

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

MAY SERMON SERIES | THE BOOK OF JAMES

PRACTICE
RESURRECTION

SUNDAY, MAY 9
JAMES, CHAPTER TWO



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
INSPIRE · EQUIP · REACH



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WELCOME! If you sailed into church this morning on the tides of triumph or if you crawled in under the crushing blows of defeat... **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; 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary on the north end of the church



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 Sunday, May 23. 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 9, 2021: Celebration Worship
Practice Resurrection

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG: *God Of Wonders*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM: (10:30 a.m.)

Finn Derek Johnson,
son of Lisa and Derek Johnson

SONG: *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

CONFESSION / QUIET TIME

SONG: *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*
(refrain)

SCRIPTURE: James 2:14-19

MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

OFFERING:

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. Please reference the back page of the worship bulletin for more information or visit our website.

SONG: *How Great Is Our God*

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

First Lutheran Church Quilters Ministry/LWR

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Rise Up (Lazarus)*

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Worship has ended. Now service begins.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

ORDINATION OF MEGGIE BJERTNESS

Friday, May 14, 6 p.m., Sanctuary

We are thrilled to announce that Meggie Bjertness has completed her Master of Divinity education from Luther Seminary and has accepted a call to be the Associate Pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in East Grand Forks, MN. Meggie's ordination will take place on Friday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First Lutheran. Please join us as we congratulate her and her husband, Ben, on this momentous occasion.

GIDEONS MINISTRY

Sunday, May 16, all services

Gregg Webster will join us for worship to share an update on the Gideons' ministry. Gideons International places 2.7 Bibles / Testaments each second. They are placed into 203 countries around the world; 101 different languages; one at a time into the hand of a person or into a place where it will be read. An offering will be received to support the Bible placement ministry.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Sundays, May 2-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!

NEW MEMBER "BELONG" CLASS

Sunday, May 23, 10:15 a.m., CrossTalk Café

Welcome! Whether you have been coming to First Lutheran for a long time or are new to us, you are invited to make it official and become a member. Contact Missy Froeber, mfroeber@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

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OFFICE HOURS / WELCOME DESK:

MON, TUES, WEDS, THURS 8 a.m.—5 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, 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, Darlene Birkholz, Warren Birkholz, Tammy Birkholz, and George.

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Nadine Carlson**.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021. Online classes and at-home resources will continue through the school year.

Nursery (0-5 yrs): Closed until further notice (COVID precaution)

Kids at First (age 3-4th grade): at-home FLOCK Magazine and FLOCK online resources

56ers (5-6th grade): Wednesdays, 6 p.m., online Zoom, last class is May 12

Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation

(7-8th grade): Wednesdays, 7 p.m., online Zoom, classes ended May 5

Youth Group (9-12th grade): Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Great Hall, last meeting is May 12

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 9 - Mother's Day

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, *James 2*, 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 10

- 9 a.m. Quilters Ministry Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Staff Meeting, Adult Ed Room

Tuesday, May 11

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 9 a.m. MomTalk Steering Meeting, Great Hall
- 1 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Gathering Place
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

Wednesday, May 12

- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 6 p.m. *Face-to-Face* Online Worship, flcfargo.org and Facebook
- 6 p.m. 56ers, online Zoom
- 8 p.m. Youth Group, Great Hall

Thursday, May 13

- 7 a.m. Global Missions Meeting, Luther Room
- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom

Friday, May 14

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed
- 6 p.m. Ordination of Meggie Bjertness, Sanctuary
- 8 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal for Watts/Laxdal, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 15

- 4:30 p.m. Wedding of Alexis Watts and Bryce Laxdal, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 16 - Communion Sunday

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, *James 3*, Adult Ed Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

FAMILY LIFE SUMMER EVENTS

First Lutheran's summer theme is FLC @. Because where you are @ 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

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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 16: James, chapter 3.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given in loving memory of **Hazel Thompson**, from her daughters DeLores Wolf and Bev Vandrovec. The flowers on the organ are given in honor of **Kathy, Winnie, Judy & Robert, and Jan & Duane**, from their family.

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of **Finn Johnson**, son of Lisa and Derek Johnson.

SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

- **Online Giving:** 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 N, Fargo, ND 58102

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).