

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

MAY SERMON SERIES | THE BOOK OF JAMES

PRACTICE
RESURRECTION

SUNDAY, MAY 2
JAMES 1:19-27



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WELCOME! Whether you are feeling like a sinner or a saint today, you are **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 2, 2021: Celebration Worship
Practice Resurrection

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG: *I Lift My Hands*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

*Dear Lord,
I have failed to see you in the world around me.
I have failed to see your face on my neighbor.
Like a self-righteous Pharisee, I have walked by
those in need. I have judged and looked with
contempt on others less fortunate than I. I have
selfishly hoarded the resources of time, money
and food that you first gave to me. Open my
eyes Lord soften my heart. Give me ears to hear
where you are calling me to help. Amen.*

QUIET TIME

SONG: *There Was Jesus*

SCRIPTURE: James 1:1, 19-27

MESSAGE: Pastor Corey Bjertness

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Your Name - Paul Baloche
Amy and Eldon 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.*

WORDS OF PROMISE / LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION SONGS:

Word of God Speak
I Can Only Imagine

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.



**FIRST
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Calling All Closet Cleaners and Miracle Makers...

This spring,

First Lutheran is partnering with Lutheran World Relief to make baby care kits to provide the basics to families in need. We invite you to participate!

Visit lwr.org/babycarekits for more information on kit items and instructions for making cloth diapers from flannel or cotton t-shirts.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Welcome Desk now through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9.

Kit items include

- » Lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- » Long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- » Receiving blankets; cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- » Jackets, sweaters, or sweatshirts with a hood
- » Socks
- » Hand towels (dark color recommended)
- » Bath-size bars of gentle soap
- » Diaper pins
- » Gently-used cloth diapers

Questions? Contact Pr. Stephanie Tollefson,
stollefson@flcfargo.org, or 701.235.7389.

NEWS & EVENTS

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

NEW WOMEN'S ONLINE BOOK STUDY

Tuesdays, May 4-June 1, 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, May 6-June 3, 7 p.m.

Register at 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, or 701.235.7389 with any questions.

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!

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 Aseby, Barb Orvedal, Charlotte Nielson, Nick DeNault, Gary Helland, Gerald Sauvageau, Janice Kloster, Darlene Birkholz, Warren Birkholz, Tammy Birkholz, and George.*

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, last class is 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 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
- 2 p.m. Vonnie Halstenson's Students in Recital, Celebration Center

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, Fellowship Hall
- 9 a.m. MomTalk Spring Brunch, Great Hall
- 1 p.m. Knit and Crochet Group, Bethany on 42nd
- 1:30 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Health Ministry Meeting, online Zoom
- 6 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

Wednesday, May 5

- 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
- 7 p.m. SLA/Confirmation, online Zoom
- 8 p.m. Youth Group, Great Hall

Thursday, May 6

- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom

Friday, May 7

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 8

No Scheduled Activities

Sunday, May 9

- 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

FAMILY LIFE SUMMER EVENTS

First Lutheran's summer theme is FLC @. Because where you are @ is where God is @! Check out where Kids @ 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 8-10, 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 9: James, chapter 2.

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of **Brooks Lehmann**, son of McKenzie and Zachary Lehmann.

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).