

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

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PRACTICE  
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SUNDAY, MAY 16  
*JAMES, CHAPTER THREE*



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

**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: Practice Resurrection*

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>Message</b>	<b>Pastor Stephanie Tollefson</b>
<b>Assisting Pastor</b>	<b>Pastor Corey Bjertness</b>
<b>Music Minister</b>	<b>Michael Olson</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>David Ferreira</b>

## PRELUDE:

*Aria* — Charles Callahan  
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: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

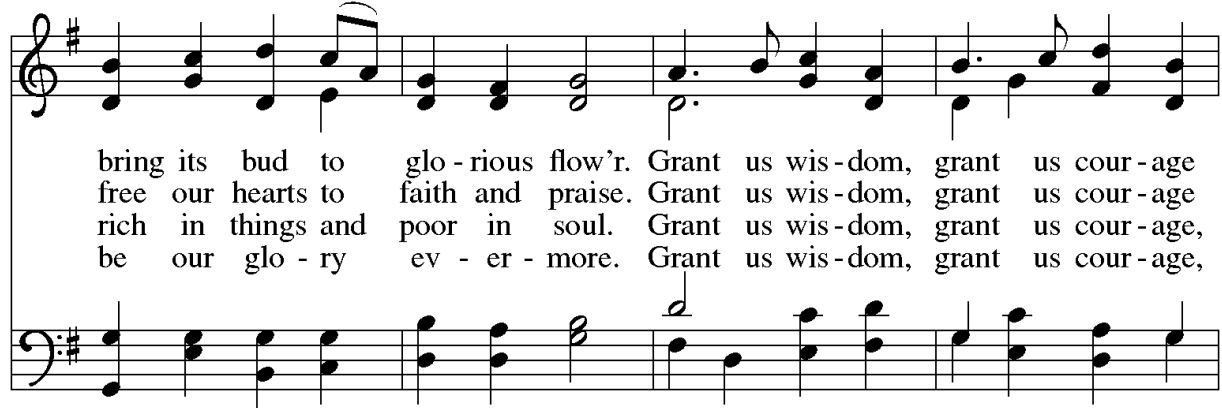
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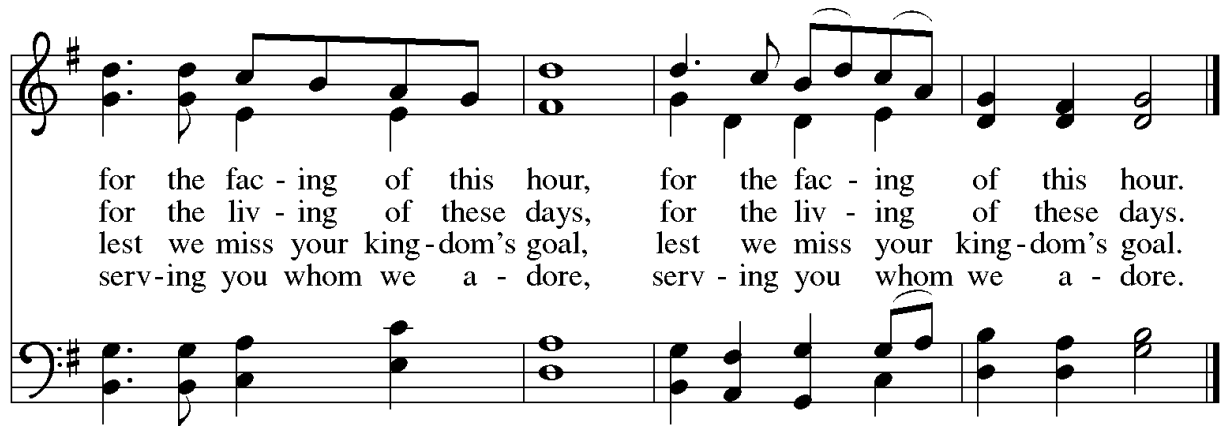
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

*(please be seated)*

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE:**

*Peace Like a River* — arr. Charles Kirby

Kathy Ferreira, Linda Jaeger, Kate Moe, Vangie Parker, David Ferreira, Herb Parker  
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.

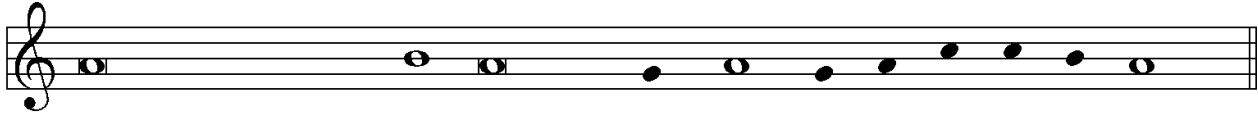
**C: And also with you.**

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**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.



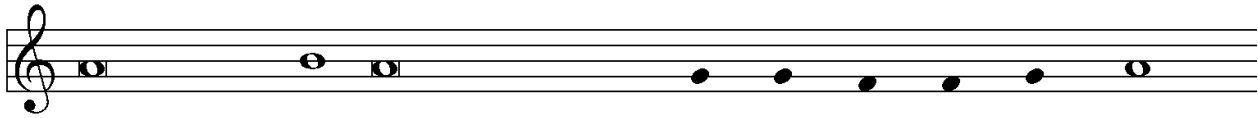
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



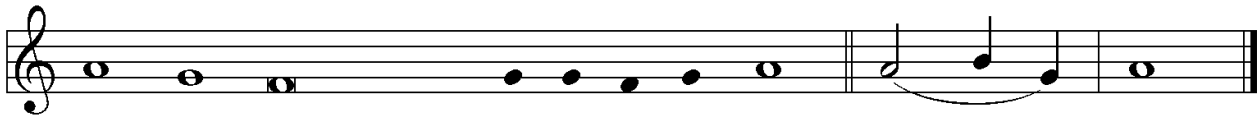
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE:**



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Show us your ways, Lord, and teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth and instruct in your ways, for you are God our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. (Psalm 25:4-5)**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** James 3:1-12

*(please be seated)*

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Stephanie Tollefson

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.



**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:**




*The Gideons International/Gregg Webster*

**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 is an easy and convenient way to "set it and forget it."**

-  **ONLINE GIVING:** [www.flcfargo.org](http://www.flcfargo.org) (from the Quick Links banner select "Donate Now")
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**MUSICAL MEDITATION:**

*I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me* — H.T. Burleigh  
David Ferreira, 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)*

**PRAYERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

## WORDS OF PROMISE

### 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;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

(ELW 461)

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: *Now We Join in Celebration*

(ELW 462)

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!  
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**    *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

(ELW 479)



1 We come to the hun - gry feast    hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast    hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast    hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**

SENDING HYMN: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

(ELW 534)

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.  
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;  
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.  
that in this house have called up - on your name.  
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.  
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

POSTLUDE: *Children of the Heavenly Father* — Dale Wood  
Michael Olson, organist

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Visit our website for more detailed information and to register, [flcfargo.org](http://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](mailto: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, 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](mailto:mrobertson@flcfargo.org) with any questions.

## YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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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](http://flcfargo.org) to register. Questions?: contact Marlee Robertson, [mrobertson@flcfargo.org](mailto: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

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