

Welcome to Worship at



Saturday, August 5, 5:00pm

Sunday, August 6, 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00am



**DR. PETE &
MAGGIE PFEFFER**



Welcome

Visitors: Welcome to First Lutheran, we are glad you are here! We would appreciate you taking the time to fill out the blue Welcome Card located in each pew, and placing it in the offering plate, or turning it in at the Welcome Center. We also invite you to stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a *Welcome Gift Bag*. Thank you for worshipping with us and we look forward to seeing you again!

My Offering Pew Envelopes are located in each pew. Place your cash or check in the envelope, then place it in the offering plate during worship. If you would like your offering recorded on your member record, please include your name on the pew envelope.

Nursery: Our nursery is open during the 8:30am and 9:45am worship. The nursery is located on the preschool level of the building. Please note, it is not staffed during the summer.

Large Print Bulletin and Hearing Assists are available for worship. An usher can help you locate these items.

Check out the Children and Youth area in the back of the Sanctuary.

Busy Bags and Children's Bulletins are available for use during worship. An usher can assist you if necessary.

FLY Sermon Notes and KICK Worship Notes are available on the shelves for easy access.

Lost and Found items can be found in the box and coat rack near the elevator.

Radio: Every Sunday the 9:45 AM worship service of First Lutheran is broadcast on station [KXRA 1490 AM \(100.3 FM within 15 mile radius of Alex\)](#), or go to [www.KXRA.com](#) for live streaming of the 9:45 AM worship service, in the upper **RIGHT** hand corner located just above the menu bar click on "Listen Live". For weather-related announcements—"LIKE" us on our Facebook page or sign up for text alerts at [www.facebook.com/firstlutheranalexandria](#)

E-news: If you have not yet signed up for our E-News but are interested in receiving it, please email kari.vanwakeren@firstlutheranalexandria.com so that you can be added to our E-News e-mail group. This is different from the Focus in that it offers just a snapshot of the upcoming week's activities.

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 9:45am

Lake Carlos State Park Worship: Sunday, 10:30am

City Park Worship: Sunday, 11:00am

**In the case of inclement weather, please listen to KXRA 1490 AM for any announcements.

All weekend bulletin announcements are due to Ruth Nelson, Administrative Assistant, by 12:00pm on Friday, one week prior to the bulletin, (8 days before the bulletin date). Please send to admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com



August 5-6, 2017

5:00pm, 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00am Worship

Mission Statement: First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.

Congregation (☑) responses are shown in **BOLD** print...

When response is needed for specific services it will be indicated as 5=5:00, 8= 8:30, 9=9:45.

We ask that you please silence your cell phone during the worship service. Thank you.

Gathering

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

PRELUDE

Randy Morken

BELL

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here"

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.

Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,

To be overcome by your presence, Lord. Your presence, Lord. (Repeat)

GATHERING SONG ELW #574

"Here I Am, Lord"

Verse One: "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse Two: "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

Verse Three: "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?" (Refrain)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P** Merciful God,
- C** you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be.
- P** When we deprive others of that same opportunity
- C** forgive us.
- P** When we want to uproot those whom we believe do not belong in our part of the field,
- C** forgive us.
- P** When we label others as good or bad rather than accept them for who they are,
- C** forgive us.
- P** When we are reluctant to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat,
- C** forgive us.
- P** When we are afraid to look into the fields of our own lives to see what is growing there,
- C** forgive us.
- P** O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.
- C** You search us out and lay your hand upon us.
- P** You know what we are going to say even before we speak.
- C** So we pray that you will help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected,
- P** the lonely and the outcast,
- C** and to develop and grow the good in ourselves, in others and in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- C** God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. You've given each of us gifts to serve you and bless others. Help us know that you are with us and working through us, no matter where we go or what we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SPECIAL MUSIC

(8/9) Chloe Roed

Word

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



Please stand as you are able...

GOSPEL READING

- 📖 The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter, verses 34-40.
- 📖 ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'
- 📖 The Gospel of the Lord.
- 👏 Thanks be to God.



SERMON

Dr. Pete and Maggie Pfeffer

SERMON SONG ELW #720

"We Are Called"

**Verse One: Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**Refrain: We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Verse Two: Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. (Refrain)**

**Verse Three: Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (Refrain)**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe in God, who created all things and loves all things.
We believe in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, born to set us free from our sin and fears. He came to bring light to every dark corner, to free us from bondage, and to free us to love one another.

We believe in the Spirit of God, who reminds us when we doubt that God is always present, who comforts us, and who continues to teach us that fear is not stronger than faith. We believe in this group of believers gathered together today who speak words of pardon and peace and who work together to proclaim hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An option we now provide is to give by text: 320.500.6014



OFFERING PRAYER

- God, all we have is a gift from you. Use what we have gathered to care for those in need and share your love with the world. In Jesus' name, amen.

(8/9/11) WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

The table is prepared. All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. As a follower of Jesus Christ, this meal is for you.

(8/9/11) COMMUNION

(8/9/11) COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen.

Sending

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



BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. You are the hands and feet of Jesus. As you serve, love, and care for those around you, know that Jesus is with you and God's love will sustain you. In Jesus' name, amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING SONG

"The Jambo Song"

Jambo (Hello)
Jambo Bwana (Hello Sir)
Habari gani? (How are you?)
Nzuri Sana (Very fine)
Wageni (Visitors)
Mwakaribishwa (You are Welcomed)
Kanisa yetu (Our Church)
Hakuna Matata (There is no problem)

POSTLUDE

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Connecting church and home through praying, blessing, sharing, talking, and reading

Connecting people of all ages to do service projects for the community

Connecting with God through prayer both personally and collectively

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: August 5-6, 2017

MINISTRY OF PRAYER AND CELEBRATION...

HOSPITAL VISITS: Hospital policy prevents the pastors and parish nurse from knowing you are a patient unless at the time of admittance you indicate you are a member of First Lutheran and want to be visited. OR call the church office (320.762.2196) to notify us you are/or will be a patient, or have had a child. Your cooperation in this way helps us greatly. Thank you, Greg, Kari, Ben and Val.

Prayers for those with health concerns: Palmer Bergner, Dave Bennett, Ardis Botner, Arlene Carlson, LaVerne Dyrstad, Bob Hocum, Don Kanten, Steve Knutson, Chuck Knutson, Irene Larson, Kathy Lind, Ted Lohrman, Keith Lundsetter, Evelyn Myrin, Glenda Nelson, Mary Norlien, Harold Olson, Tom Riley, Kathleen Rittenour, Russ Schultz, Rick Swenson, Judy Williams, Lori Zeman, Hayden (Kay Stricker's grandson)

Prayers for the FLC sponsored missionary: Rev. Chandran Paul Martin

Prayers for those who mourn: We express sympathy and God's love to:

- ❖ Ron and Sandy Murphy on the death of Ron's mom.

Church Events:

- Today we welcome Dr. Pete and Maggie Pfeffer as they share with us about their mission trip to Africa with the Dreamweaver International. Dr. Pete and Maggie are grateful for the support of the Mission Board and members of the congregation and to have this opportunity to share how their trip has impacted their lives. Dreamweaver International has a vision to end poverty and be a catalyst for solving the major challenges of our world through three targeted areas of service: education, healthcare, and compassion programs. To learn more or donate, visit <http://www.dreamweaver911.org>.
- **New Sermon Series-Forgiveness:** Finding peace through letting go. Join us in worship as we look at the importance of forgiveness in our lives. Without it, no marriage can survive, no family can stay together, and no society can be sustained.
 - Week One: August 12-13, The Divine Answer
 - Week Two: August 19-20, For Better For Worse
 - Week Three: August 26-27, Seventy Times Seven
 - Week Four: September 2-3, The Dream Coat
- **Baptism Class:** Our next baptism class for new or expectant parents will be on Monday, August 7 at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 320.762.2196.
- **Habitat for Humanity Build Day:** Join us as we put the finishing touches on FLC member Kelsey Foshaug's home. The build day will be on Wednesday, August 9 at 8:30am located at 3646 Pawnee Dr., Alexandria. You can find more information and sign up at the Habitat table in the West Entry.
- **SpiritFest Golf Scramble (September, 10):** Sign up now at the Welcome Center! The day's events will begin at 1:00pm with registration, a shotgun start at 2:00pm, followed by dinner and silent auction at 6:30pm. Four person teams needed. Cost is \$100 per person with \$75 of the registration fee going to the Building Fund. A generous donor will match up to \$10,000 in registration fees.
- **The Shelf at Discovery Middle School:** For those who would like to participate, there are yellow shopping bags available at the Welcome Center to fill with requested items for The Shelf at DMS. Our goal is to stock the shelves so they are ready for when school begins this fall. There is a list of requested items included in each bag. Thank you for your support!
- **Stuff the Bus:** The United Way is collecting donations of school supplies and backpacks in their annual Stuff the Bus drive, to be distributed to registered families. Members of our congregation can help in the collection by purchasing backpacks, spiral notebooks, crayons (24 pack), colored pencils, composition notebooks, washable markers, pens (red, black, and blue), pencils, glue sticks, and loose leaf paper. Drop off at the collection box by the Welcome Center. Backpacks will be filled with supplies and will be available on Wednesday, August 23, from 9:00am-6:00pm and on Thursday, August 24 from 8:00am-5:00pm at the United Way office (503 Hawthorne Street). If you would like to register your child(ren) to receive a backpack, please call the United Way office at 320.834.7800. The final registration date is Friday, August 11. If you have any questions, please call Jen Jabas at 320.834.7800.

Area Events

- **Shalom Golf Scramble:** Interested in participating in the Shalom Golf Scramble? Sign up with a four person team or come by yourself and be put in a group. Please sign up by Sunday, August 6. The scramble will be Friday, August 11 at Miliona Golf Course. Cost: \$30 for 9 holes, a cart, supper, and prizes. Talk to Ruth Blom (320.762.8641) at Shalom if you have any questions.
- **Free Community Art Day:** The Methodist Church off of 6th Ave. is hosting a Free Community Art Day on Tuesday, August 8 from 9:00am-12:00pm. There will be demonstrations by the Brush and Palette artists and hands-on stations to try out different techniques. Ages 8 and up with a supervising adult are welcome to join.
- **Caregiver Support Workshop:** Save the date! This workshop is on Thursday, September 21 from 9:00am to 3:30pm at Ecumen Bethany Chapel. The day will include educational sessions to help and support caregivers and lunch. In addition, care for loved ones will be provided by Adult Day Services free of charge for the day.

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL



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FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**



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BEER & HYMNS

Tuesday, August 15

5:00-8:00pm

Copper Trail Brewing Co.

**First Lutheran
CHURCH**



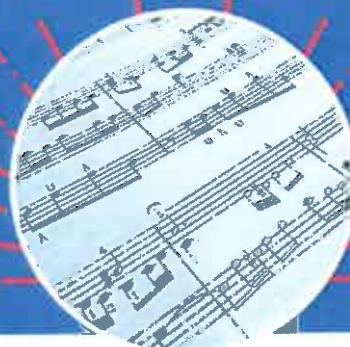
Feel free to come for all or part of the evening!



The Giving Tree

TAKE A "LEAF" FROM THE TREE, BUY
ONE OR MULTIPLE OF THAT ITEM,
AND RETURN THEM TO THE BOX IN
THE WEST NARTHEX.

*Our goal is to fill 50 school bags
for Lutheran World Relief.*



KIDS' CHOIR

**Begins Wednesday, September 6
4:45-5:30pm in the Choir Room**

**All 3rd-5th graders welcome!
Rehearsals follow KICK and performances
average once a month.**

**Questions? Contact Paula Odland at 320.760.5917 or
paula.odland@firstlutheranalexandria.com**

Thank You to Those Who Served With Us Today!

Jim Bjerknes, Anita Renstrom, Rob Janousek, Connie Fields, Ray & Cheri Norsted, Ann Koudela, Doc & Dee Hanson, Jean Erickson, Jim Ostenson, Carol Domke, Paul Engebretson, Dave Anderson, Mike Loken, Dave & Loretta Lundy, Bill & Beth Melaas, Mike Golden, Denny Stark, Cliff Mogard, Dwaine Berger, John Swanson, Roger Hermes

Interested in serving with us next week? The following volunteer positions are available:

Saturday 5:00pm – Greeter (East), Scripture Reader, Usher (4), Communion Assistant (3),
Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host

Sunday 8:30am – Greeter (East), Usher (3), Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host

Sunday 9:45am – Greeter (2), Scripture Reader, Usher (3), Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host

Sunday 11:00am City Park – Coffee Host

Sign up for an available spot using the bulletin insert during worship and place in the offering plate; call Steve Heseltine, Shared Ministry Coordinator, at 320-762-2196; or online through the Sign Up Genius.

Attendance Numbers for Worship July 29-30:

(5) 86 (8) 102 (9) 139 (10-Carlos) 0 (11) 93 – Total Last Week = 420

Financial Snap Shot



Did You Know?

If you shop on Amazon.com, Smile.Amazon.com is the SAME PRODUCTS and PRICES, but Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to First Lutheran Church! If you use Amazon frequently for your shopping, that can add up quickly. Simply go to FLC's charity link: smile.amazon.com/ch/41-6008707 and log into Amazon like you usually do, or go to smile.amazon.com and elect First Lutheran Church as your charity of choice. Everything is the same, with the benefit of donating to FLC!

Budgeted Weekly Need: \$22,995

Income last week: \$12,108

Expense last week: \$3,646

August 6 - August 13, 2017

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Room/Location
Sunday (Aug. 6)	8:30 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship	@Lake Carlos State Park
	11:00 am	Outdoor Worship w/Communion	@City Park
	6:00 pm	4H Meeting	Den/Youth Room
Monday (Aug. 7)	8:30 am	Offering Team (BDG)	Meeting Place
	6:30 pm	Baptism Class	Sanctuary
Tuesday (Aug. 8)	9:00 am	Library Committee	Library
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Meeting Place
	1:00 pm	Doo-Wop Rehearsal	Choir Room
	2:00 pm	Caregivers Support Group	Family Room
	2:30 pm	Gospel 4+	Sanctuary
	3:00 pm	Depart for MN Twins Lutheran Night	Church Parking Lot
Wednesday (Aug. 9)	8:30 am	Habitat Build Day-FLC	3646 Pawnee Drive, Alexandria
	10:00 am	Staff Coffee	Meeting Place
	11:00 am	Women on Wednesday	Common Grounds Coffee
	12:00 pm	Deep and Wide Team Meeting	Meeting Place
Thursday (Aug. 10)	7:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Family Room
	8:45 am	Staff Prayer	Commons
	9:00 am	Building Committee Meeting	Meeting Place
	11:00 am	Communion	@Diamond Willow
	1:30 pm	Care Team Meeting	Meeting Place
	4:30 pm	FOCUS Articles Due	Church Office
Friday (Aug. 11)	7:00 am	Men's Study	The Depot
	12:00 pm	Bulletin Announcements Due	Church Office
Saturday (Aug. 12)	5:00 pm	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday (Aug. 13)	8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship	@Lake Carlos State Park
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