBRATE PRAYER

We as God's people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly:

Brenda Cummins, Gail Zimprich, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Paul Hulberg, Orlan Loraas, Suzanne Spiese, Marilyn Parker, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aaseby, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, Linda Merkens, Nick DeNault, Gary Helland, Gerald Sauvageau, Pat Krebs, Dawn Nygord, Judy Loewen, Karen Breivold, Jan Vacha, Darlene Birkholz, Warren Birkholz, Tammy Birkholz, and George.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Our 2020/2021 online classes have ended for the school year. In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021 with a full class offering for ages 3-high school.

See the back page for scheduled Family Life summer events for our kids and families!



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THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 30

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, *James 5*, Adult Ed Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day

Church/church office closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

Wednesday, June 2

- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 5 p.m. Food Truck: Fargo Fillies/Mac Daddys
- 6 p.m. Summer Concert, Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome

Thursday, June 3

- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal for Mjoness/Sisk, Celebration Center
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom

Friday, June 4

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed
- 4:30 p.m. Wedding of Micaela Mjoness and Aaron Sisk, Celebration Center

Saturday, June 5

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, June 6 - Communion Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

CELEBRATE BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of **Palmer Wiemken**, daughter of Anna and Logan Wiemken.

FAMILY LIFE SUMMER EVENTS

First Lutheran's summer theme is FLC @. Because where you are @/at is where God is @! Check out where Kids at First and the Family Life Team will take you this summer.

- **FLC @ Harvest Hope Farm**, June 12, 9-11:30 a.m., preschool - kindergarten
- **FLC @ Rusty K Ranch**, June 28-July 1, 8:30 a.m.-noon, kids who have completed kindergarten-4th grade
- **FLC @ Fargo Basketball Academy for Holy Hoops**, July 26-27, 9 a.m.-noon, kids who have completed 1st-6th grade
- **FLC @ Camp Wilderness**, August 9-11, kids who have completed 5th-6th grade
- **FLC @ Moorhead Swamp Romp**, August 22, 2 p.m., Rollie's house, kids and families of any age

Visit flcfargo.org to register. Questions?: contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org.

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 6: Acts 9:1-22.

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BROADCAST SCHEDULE

- **Online:** Sundays 9 & 10:30 a.m., flcfargo.org and Facebook.
- **Radio:** Sundays 9 a.m., 970AM and 93.1FM.
- **TV:** Fargo: Sundays 1:30 p.m., Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. (channels Midco 68, Sparklight 1068); Moorhead: Sundays 5 p.m., Tuesdays 7 p.m. (channels Midco 99, Sparklight 69).