



Welcome to First Lutheran!

Saturday, May 20, 5:00pm

Sunday, May 21, 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 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.

Summer Worship Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.

Lake Carlos State Park Worship: Sunday, 10:30am **City Park Worship:** Sunday, 11:00am

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.



May 20-21, 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 Morken

BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

"He is Worthy"...arr. Kirkland

(8/9) Chancel Choir

WELCOME

Pastor Ben Jacobson

GATHERING SONG ELW #677

"This Little Light of Mine"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God,

C 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.

P This is the good news: the tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. 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.

C 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, now and forever. Amen.

Children are invited to come forward...

(8/9) CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Kari

SPECIAL MUSIC

"He Never Failed Me Yet"... Ray

(5) Paige Mackedanz
(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 Luke, the 24th chapter, verses 50-53.
- ☞ ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.
- ☞ The Gospel of the Lord.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

You may be seated...



SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG ELW #576

"We All Are One in Mission"

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

(8/9) 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...

(8/9) COMMUNION

(8/9) COMMUNION SONG ELW #708

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Sending

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

(8/9) COMMUNION BLESSING

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



BENEDICTION

- ☒ 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.
☒ Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

P And all God's children said,

G Amen!

SENDING SONG ELW #538

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"
(Please note repeat signs)

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 20-21, 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 Berner, Dave Bennett, Arlene Carlson, Shirley Fielder, Shannon Hanson, 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, Tom Riley, Kathleen Rittenour, Russ Schultz, Bryan Stoeck, Rick Swenson, Barb (Mrs. Art) Thompson, Judy Williams, Lori Zeman

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

- ❖ Gracie Lewis on the death of her brother
- ❖ Wade and Julie Stottler on the death of Wade's Dad

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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS: May 20-21, 2017

Church Events:

- **Outdoor Worship Signs:** Do you live on a busy high traffic street? Please consider placing a First Lutheran Outdoor Worship sign in your yard for the summer. Signs can be picked up at the Welcome Center.
- **Co-Ed Softball League:** Do you love being outdoors and playing softball with your family and friends? Lakes Area Recreation has a summer co-ed softball league that begins the first week of June. A team requires 12 to 15 players (we cannot have more guys than girls) and plays on Thursday nights beginning at 6:30pm. Sign-up at the Welcome Center or call Greg T. in the Church Office before May 23 for a fun summer activity!
- **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!** Are you interested in volunteering during VBS? We are seeking Crew Leaders and other helpers, if interested, please contact Randi Rach at randi.rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com or call the Church Office.
- **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. The next photo sessions are June 6-10 and June 20-24 with spots still available.
- **WELCA Potluck:** Ladies, join others on Thursday, June 1, at noon for a potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Arlene Bosek will be sharing her faith journey.
- **Family Fun and Golf Outing:** Sign up at the Welcome Center today for a fun day of golfing at Miltona Golf Course on Friday, June 30, at 4:00pm. Supper is included. Cost is \$30 a person, due at time of registration.
- **Congregational Meeting:** Join us on Sunday, June 4, at 9:45am for a special meeting of the congregation called by the Vision Team to discuss approval, funding and development of the 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 begins at the Welcome Center on Thursday, June 1 at 8:00am sharp.** 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

- **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.
- **Douglas County Car Care Program:** We are looking for volunteers to help repair vehicles on Car Care Saturday mornings, volunteers to help bring in donated vehicles using our towing vehicle or driving them in, and financial support to pay for the needed parts, services and support needed for the program. If you have any questions, please call us at 320.460.7911 or visit our website at www.douglascountycarcare.org.
- **Free Senior Expo:** Douglas County Triad presents the 10th annual expo on Thursday, June 29, from 8:30am to 2:30pm at St. Mary's Education Center. Admission is free and lunch is provided. There will be door prizes and giveaways! The event is for seniors, their families and friends. The keynote speaker is Melissa Vongsy, a social worker and adult protection resources specialist with the state of Minnesota. There will be breakout sessions on the topics of Alzheimer's Disease, AARP ID Theft, Personal Awareness, Estate Planning, Veteran's Benefits, Fire Safety and Carbon Monoxide, and much more! More info on the Parish Health bulletin board. To pre-register call 320.762.3047 or email maryk@co.douglas.mn.us.

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!

Glenda Seela, Bev Dokken, Connie Fields, Stephen & Virginia Polman, Mitch Odland, Chuck & Glory Tillman, Mike & Barb Golden, Minton Larson, Dan & Linda Zismer, Hallee Anderson, Helen Johnsrud, Fred Bursch, Jim Odden, Cheryl Doose, John Strand, Glee Domschot, Orlun Struck, Dwaine Berger, Jim Ostenson, Marty Schultz, Dale & Judy Haugejorden, David Barnett, Nathan & Holly Fiala, Jim & Rachel Barduson, Sally Baumann.

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

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

Sunday 8:00am – Greeter West Entry, Welcome Center Host, Coffee Host

Sunday 9:45am – Greeter East Entry, Welcome Center Host, PowerPoint Assistant

Sunday 11:00am City Park – Usher (2), Communion Assistant, Coffee Host

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 13-14:

(Wednesday) 175 (5) 60 (8) 159 (9) 261 (11) 68 – Total Last Week = 723

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?

\$25 a week pays for our worship bulletins. If you are reading today's bulletin, thank you for your support of our ministry! ☺

Weekly Budgeted Need: \$22,995

Income Last Week: \$11,686

Expense Last Week: \$2,377

First Lutheran Church WEEK AHEAD Calendar: May 21–May 28, 2017

Day/Date	Time	Activity	Room Location
Sunday, May 21	8:30 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	11:00 am	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Adult Houseboat Meeting	@Angelina's Restaurant
Monday, May 22	8:30 am	Offering Team (LDM)	Meeting Team
	4:00 pm	Make A Joyful Noise	Choir Room
	6:00 pm	Community Preschool Graduation	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/Kit
	7:00 pm	Community Preschool Graduation	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/Kit
Tuesday, May 23	8:30 am	FOCUS Folders	Meeting Place
	9:00 am	Library Committee	Library
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Meeting Place
	2:30 pm	Communion	@Grand Arbor
	2:30 pm	Gospel 4+ Rehearsal	Sanctuary
	5:45 pm	Community Preschool Graduation	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/Kit
	6:30 pm	Community Preschool Graduation	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/Kit
	7:15 pm	Community Preschool Graduation	Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/Kit
7:00 pm	Women's Small Group Book Study: James	Family Room	
Wednesday, May 24	9:30-11:00 am	Community Preschool Picnic	Playground/Parking Lot
	9:30 am	Parents Share	Family Rm/The Garden
	10:00 am	Communion	@Edgewood Vista
	10:00 am	Staff Coffee	Meeting Place
	12:15-1:45a	Community Preschool Picnic	Play Ground/Parking Lot
	3:00 pm	Parkinson's Support Group	@Nelson Gables
Thursday, May 25	7:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Family Room
	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study	Pie Room
	9:30-11:00 am	Community Preschool Picnic	Playground/Parking Lot
	8:45 am	Staff Prayer Time	Meeting Place
	10:00 am	Communion	@Nelson Gables
	11:00 am	Communion	@Windmill Ponds
	12:15-1:45 pm	Community Preschool Picnic	Playground/Parking Lot
1:30 pm	Care Team Meeting	Meeting Place	
Friday, May 26	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study	The Depot
	12:00 pm	Bulletin Announcements Due	Office
Saturday, May 27	5:00 pm	Worship w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday, May 28	8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	9:45 am	Worship	Sanctuary
	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship (begins today)	@Lake Carlos State Park
	11:00 am	Outdoor Worship w/Communion (begins today)	@City Park