

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

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PRACTICE  
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SUNDAY, MAY 23  
*JAMES, CHAPTER FOUR*



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

INSPIRE. EQUIP. REACH.

**WELCOME!** If you are here today seeking God or here to praise the God that has already found you... **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 23, 2021: Practice Resurrection*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>Message</b>	<b>Pastor Corey Bjertness</b>
<b>Assisting Pastor</b>	<b>Pastor Laurie Neill</b>
<b>Music Minister</b>	<b>Michael Olson</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	<b>Linda Jaeger</b>

### PRELUDE:

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — Diane Bish  
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,

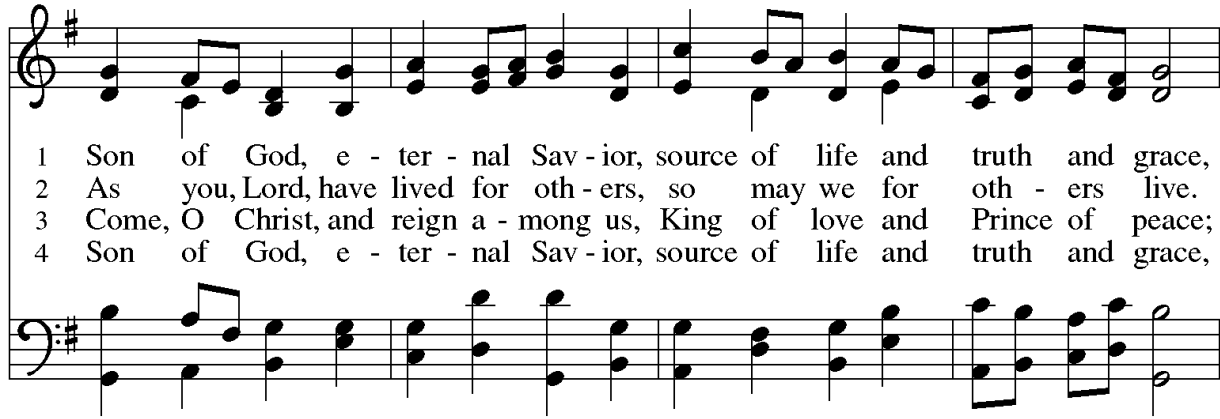
**C: Your grace calls us toward growth and service in you. Yet we acknowledge the many times we have forgotten your mercy and rejected your love. Forgive us when we sin against you through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we neglect to think, speak, and do as you desire. Renew and restore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

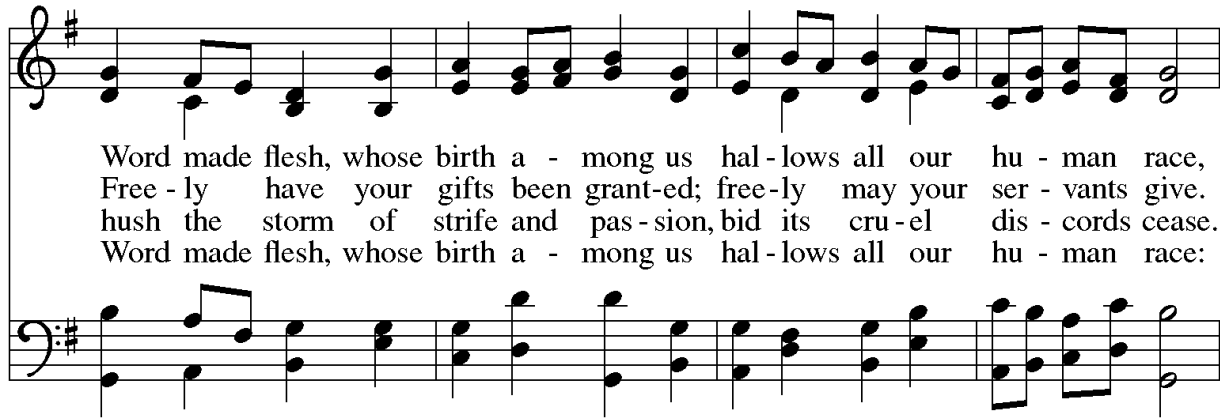
**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

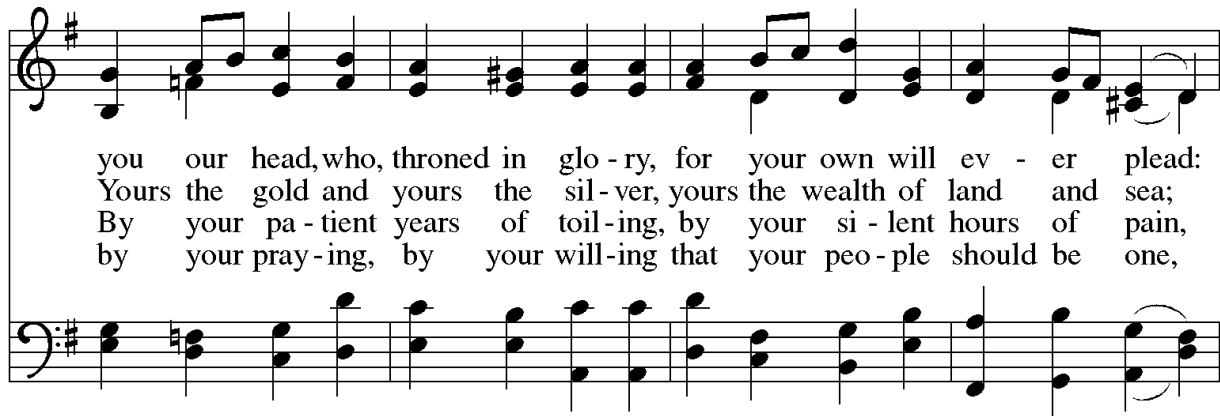
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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

*(please be seated)*

**VOCAL ENSEMBLE:**

*Sing Them Over Again to Me* — arr. Gilbert Martin  
Kathy Ferreira, Linda Jaeger, 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.

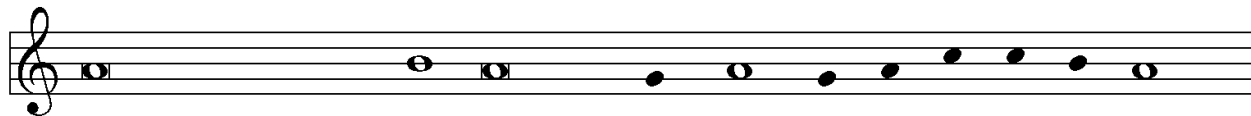
**C: And also with you.**

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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.



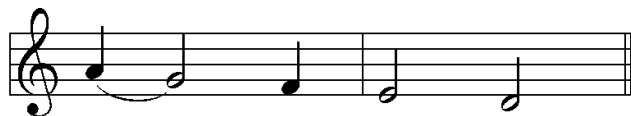
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



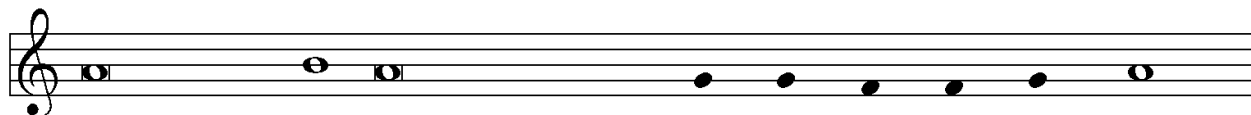
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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,



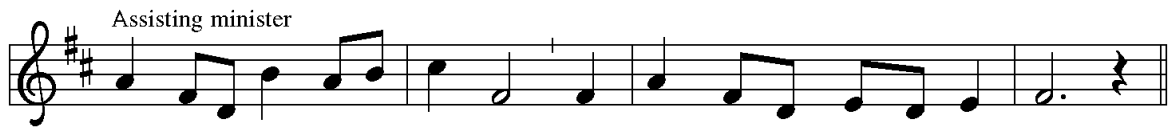
let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE:

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Gracious God, grant us the courage to resist the ways of the world and the humility to submit ourselves to you. Spur us to come near to you so that you will come near to us. Teach us to humble ourselves before you so that you may lift us up. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** James 4:TBD

*(please be seated)*

**MESSAGE:** Pastor Corey Bjertness

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Day by Day* (ELW 790)

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## 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](http://www.flcfargo.org) (from the Quick Links banner select "Donate Now")



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## MUSICAL MEDITATION:

*For All the World* — Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell  
Linda Jaeger, 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

**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.**

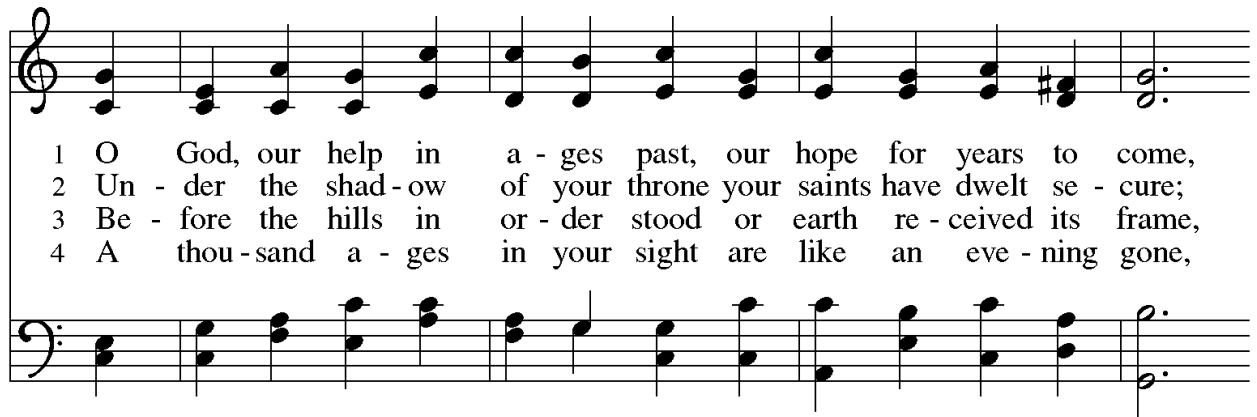
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**BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**

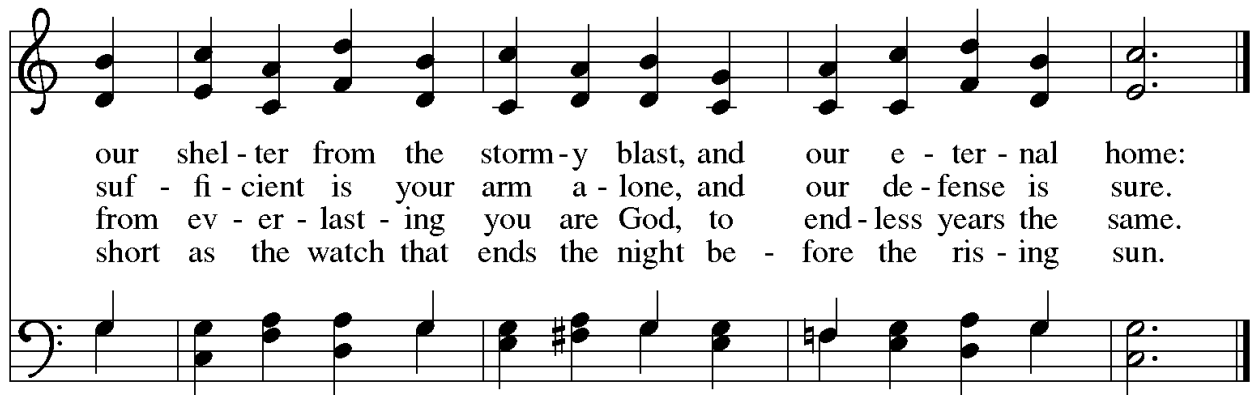
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**SENDING HYMN:** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

(ELW 632)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

**POSTLUDE:**

*Trumpet Tune in D Major* — Milan Crepp  
Michael Olson, organist

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# SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Over eight weeks in June and July, renowned local and regional musicians will perform a **FREE** concert Wednesdays at 6 p.m. on the corner of 6th Avenue and Broadway in downtown Fargo.

We invite you to join us to enjoy great music and to meet our neighbors in the downtown community. Event starts at 5 p.m. with **Food Trucks!**\*

## MUSICAL ACTS (6 P.M.)

**June 2** - Post-Traumatic Funk Syndrome

**June 9** - Fargo Blues Machine

**June 16** - Penny & Pals (Kids Night/Chalk Art Crafts)

**June 23** - TBD

**July 7** - Poitin

**July 14** - Front Fenders

**July 21** - David Ferreira & Friends

**July 28** - TBD

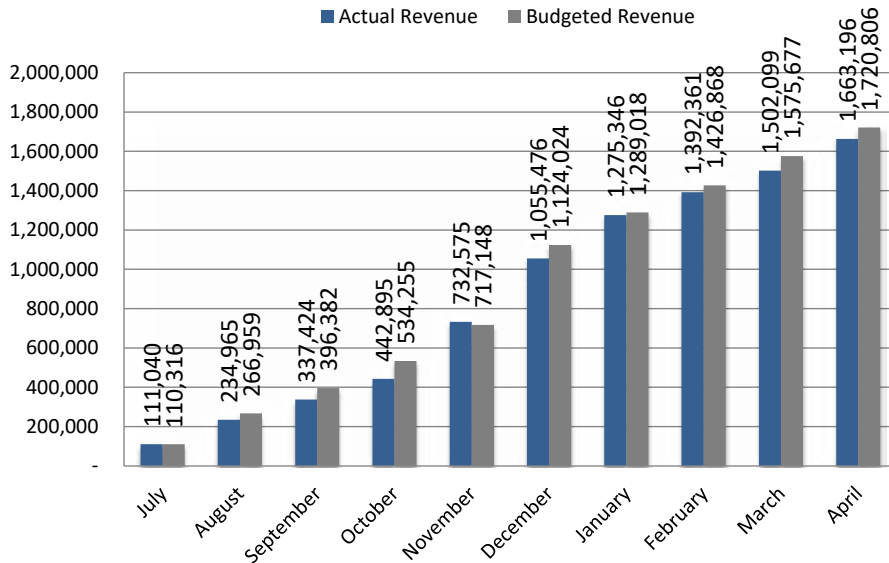


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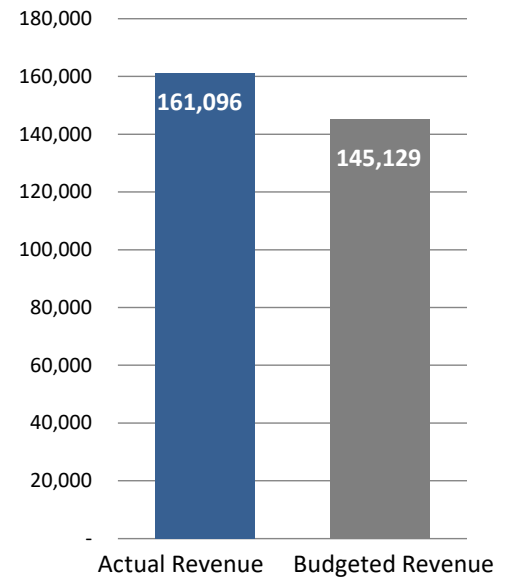
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# GENEROSITY REPORT

## STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS FY 2020-21 GENERAL FUND



## FLC APRIL STEWARDSHIP



## APRIL MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Amy Carey

for Samaritan from Chuck & Marie Swanson  
for General from Dr. Greg & Kristen Lehman  
for General from Emily Burggraaf  
for Befrienders from Gary & Ruth Hanson  
for General from Harold & Judy Thompsen  
for General from James & Danelle Walker  
for General from Jeff & Rebecca Galt  
for General from Kay Carlson  
for Cathedral Choir from Lillian Cole  
for General from Pat McCabe  
for Befrienders from Reed & Marianna Malm  
for Foundation from Ruth Dunncliff  
for General from Travis & Rose Dunn

### In Memory of Dorothy Friskop

for General from Carol Anderson

### In Memory of Dr. James Frisk

for Bible School from Barbara Hawkins  
for General from Charles & Karen Nelson  
for General from Joe Lempe

for General from Karen Smithson  
for Parish Nurse from Gary & Paula Anderson  
for Foundation from Myron & Juliet Thoreson  
for General from Noel & Judy Fedje  
for Samaritan from Rob & Karla Lyngstad  
for General from Terry Scherling

### In Memory of Gordon Everson

for Foundation from Mavis & John Bennett  
for Music from Reed & Marianna Malm

### In Memory of Nancy Erickson

for Foundation from Craig & Julie Johnson  
for General from David & Kay Currier  
for General from David & Rebecca Berg  
for Women/Kitchen from Ruth Samson  
for General from Sally Larsen  
for General from Scott Askerooth & Kristen Scheel  
for General from Travis & Rose Dunn

### In Memory of Rod Capistran

for Music from Jeff & Christina Athy

## NEWS & EVENTS

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

### HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION

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

Today we recognize 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!

### STAFF UPDATE: ERIK CARLSON

Today is Erik’s last regular Sunday with us at First Lutheran. Erik has accepted a new role at Hawley Lutheran Church to be their worship leader and youth director, effective June 1. Please extend congratulations to Erik as he continues his faith journey at Hawley Lutheran. We will miss him!

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

On Sunday, May 30, the worship schedule is:

- 9 a.m., Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m., Coffee & Conversation, James 5
- 10:30 a.m., Contemporary Worship in the Celebration Center (no 9 a.m. Celebration Worship).

Monday, May 31:

- Church/church office closed in observance of Memorial Day

**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

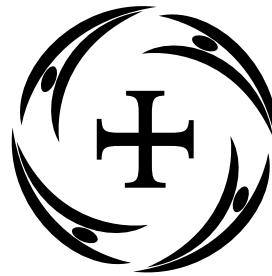
We as God’s people believe in the power of prayer. Please pray for the following who have asked to be prayed for publicly:

*Brenda Cummins, Gail Zimprich, Janice Ames, Pam Burley, Paul Hulberg, Orlan Loraas, 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, Karen Breivold, Darlene Birkholz, Warren Birkholz, Tammy Birkholz, and George.*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kids are an important part of FLC! Our 2020/2021 online classes have ended for the school year. In-person classes will resume in Fall 2021 with a full class offering for ages 3-high school.

*See the back page for scheduled Family Life summer events for our kids and families!*



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

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Tracy Farmer, Treasurer	701.356.0324
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Gary Inman, Past Chair	701.371.1563

## THIS WEEK

### 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

### Monday, May 24

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

### Tuesday, May 25

- 7 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
- 8 a.m. Helping Hands, 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
- 6:30 p.m. BeFriender Meeting, Adult Ed Room

### Wednesday, May 26

- 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. *Face-to-Face* Online Worship, flcfargo.org and Facebook

### Thursday, May 27

- 12 p.m. Small Group Bible Study, Heritage Room
- 1 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering, Fellowship Hall
- 7 p.m. Women's Book Study, online Zoom

### Friday, May 28

- 12 p.m. Church/Church Office Closed
- 6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal for Spiese/Beethe, Sanctuary

### Saturday, May 29

- 4 p.m. Wedding of Julia Spiese and Trace Beethe, Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 30

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- 10 a.m. Coffee Fellowship, Great Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Conversation, *James 5*, 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 @/at 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
- **FLC @ Moorhead Swamp Romp**, August 22, 2 p.m., Rollie's house, kids and families of any age

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 30: James, chapter 5.

## SUPPORT FLC MINISTRIES

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## 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).