

BAGS OF LOVE

Join us for this congregational service project that spreads joy to the older adults in our congregation and/or those going through a time of need. Kids and youth fill the bags with gifts and cards they have made and the congregation delivers them. Bags are available for pick up by the Welcome Center. Please help us deliver these bags and spread some love!

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 26 | 12:00pm & 6:15pm

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

LENT SOUP SUPPERS

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

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.

LENT SMALL GROUP BOOK STUDY

As we journey to the cross, we will use Adam Hamilton’s book The Walk: Five Practices of the Christian Life as our guide. Sign up for a small group by the Welcome Center by March 8. Books can be purchased by the Welcome Center or in the church office.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Monday, February 24 | 6:30-7:30pm | Room 1A

Please join us if you are interested in membership or in learning more about the ministry and congregation of First Lutheran Church. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 23. A light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Fridays, Feb 28 -Apr 3 | 9:00-10:00am | Prayer Rm

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.

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 | 2.8.20 | 5:00PM
SUNDAY | 2.9.20 | 8:30AM

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

Borning Cry #732

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.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God’s endless mercy and love. 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: *God of grace,*
C: you send us into the world with everything we need. Help us to use what you have given us to be beacons of hope. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Rachel Mead
(8:30) Kids Choir *When I Think of You*

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading: Psalm 122
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer #618

CONFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

Kid’s Choir *L.O.V.E. U God*
Featuring Maddie Holtz and Jack Struck on ukuleles

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 (5:00)

LORD’S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION (5:00)
All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG (5:00) *Lamb of God*

COMMUNION BLESSING (5:00)

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

Lift High the Cross #660

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Renata Grant, Orville Ackerman, Ruth Stob
HEALTH CONCERNS: Marilyn Andrews, Bob Brown, Diane Larson, Norm Anderson, Karin Senstad, Deanne Frarck, Brynn Moen, Calli Olson, Eldora Adachi, Leona Poirier
SYMPATHY: Mike Kjelland and family on the death of Sue

MADE WITH LOVE BAKE SALE

Sunday, February 9 | 8:00-11:00am | Gathering Space
Join us at the bake sale. Pick up some great treats to bring home!

ANNUAL MEETING & BRUNCH

Sunday, February 9 | Gathering Space
Brunch begins at 10:30am. Stay and learn about our mission and be engaged in the work of the church. The meeting will be called to order at 11:30am.

INTRO TO THE BIBLE: LUKE BIBLE STUDY

Thurs | 2/6, 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.

MYSTERY THEATRE ACTORS WANTED

The Adult Ministry Board is looking for individuals interested in participating in a brand new event at First Lutheran. Join us as we put together a Mystery Theatre event later this spring. Adult actors of all skill levels are wanted for this fellowship event! Sign up at the Welcome Center by February 9 if you are interested and would like more information.

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.