



Welcome to First Lutheran!

Saturday, May 13, 5:00pm

Sunday, May 14, 8:30 & 9:45am



May Sermon Series

"I have seen the Lord!"

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: *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 for all services, and is staffed during the 8:30am and 9:45am worship. The nursery is located on the preschool level of the building.

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

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

Busy Bags and Children's Bulletins are available for children to use during worship and are located at the back of the sanctuary. An usher can assist you in finding these if necessary.

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

Lost and Found: Misplaced something? Please check 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 e-news is different from the Focus in that it offers just a snapshot of the upcoming week's activities.

Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. **Wednesday:** 6:15 p.m.

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

If you have any sign-up sheets, information, or posters/flyers you would like added to the Welcome Center Happenings, please email Steve Heseltine, Shared Ministry Coordinator, at steve.heseltine@firstlutheranalexandria.com or visit him in the Church Office.

Connect With Us..

Pastors Greg Billberg / Kari van Wakeren / Ben Jacobson Office 320.762-2196

After hours or for weekend emergencies: 320.815.5228

www.firstlutheranalexandria.com



May 13-14, 2017

5:00 P.M., 8:30 & 9:45 A.M. 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 & Mary Morken

BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

(8/9) Alleluia Ringers

WELCOME

Pastor Greg Billberg

GATHERING SONG ELW #631

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- ☑ **Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits and help us to remember the promise of new life.**
- ☑ **We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**
- ☐ **The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven and loved, receiving the gift and promise of new life. Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus Christ.**
- ☑ **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead because he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Remind us that we share in that risen life and help us to grow as your people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children are invited to come forward...

(8/9) CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Ben

SPECIAL MUSIC "Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled"...Larson (8/9) Chancel Choir

Word

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



Please stand as you are able...

GOSPEL READING

- ☞ The **HOLY GOSPEL** according to John, the 21st chapter, verses 1-14.
- ☞ ¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- ☞ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

You may be seated...



SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG ELW #817

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

No flash photography during the baptism please. An opportunity for photos will be available after the service...

(9) BAPTISM with Profession of Faith on page 229...

ELW pages 227- 231

APOSTLES' CREED

- ☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

- ☒ Be known to us, O Lord, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.**
- ☒ Amen.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(5) 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. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available at your request...

(5) COMMUNION

(5) COMMUNION BLESSING

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- ☒ Amen.

Sending

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

BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

- ☐ Loving God,
Today we pray for all of our mothers who have given us this gift of life;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibilities;
for those who want to be mothers but have not been able to conceive;
for those who have lost children;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who have been like a mother to us;
- ☒ Grant your blessing on these, our mothers: may their love be deep and tender;
their care compassionate and unending.
May your Holy Spirit constantly inspire, guide and strengthen them.
so that they may lead their children to know what is good,
right and beautiful in the world.
In Jesus' name, amen.



BENEDICTION

- P** May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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

SENDING SONG ELW #821

“Shout to the Lord”

POSTLUDE

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LIVING OUT LOVE RIGHT HERE



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: May 13-14, 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: Dave Bennett, Arlene Carlson, Marcy Dilly, Gene Harstad, Helen Hilgendorf, Bob Hocum, Gary Jerzak, Don Kanten, Steve Knutson, Irene Larson, Kathy Lind, Ted Lohrman, Keith Lundsetter, Evelyn Myrin, 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

Prayers for those newly baptized: Greta Mae Alton, daughter of Thomas and Kristin Alton, is brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism at the 9:45am service. Her sponsors are Chad and Jenna Koep, and John and Christa Rowe.

Prayers for those who mourn: We express sympathy and God's love to:
❖ Peggy Vogt on the death of her sister

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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 13-14, 2017

Church Events:

- **VBS Registration:** Be sure to sign up for VBS (June 12-16) this summer. The theme this year is Maker Fun Factory for ages preschool through 5th grade. **Registration ends May 26!**
- **Mission Quilters:** Thanks to your generosity, we shipped 50 quilts, 16 baby care kits, and 20 personal care kits to Lutheran World Relief. We also shipped 17 newborn kits and 10 hospice kits to Global Health Ministries. If you like garage sales, keep your eye out for baby gowns and sleepers up to size 2 and sheets for quilt backs or fillers. Thank you!
- **New Member Orientation:** Interested in becoming a member at First Lutheran? Join us on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30pm for our New Member Orientation. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.
- **Church Directory Update:** Sign up anytime on our website (firstlutheranalexandria.com) by clicking the blue portrait sign-up button and following the prompts to make your appointment. You may also sign up in the church office. If you miss your scheduled appointment, please call the office to reschedule. If you bring a nonperishable food, you may receive \$5 off your order. Coupons will be available at the table when you arrive for your picture. **Photo sessions are May 16-20 (FULL), June 6-10, and June 20-24.**
- **Family Fun and Golf Outing:** Save the date for a fun day of golfing at Miltona Golf Course on Friday, June 30, at 4:00pm. Supper is included. More details to follow!
- **Lutherland--Switzerland Trip:** First Lutheran is partnering with Bursch Travel to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Join Pastor Greg, and other friends and members from First, September 11-23, 2017. For more information, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center, or talk with Pastor Greg. **Deadline to sign up is May 15.**
- **Congregational Meeting:** Join us on Sunday, June 4, at 9:45am to discuss a financial plan and our building project.
- **Mystery Trip:** The bus will begin loading the FLC parking lot at 8:00am on Tuesday, July 18. Please come into the Fellowship Hall before loading to sign health forms and pick up coffee. Estimated return time is around 6:30pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Center on Thursday, June 1 at 8:00am. Cost is \$65 due at the time of registration.
- **MN Twins Lutheran Night:** Join us for a fun evening at a Twins game on Tuesday, August 8. Cost is \$55/person which includes the ticket and bus. Sign-up at the Welcome Center if interested!

Area Events

- **Grief Support Group:** Meets Monday, May 15, at 5:30pm at Anderson's On Broadway (801 Broadway). These groups are for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. This will be the first support group since the spring and is a good way to meet others on this journey!
- **Love INC Garage Sale:** Think Spring! Along with spring comes...spring cleaning. Please bring your quality resalable items to the Love INC Garage Sale and support a local Christian organization! **Drop-off dates are Thursday, May 18, from 8:00am-6:00pm and Friday, May 19, from 8:00am-5:00pm.** All items are to be dropped off at the Runestone Community Center-main rink (located at the fairgrounds). For a list of acceptable donations, please view our Facebook page (Love INC of Douglas County Lakes Area) or call Bob at 612.309.2290. All donates are tax deductible!
- **Veteran's Hill:** Ecumen Bethany Community is once again presenting this event on Friday, May 26, at 1:30pm. There will be a Memorial Day Program and Veteran's Hill Dedication in the Bethany Chapel (1020 Lark St.). If you are interested in having a flag placed on the hill in honor of a loved one who is a Veteran, there is a form to be completed and turned in to Ecumen Bethany before May 26. Cost is \$50 per flag; funds raised will be applied towards the development of an outdoor seating area in their Circle Drive. Flags will be displayed until Tuesday, May 30. You may pick up your flag and a certificate honoring the Veteran after June 1 at the Circle Drive reception area. You may find more information in the West Narthex.

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.



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.

Thank You to Those Who Served With Us Today!

Bev Dokken, Grace & Malachi Hedstrom, Carol Thalman, Connie Fields, Rita Ellenberger, Melvin & Helen Hoiium, Stan Johnsrud, Mike Golden, Minton Larson, Dan & Linda Zismer, Michelle Flaten, Judy Berger, Don Van Valkenburg, Glee Domschot, Orlyn Struck, Dwaine Berger, Jim Ostenson, Stephanie Heseltine, Chris Biegner, Mary Bess Biegner, and Meghan Biegner

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

- Saturday 5:00pm – Greeters, Coffee Host, Welcome Center Host, Ushers
- Sunday 8:00am – Greeter, Communion Assistants, Nursery Assistant, Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host
- Sunday 9:45am – Greeter, Communion Assistants, Nursery Assistant, Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host, PowerPoint Operator
- Sunday 11:00am – Greeters, Scripture Reader, Welcome Center Host, Usher, PowerPoint Operator

Sign up for an available spot in our new Service Opportunities Binder at the Welcome Center; call Steve Heseltine, Shared Ministry Coordinator, at 320-762-2196; or online through the Sign Up Genius.

Attendance Numbers for Worship May 6-7:

(All Congregational Worship) **820** -- Total Last Week = 746

Youth Ministry Numbers

Wednesdays:
FLY/Confirmation (6th-9th Grade): 158
Candle Time (10th-12th Grade): 20

Sundays:
SR FLY (9th-12th Grade): 15-25

Children's Ministry Numbers

Wednesdays:
KICK: 116
KICK JR: 43

Sundays:
8:30am Kingdom Kids: 39
9:45am Kingdom Kids: 63

Financial Snap Shot



Did You Know?

Over \$340 was raised towards the building fund on the Penny Wars to slime a staff member. Also, \$421 in noisy offering was raised during the All-Congregational Worship on May 7!

Weekly Budgeted Need: \$22,995
Income Last Week: \$22,571
Expense Last Week: \$38,448

First Lutheran Church WEEK AHEAD Calendar: May 14–May 21, 2017

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Room Location
Sunday, May 14	8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday, May 15	10:00 am	Offering Team (BDG)	Meeting Team
	4:00 pm	Make A Joyful Noise	Choir Room
	5:00 pm	Cooking Matters Class	Fellowship Hall/Kit/Stable
Tuesday, May 16	8:00 am	Mission Quilters	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Library Committee	Library/Family Room
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Meeting Place
	2:00 am-8:50 pm	Church Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark
	2:30 pm	Gospel 4+ Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:30 pm	Leadership Meeting Appeal Team	Meeting Place
	6:00 pm	Scout Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation	Family Room
	7:00 pm	Women's Small Group Book Study James	The Commons
Wednesday, May 17	9:30 am	Parents Share	Family Room/The Garden
	10:00 am	Staff Coffee	Meeting Place
	11:00 am	Women on Wednesday	@Common Ground Coffee House
	12:00 pm	Endowment Committee	Meeting Place
	2:00 am-8:50 pm	Church Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark
	5:35 pm	Praise Team	Choir Room
	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:00 pm	Houseboat Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, May 18	8:30 am	Program Staff Meeting	The Commons
	7:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Family Room
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Pie Room
	8:45 am	Staff Prayer Time	Meeting Place
	9:30 am	Hannah Circle	Family Room
	1:30 pm	Care Team Meeting	Meeting Place
	1:30 pm	Deborah Circle	Family Room
	2:00 am-8:50 pm	Church Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark
	6:00 pm	Vision Team Meeting	Family Room
Friday, May 19	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	The Depot
	12:00 pm	Bulletin Announcements Due	Office
	2:00 am-8:50 pm	Church Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark
	8:00 pm	Sr. FLY - Lock in Begins	The Den/Family Rm/Kit/Common/Fell Hall
Saturday, May 20	8:00 am	Sr. FLY - Lock in Ends	The Den/Family Rm/Kit/Common/Fell Hall
	8:00 am	Vision Team Retreat	Offsite
	9:00 am-3:50 pm	Church Directory Pictures	Noah's Ark
	5:00 pm	Worship	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 21	8:30 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship/Communion	Sanctuary