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SUNDAY, APRIL 25  
JOHN 15:1-17

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LIVE  
LOVE  
LEAD  
*like Jesus*



**ON BROADWAY**

*let your  
light  
shine*

MATT. 6:18



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**WELCOME!** Rich or poor... Satisfied or hungry... Liberal or conservative... Traditional or contemporary... Casual or formal... **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.*

**April 25, 2021: Celebration Worship**  
***Live, Love, Lead like Jesus***

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONG:** *Let It Rise*

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

*Boone James Johnson,*  
son of Michelle and Travis Johnson

**SONG:** *Psalm 62 (Only In God)*

**CONFESSION / QUIET TIME**

**SONG:** *Psalm 62 (Only In God) (refrain)*

**GOSPEL SCRIPTURE:** John 15:1-17

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Marty Tollefson

**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:** *The Lamb Of God*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG:** *Blessed Be Your Name*

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

***Worship has ended. Now service begins.***

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

MAY SERMON SERIES | THE BOOK OF JAMES

# PRACTICE RESURRECTION

*Practice Resurrection:* what do we do, and how do we live now that the tomb is empty?

We will practice together by reading and studying the book of James. Each Sunday we will take up one chapter in worship, and at 10:15 a.m. join us for coffee and conversation in the Adult Ed Room, hosted by the Sanctuary preacher.

*Worship times: 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 9 and 10:30 a.m. in the Celebration Center.*

May 2 - James 1

May 9 - James 2

May 16 - James 3

May 23 - James 4

May 30 - James 5



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## NEWS & EVENTS

**Visit our website for more detailed information and to register, [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org).**

### NEW WOMEN'S ONLINE BOOK STUDY STARTING IN MAY

Tuesdays, May 4-June 1, 1:30 p.m.  
Thursdays, May 6-June 3, 7 p.m.  
Register at [flcfargo.org](http://flcfargo.org) for the Zoom link

For the month of May, we as a church will be looking at the book of James for our sermon series called, "Practice Resurrection." Christ is risen. The tomb is empty. NOW WHAT? James calls us to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Bob Goff's book, *Love Does*, helps us explore what that looks like. Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite book seller.

Contact Pastor Laurie, [lneill@flcfargo.org](mailto:lneill@flcfargo.org), or 701.235.7389 with any questions.

### MISSION SOUP: TO-GO

Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m.-noon, Great Hall

April 25 is the last Mission Soup of the season. Stop into the Great Hall to pick-up soup to-go. Proceeds benefit local and global non-profits providing assistance to those in need. Soup varieties include Knoephla, chili, chicken noodle, and more...

### 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." We'll begin with James chapter 1 on May 2. The chapters are short - we encourage you to read them weekly!

**CHURCH OFFICE: 701.235.7389, [info@flcfargo.org](mailto: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, Dan and Janna Westerholm, Marilyn Parker, Betty Wilson, Liz Gibb, Roger Hansen, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aseby, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, Linda Merkens, and George.*

The sympathy and prayers of First Lutheran are offered to the family and friends of **Erna Bang**, mother of Sue Ellen Nelson; and **Dorothy Friskop**, sister-in-law of LaMae Friskop..

## 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

### Servant Leadership Academy/Confirmation

**(7-8th grade):** Wednesdays, 7 p.m., online Zoom

**Youth Group (9-12th grade):** Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Great Hall

## YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, April 25

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

### Monday, April 26

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

### Tuesday, April 27

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 9 a.m. MomTalk Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 1 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd
- 6 p.m. BeFriender Ministry Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

### Wednesday, April 28

- 8 a.m. Meal Prep for Churches United, Celebration Kitchen
- 12:45 p.m. Organ Recital by Michael Olson, Sanctuary
- 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel/Great Hall
- 6 p.m. 56ers, online Zoom
- 7 p.m. SLA/Confirmation, online Zoom
- 8 p.m. Youth Group, Great Hall

### Thursday, April 29

- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room

### Friday, April 30

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed
- 6 p.m. Rehearsal for Olson/Huset, Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 1

- 3 p.m. Wedding of Abigail Olson and Forest Huset, Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 2 - 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 (book of James), Adult Ed Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café

## BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptisms of **Boone Johnson**, son of Michelle and Travis Johnson; **Paisley Pfaff**, daughter of Kaylee Stoetzer and David Pfaff; and the recent baptism of **Natalie Bushy**, daughter of Ashley Steiner and Matthew Bushy.

## FLOWERS

The altar flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of **Paul Stark's** 90th birthday (April 30), from his family.

## SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

- **Online Giving:** [flcfargo.org](http://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](http://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).