

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26 | 12:00pm

You are invited to join us as we begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday for worship with imposition of ashes and communion.

LENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 29 - Wednesday, April 1

SATURDAYS: 5:00PM Holden Evening Prayer

SUNDAYS: 8:30AM Traditional Worship

10:00AM Celebration Worship

WEDNESDAYS: 6:15PM Contemporary Worship

BROWN BAG LUNCH LARGE GROUP STUDY

Wed, March 4 -April 1 | 12:00-1:00pm | Gathering Space

Bring your lunch and join us as we discuss our weekly Lenten theme. No sign up necessary.

LENT SOUP SUPPERS

Weds, Feb 26-Apr 1 | 4:45-6:00pm | Gathering Space

Throughout Lent, the weekly Wednesday meal will be served by the youth attending the summer houseboat trip as a fundraiser with all meal proceeds going to the youth.

TAKE STOCK

March 7 - 15 | Worship Services | Gathering Space

The congregation is invited to buy “shares of stock” for this Youth Ministry fundraiser. Shares are \$20. People can buy as many as they want or give a cash donation in the amount they choose. This summer our youth will be going on a houseboat trip. Your generosity is what makes this ministry possible!

CUB SCOUT CHILI FEED

Tuesday, February 18 | 4:30-7:00pm | Gathering Space

Proceeds go to help offset the cost of sending scouts to camp as well as scout membership dues, which are increasing next year from \$36 to \$60 per scout. A free will offering will be accepted.

BAPTISM CLASS

Thursday, March 12 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary

This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office.

DMS THE SHELF FOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 15 -Sunday, March 1

Discovery Middle School Food Shelf is in need of the following food donations: mac & cheese, cereal and juice (half-gallon). Yellow bags are available at the Welcome Center for your donation of these items.

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who supported this annual event! Because of your generosity, over \$1500 was raised and will be put toward purchasing videography equipment for our church’s promotional needs!

WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, where faith and life meet!

OUR MISSION

First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community where faith and life meet through worship, learning and serving in Jesus’ name.

MORE INFORMATION

Volunteers and staff are available before and after worship services to assist you. Children’s bulletins and children’s worship bags are available for use on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. The nursery is available and staffed on Sundays and Wednesdays during worship for children ages 0-5. Hearing assist devices are available at the Welcome Center. Monthly financials and Vision Team meeting minutes are available at the Welcome Center.

LEARN MORE AT

FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS or stop by the Welcome Center for our monthly calendar.

PRAYER REQUESTS | HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a prayer request or if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call or email the church office at 320-762-2196 or admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com. \*Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

GIVING OPTIONS

Offering envelopes are available on the tables outside of the Sanctuary. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014, by using the Giving kiosk located next to the Welcome Center, or by visiting us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift.

OUR PASTORS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor  
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor  
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor



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WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP

WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE



SATURDAY | 2.15.20 | 5:00PM  
SUNDAY | 2.16.20 | 8:30AM



WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

All Are Welcome (vs. 1,4,5) #641

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.*  
**C:** Amen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** *Gracious God,*  
**C:** have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**P:** *God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.*  
**C:** Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Jesus,  
**C:** Too often we blame other people and situations for our heartaches and brokenness. Help us to look inward to uncover and heal bitterness, hatred, jealousy, and greed. Help us instead to be agents of peace, hope, generosity, and love. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Paula Odland and Pat Kalina  
(8:30) Chancel Choir...*Yet Will I Sing*

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Psalm 51:6-7, 10-12  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:14-23  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* #512

BAPTISM (5:00)

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** *Generous God,*  
**C:** you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30)

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION (8:30)

*All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

COMMUNION SONG (8:30) *Lamb of God*

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:30)

**P:** *May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*  
**C:** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.  
**C:** Amen.

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

**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

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* #774

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS: Marilyn Andrews, Bob Brown, Diane Larson, Norm Anderson, Karin Senstad, Deanne Frarck, Brynn Moen, Calli Olson, Leona Poirier, Renata Grant, Ruth Stob, Orville Ackerman  
  
SYMPATHY TO: Mike Kjelland and family on the death of Sue; Tim & Judy Kalina, Gretchen & Matt Herges and Nancy & Adam Stevenson on the death of their mom and grandma, Marian Kalina; Amy Weller and family on the death of Amy's mom; The family of Karin Senstad

BAPTISM: (5:00) Callahan Stuart Gullicks, son of Ethan and Joni Gullicks

RADIO BROADCAST

The radio broadcast is given by Dave Schultz, in memory of Al and Esther Schultz, and Kathy Schultz Thorwaldsen.

INTRO TO THE BIBLE: LUKE BIBLE STUDY

**Thurs | 2/13, 2/20, 3/19, 3/26 | 6:30-7:30pm | Gathering Space**  
All are welcome to join us as Pastor Marilee Bergerson leads this study on the book of Luke.

ADULT MINISTRY MOVIE EVENT

**Sunday, February 16 | 2:00-3:30pm | Gathering Space**  
Please join us as we watch the movie *I Daniel Blake*, an English language film. The movie shows the power of empathy to transform. Free popcorn is available and there will be discussion after the viewing. Please bring a donation to the Food Shelf.

SENIOR COFFEE

**Tuesday, February 18 | 10:00-11:00am | Gathering Space**  
Seniors are invited to join us for a time of coffee, cookies and fellowship. This informal time will be hosted by your church staff and take place the third Tuesday of each month.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

**Fridays, February 28-April 3 | 9:00-10:00am | Prayer Room**  
Sign up at the Welcome Center for one or for all sessions. Come and “experience” listening to Scripture. No experience necessary, just bring an open heart. Facilitated by Cher Larson.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Monday, February 24 | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 1A**  
Please join us if you are interested in membership at First Lutheran or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 23. A light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.