

**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
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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: Practice Resurrection

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Message	Pastor Marty Tollefson
Assisting Pastor	Pastor Laurie Neill
Music Minister	Michael Olson
Cantor	Herb Parker

PRELUDE:

Processional for a Joyful Day — Dale Wood
Michael Olson, organist

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,

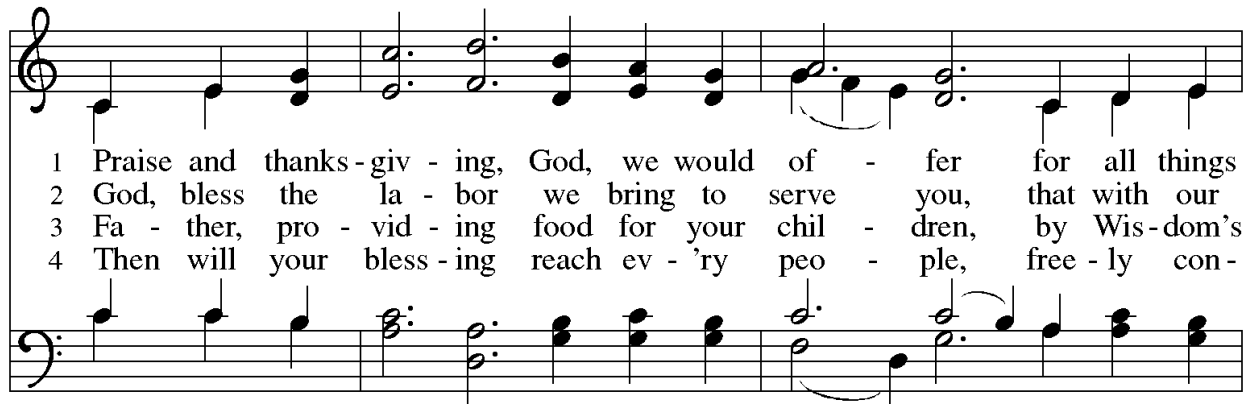
C: Your grace calls us toward growth and service in you. Yet we acknowledge the many times we have forgotten your mercy and rejected your love. Forgive us when we sin against you through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we neglect to think, speak, and do as you desire. Renew and restore 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: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

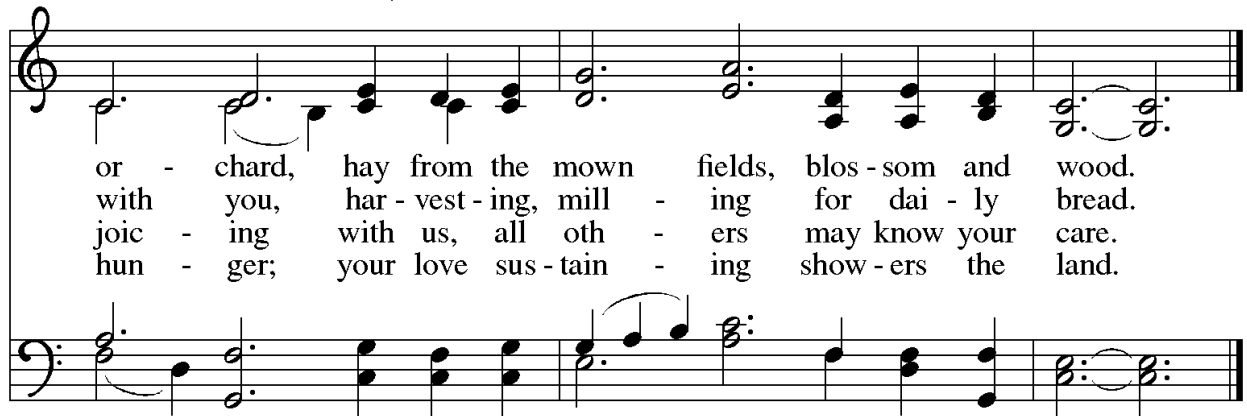
(ELW 689)



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

(please be seated)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE:

Take My Life, That I May Be — arr. David Ferreira
Herb Parker, Dorian Olson, Phil Sallberg, David Ferreira, Carl Wichman, Terry Yoney
Michael Olson, accompanist

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.**

KYRIE:



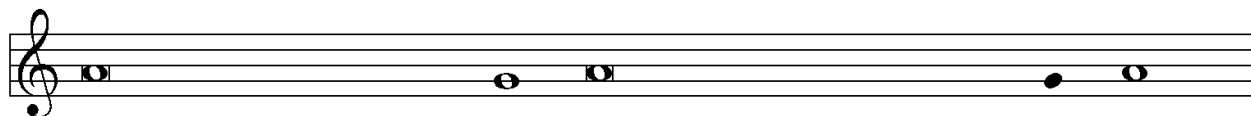
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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,

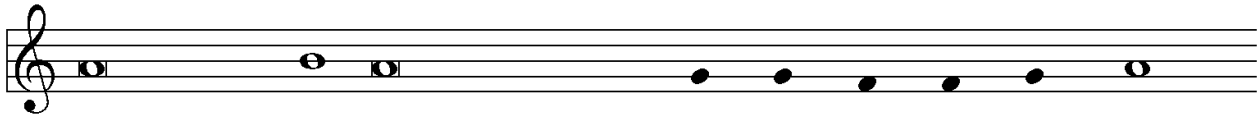


and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



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

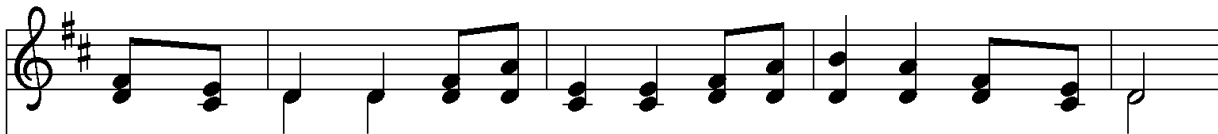


Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ☐ A - men

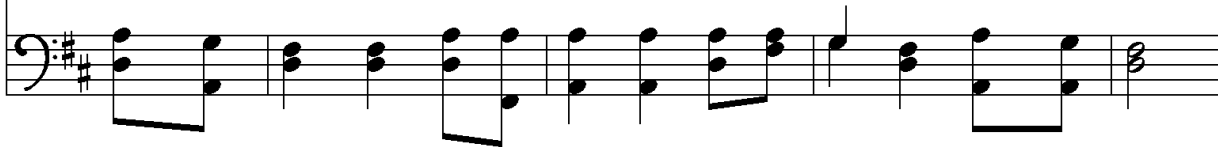
HYMN OF PRAISE:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

(ELW 807)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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 2:1-17

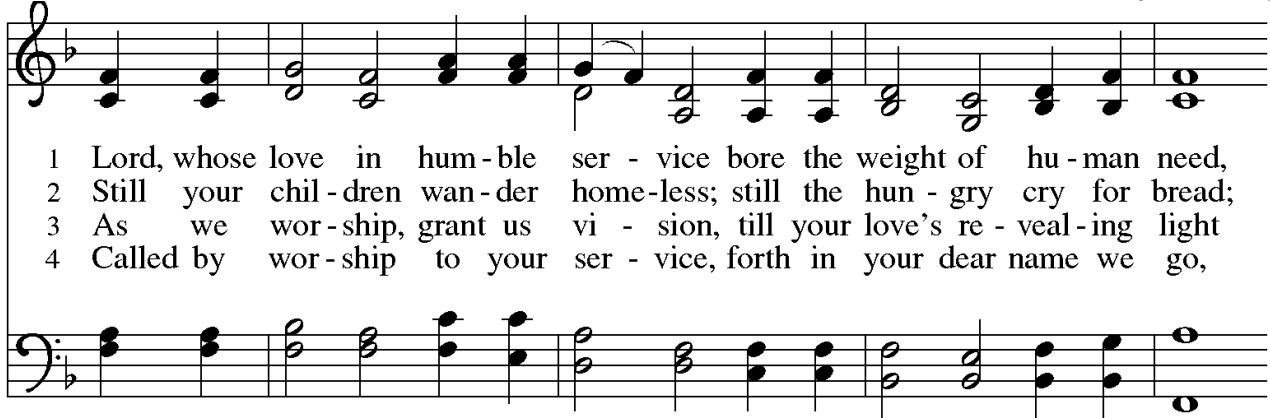
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MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

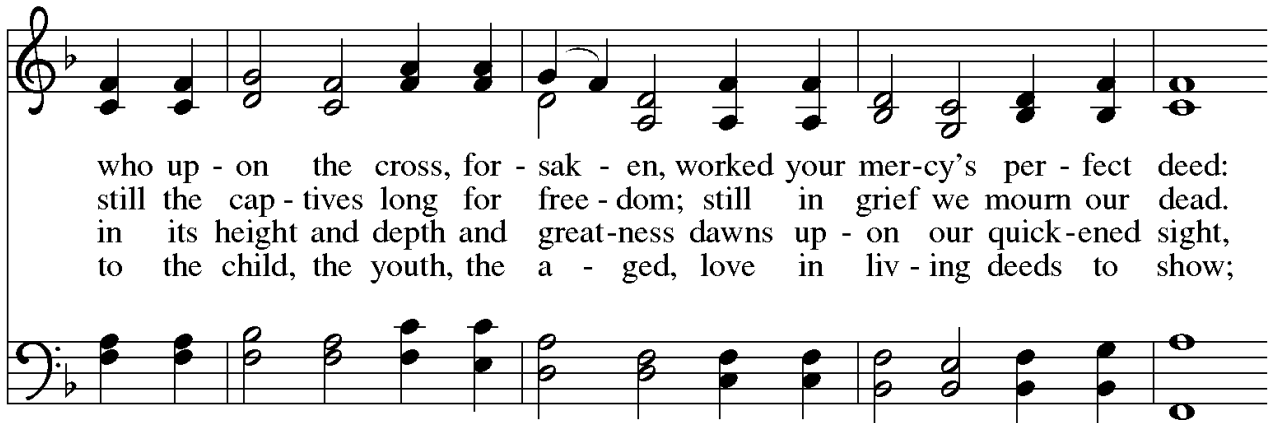
HYMN OF THE DAY:

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

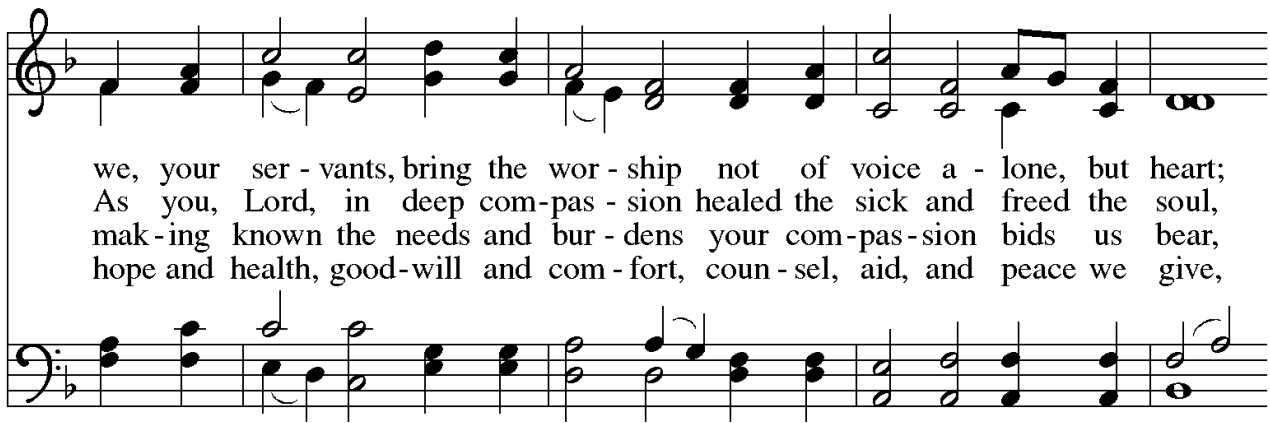
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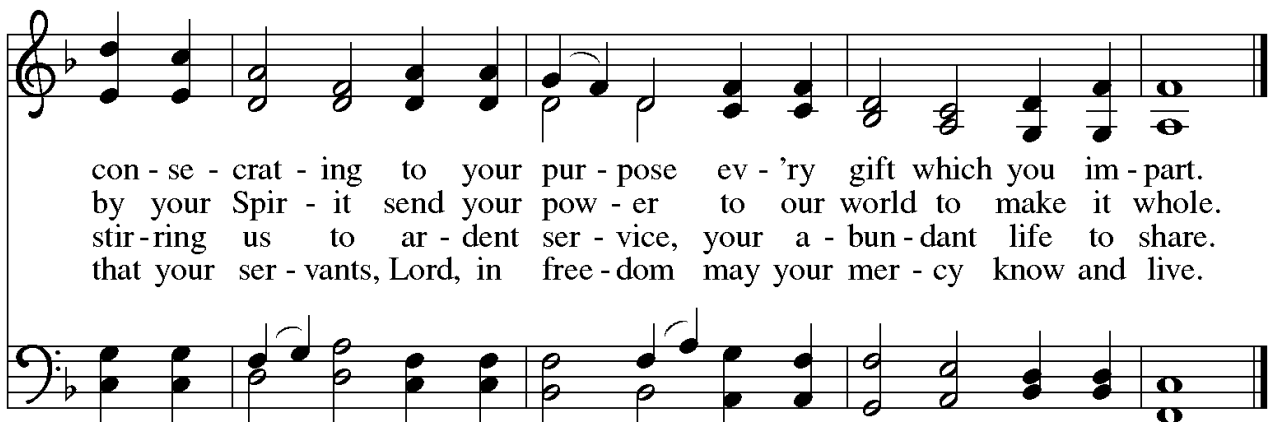
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,




con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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:

Now Walk With God — Otis Skillings
Herb Parker, 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)*

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: *First Lutheran Church Quilters Ministry/LWR*

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(please stand as you are able)

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

SENDING HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

(ELW 547)



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

POSTLUDE:

Trumpet Tune — Mark Sedio
Michael Olson, organist

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.

CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389, info@flcfargo.org

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.

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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).