



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

MAY SERMON SERIES | THE BOOK OF JAMES

PRACTICE
RESURRECTION

SUNDAY, MAY 16
JAMES, CHAPTER THREE



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME! If your life has been blessed or if you are looking to be blessed...
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 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 16, 2021: Celebration Worship
Practice Resurrection

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:

The Gideons International - Gregg Webster

SONG: *King of Kings*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

*Dear Jesus,
I confess that I want to see and I want to know. I want to see what's next, what's around the next bend in my life, and how this difficult situation turns out. I don't like walking in the fog. I don't like being stuck in the middle, and I want to get to the other side. I get angry and frustrated with you, when my prayers seemingly go unanswered or return in a different way than I expected. I grow weary and worrisome when you appear to be silent and distant and I cannot see your face, hear your voice, or feel your touch. I'm sorry I rely so much on only what I can see. Give me the eyes and heart to simply walk forward without sight or knowledge of what will be. Help me to trust and walk by faith not by sight. Amen.*

QUIET TIME

SONG: *God of All My Days*

SCRIPTURE: James 3:3-12

MESSAGE: Pastor Laurie Neill

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.

WORDS OF PROMISE / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS:

*Nobody Loves Me Like You
Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: *Child Of Love*

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.

GIDEONS MINISTRY

Today, Sunday, May 16, all services

Gregg Webster joins 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.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

Sunday, May 23, 10:30 a.m., Celebration Center

Next Sunday we are recognizing our graduating high school seniors! Please join us to celebrate with them this milestone and support them in prayer as they begin the next phase of their education / vocational endeavors.

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.
Jeremiah 29:11

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, Pat Krebs, Suzanne Spiese, Marilyn Parker, Marlene Young, Wes Briggs, Shawn Orvedal, Doug Aaseby, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, Linda Merkens, Nick DeNault, Gary Helland, Gerald Sauvageau, Dawn Nygord, Judy Loewen, Darlene Birkholz, Warren Birkholz, Tammy Birkholz, and George.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Our online classes have ended for the school year. In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021. See the back page for scheduled Family Life summer events for our kids!

5TH-8TH GRADERS YEAR END PARTY

Wednesday, May 19, 6 p.m., Thunder Road

Please join us Wednesday, May 19, 6-7 p.m. at Thunder Road for Food & Games! Upon arrival, check-in with the First Lutheran group and you will receive some tokens/tickets for games. We can't wait to see you to celebrate the end of the school year. Contact Marlee Robertson, mrobertson@flcfargo.org with any questions.

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THIS WEEK

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
- 4:45 p.m. Salvation Army Sunday Supper, 304 Roberts St N, Fargo

Monday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 18

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 1 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 7 p.m. Sue Nagel's Students in Recital, Celebration Center

Wednesday, May 19

- 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. 5th-8th Graders Year End Party, Thunder Road, 2902 Thunder Rd S, Fargo

Thursday, May 20

- 12 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting, Adult Ed Room
- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom

Friday, May 21

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 22

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, May 23

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. New Member Belong Class, CrossTalk Café
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, *James 4*, Adult Ed Room
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Celebration Center
- 12:30 p.m. Open Doors For All Nations Worship, CrossTalk Café
- 1:30 p.m. Students of Mary Weisser in Recital, Celebration Center

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 23: James, chapter 4.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given in honor of **Jan Stoffel**, from Judy, Kathy, Tom, David, Sharon and their families.

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of **Madilyn Pomey**, daughter of Alia and Matt Pomey.

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).