

From the Ground Up

BELIEVE

GROW

BUILD

COMMITMENT

CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 7 @ 9:45AM

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, ALEXANDRIA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

WORSHIP NOISY OFFERING

REFRESHMENTS PLEDGE CARDS

- Located in "The Nest" (off the Commons)
- Fully Staffed
- Toys & Snacks provided!

Nursery Available Today!



Summer Worship

Begins
 Sunday, May 28!
Saturday

5:00pm	Worship @ FLC
	Sunday
8:30am	Worship @ FLC
9:45am	Worship @ FLC
10:30am	Lake Carlos State Park Worship
11:00am	City Park Worship

**In case of rainy weather, an announcement will be made at the 9:45am worship service on KXRA 1490 AM.

May Sermon Series

"I have seen the Lord!"

"I have seen the Lord," Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples after finding Jesus at the empty tomb. The good news this Easter season is that Jesus is not in the tomb, but alive in the world. Join us in worship, beginning May 14, as we reflect on the ways that we encounter the Risen Lord in our lives.





Welcome! Today is a day of Celebration. As we gather for worship this morning, we are at a pivotal time in the life of First Lutheran. We have been blessed and God is doing great things in our midst. Later in the service, we will commit our pledges for the “From the Ground Up” Capital Campaign. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support as together, we make this bold step of faith.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Randy Morken

FROM THE GROUND UP VIDEO

OPENING

“Life’s a Happy Song”

WELCOME

GREETING

- P** This is the day the Lord has made.
- G** Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
- P** We gather in the name of Christ
- G** To celebrate and give thanks.

Please take a moment to greet one another...

- P** We are grateful for this chance to come together as one congregation to worship and celebrate God’s leading in our lives. It is exciting to have a shared vision and mission that is leading us forward and full of possibility. As we begin, let us do so with this prayer of invitation for God to surround us with God’s grace and mercy.
- G** God be in my head. God be in my heart. God be on my left. God be on my right. In Jesus’ name, amen.

GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *(Refrain)*

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *(Refrain)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☒ Gracious God, thank you for this day and for each person gathered here with us. Thank you for all of those who have gone before us and for the solid foundation of faith they laid. Help us step out in faith today. Help us be builders and believers for your Kingdom and for the sake of others. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Building Song"

Kids' Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

As children come forward, they are invited to bring up their noisy offerings, which can be deposited in the pots on the stage. All noisy offerings will go toward the Building Fund.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.



PSALM 127:1

- ☒ Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

PHILLIPIANS 1:2-6

- ☒ ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

- L** Word of God. Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able...

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia
Praise ye the Lord.
Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia
Praise ye the Lord.
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Praise ye the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

- L** The **HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew, the 7th chapter, verses 24-27.
- L** ²⁴"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

After the reading...

- L** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

You may be seated...



SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

**His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
When all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! (Refrain)**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

☒ We believe our God is a God of beginnings,
whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep
on the first day of creation;
who made a way for Abraham and Sarah;
who gave courage to Moses;
who gave hope to a woman named Ruth;
who gave faith to a man named Thomas
and a second chance to Peter.

We believe in Jesus, who forgives our sins;
who brings life out of death;
who always offers new beginnings and the grace to start again.

We believe the Spirit of God is at work among us,
giving us the courage to live out our faith.
Together we are called to something greater than ourselves,
And to make room for those who have yet to walk through our doors.

We believe in a God who is full of possibility;
Who is always leading us forward;
who is the Alpha and the Omega;
and whom we trust with each of new beginning. Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND COMMITMENT OF PLEDGES

Ushers will receive our gifts, offerings, and Capital Campaign pledges at this time. If by chance you did not receive, or forgot your pledge card, there are extra cards at the information tables. You may also Give by Text; send dollar amount to 320.500.6014.

OFFERING MUSIC

"My Hope"

Joel Quam & Paula Odland

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

☒ Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all of the blessings that we know and for your presence in our lives. These gifts and pledges represent the work of our hands and the passion of our hearts. Together we step out in faith, with a shared vision not only for today, but for the sake of generations to come. Bless and multiply these gifts, that they may transform, encourage, and inspire others for Jesus' sake. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Peace before us; peace behind us
Peace under our feet
Peace within us; peace over us
Let all around us be peace.**

Love before us...

Spoken Prayers...

Light before us...

Christ before us...

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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.



BLESSING

- ☒ Remember that Christ is the foundation of all that we are and all that we do. As we go from this place, may we be strengthened and freed up to serve and love others. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with us, today and forever more.
- ☒ **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** And all God's children said,
- C** Amen!

SENDING SONG

"My Lighthouse"

**Verse One: In my wrestling, and in my doubts, in my failures, you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; you are the peace in my troubled sea,
Whoa oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**Verse Two: In the silence, you won't let go. In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through; you are the peace in my troubled sea,
Whoa oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**Refrain: My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you!
Oh, my lighthouse, my lighthouse,
I will trust the promise: you will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

**Verse Three: I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through; you are the peace in my troubled sea,
Whoa oh, you are the peace in my troubled sea. (Refrain)**

**Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, you're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms. Hey! (Repeat once then refrain)**

POSTLUDE

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER AND CELEBRATION

Prayers for those with health concerns: Dave Bennett, Ellie Bogart, Arlene Carlson, Marcy Dilly, Dorothy Fernow, Gene Harstad, Helen Hilgendorf, Bob Hocum, Gary Jerzak, Don Kanten, Mary Kanten, Steve Knutson, Irene Larson, Kathy Lind, Ted Lohrman, Keith Lundsetter, Carole Magnuson, Glenda Nelson, Stan Norlien, Linda (Rusty) Parkin, Tom Riley, Kathleen Rittenour, Russ Schultz, Bryan Stoeck, Rick Swenson, Barb (Mrs. Art) Thompson, Judy Williams, Lori Zeman

NEIGHBORHOOD Picnic

Picnic 5:00pm
Wednesday, May 10
 Worship 6:15pm

• Bounce House • Games • Live Music

Thank you for all you do for FLC! To show our appreciation, we invite you to join us for an evening of food and fellowship.

- 5:00pm Picnic
- 6:15pm Worship
- 7:00pm Rootbeer Floats



Calling All Gardeners!
 Garden plots will be available at the build site around May 23 (weather permitting). If you would like to reserve a plot or need further information, email Donna at ldglebe@yahoo.com.



NEW! GIVE BY TEXT

1. Open new text message.
2. Enter the number 320.500.6014.
3. Input dollar amount in text body.
4. Hit send.
5. Click on the link received to complete donation.



You're invited to watch the live stream of Habitat for Humanity's annual Hard Hat Breakfast on Wednesday, May 10, from 7:00-8:00am in the Family Room. Pastor Greg Billberg will be the keynote speaker and we will hear from a Habitat homeowner on how having a stable foundation helped transform their lives.

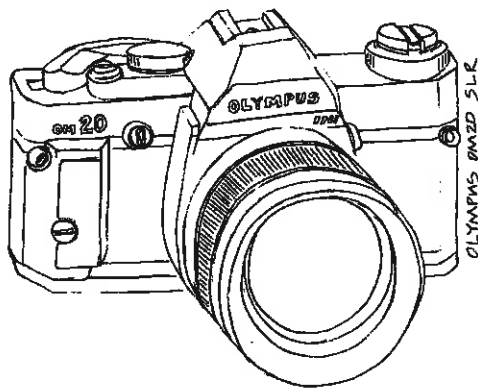
Lutheran World Relief

Care kits
 16 Baby
 20 Personal

50 Quilts

Mission Quilters Ministry
 Thanks you for your generosity!

Global Health Ministries
 kits
 17 Newborn
 10 Hospice



Church Pictorial Directory

Sign up anytime on our website by clicking the blue portrait sign up button and following the prompts to make your appointment. You may also sign up by calling the Church Office. Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait plus a complimentary directory. There are still plenty of spaces available. Sign up anytime!

Sign Up Today!

Photo Session Dates

May 9-13

June 6-10

May 16-20

June 20-24

Lutherland & Switzerland Trip

We are a "go" for our trip to Germany and Switzerland on September 11-23. We have 20 people signed up, but we have room for more. Join us on this amazing trip as we travel, enjoy, and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Pick up a brochure at the church and sign-up through Donna Strommen at Bursch Travel. The deadline to sign up is May 15!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
MARTIN LUTHER!



VBS Registration

Stop by the table in the Commons to sign up for VBS (June 12-16). The theme this year is Maker Fun Factory for ages preschool through 5th grade. Registration ends May 26, so sign up today!

Are you interested in being a crew leader, station leader, or small group leader? Do you love helping with crafts or setting up/serving snacks? Ask someone at the registration table what you can do to help during VBS. We would love to have you help!

Thank you for being a part of
First Lutheran Church!
We hope you have a
wonderful day!

Congregational Meeting: June 4
After the pledges have been received from the congregation, and we have the results of the campaign, a financial plan will be developed. The congregation will meet at 9:45am to discuss and vote on the building project and a financial plan.

First Lutheran Church WEEK AHEAD Calendar: May 1 – May 14, 2017

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Room Location
Sunday, May 7 *****ONE SERVICE TODAY *****			
	Before & After Service	VBS Registration	Alexandria Area High School
	9:45 am	Commitment Celebration Sunday	Alexandria Area High School
	6:00 pm	4H Meeting	The Den
	6:00 pm	Sr. FLY (last day)	@ Kim's House
Monday, May 8			
	8:30 am	Offering Team (RJP)	Meeting Place
	10:00 pm	Adult Ministry Board	Meeting Place
	4:00 pm	Make a Joyful Noise	Choir Room
	5:00 pm	Cooking Matters Class	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Stable
	5:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team	Meeting Place
	5:30 pm	Alleluia Ringers	Family Room
	6:30 pm	Bookseekers	Offsite
Tuesday, May 9			
	8:30 am	Program Staff Meeting	Meeting Place
	8:30 am	Spring Family Music Class	The Garden
	9:00 am	Library Committee	Family Room/Library
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Meeting Place
	12:00 pm	FOCUS Articles Due	Church Office
	2:00-8:50 pm	Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark Room
	2:00 pm	Caregivers Support Group	Family Room
	2:30 pm	Gospel 4+ Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	4:30 pm	Youth Board	The Commons
	6:00 pm	Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Baptism Class	Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Women's Small Group Book Study: James	Family Room
Wednesday, May 10			
	7:00 am	Habitat Hard Hat Breakfast (overflow in Family Room)	Broadway Ball Room
	9:30 am	Parents Share	Family Room/The Garden
	10:00 am	Staff Coffee	Meeting Room
	11:30 am	Women on Wednesday	@ Common Ground Coffee House
	2:00-8:50 pm	Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark Room
	4:45 pm	Neighborhood Picnic	Parking Lot
	4:45 pm	Kids Choir	Choir Room
	5:35 pm	Praise Team	Choir Room
	6:15 pm	Outdoor Worship	Parking Lot
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:00 pm	Ice Cream Social	Parking Lot
Thursday, May 11			
	6:30 am	Men's Monthly Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Family Room
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Pie Room
	8:30 am	Vision Team Agenda	Meeting Place
	8:45 am	Staff Prayer	Meeting Place
	10:30 am	Bible Study Leaders	Meeting Place
	11:00 am	Communion	@Diamond Willow
	1:00 pm	Friendly Visitor Board	Family Room
	1:30 pm	Care Team Meeting	Meeting Place
	2:00-8:50 pm	Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark Room
Friday, May 12			
	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	@ The Depot
	12:00 pm	Bulletin Announcements Due	Church Office
	2:00-8:50 pm	Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark Room
Saturday, May 13			
	9:00 am-4:00 pm	Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark Room
	5:00 pm	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 14			
	8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary