

Today's Reading

Psalm 133

¹How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! ²It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. ³It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

“The word of the Lord”

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Response: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe. ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

“The Gospel of our Lord”

Response: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***



Announcements

April 6 & 7, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bill & Kathy Engler

This broadcast will air @ 11am on 101.7FM & 1400AM.

Local Cable TV 10am Wednesdays and 5pm Thursdays; Spectrum 180 & Bluepeak 17

Thank you for serving!	Saturday, April 6 at 5:30pm	Sunday, April 7 at 9:00am
Acolytes	Elizabeth Sik	Aubree & Madelyn Myhre
Greeters & Ushers	Marlene Erickson	Dave & Becky Gifford
Lectors	Marlene Nordby	Bailey Long
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers		Myhrbergs
Communion Assistants	Pastor Steven Quist	Tim Tomasek & Bailey Long
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Janet Landby
Altar Guild	Eileen Furhmann, Pat Simpson, Rosalie Muller, Sheryl Louwagie	

Saturday, April 6

5:30pm Worship Service

5:15pm TLC

6:00pm Worship Service

Sunday, April 7

9:00am Worship Service

6:30pm \$2 Meal in Fellowship Hall

10:00am TLC

6:30pm Confirmation

7:00pm NOLA Getting Reading Meeting

7:00pm Chancel Choir

7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang

8:00pm Senior High Alive

Monday, April 8

11:00am SMSU Vocal Rehearsals

Thursday, April 11

7:00pm Esther Circle

10:00am Hill Street (Pr. Quist)

Tuesday, April 9

9:00am Senior Coffee

11:00am Heritage Pointe Worship (Pr. Rasmusson)

5:00pm Personnel Committee

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters

7:00pm SMSU Vocal Rehearsals

5:30pm Bible & Brew at KB's in Ghent

Wednesday, April 10

6:30am Women's Bible Study

Friday, April 12

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

7:00am Grub Club @ McDonalds

10:00am Peace Circle

6:30pm Spring Fling Family Night

11:00am SMSU Vocal Rehearsal

Saturday, April 13

2:00pm SMSU Vocal Ensembles

5:30pm Worship Service

Hy-Vee Cards available for Purchase! Hy-Vee gift cards are available throughout the year in the office or after worship services. 5% of the money goes to the Senior High NOLA summer trip in July.

The Summer Trip Youth from First Lutheran are hosting a “Dine-In Night” at the Hitching Post in Marshall on Monday, April 15 from 5-8pm! Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to New Orleans for the Gathering. We will get 20% of the profits that night during the time we are there! We’re telling you early so you can get it on the calendar and tell your friends. Thanks so much for your support!

NEW FLY FUNDRAISER: The Pink Flamingos will be landing soon!! Sponsored by the youth attending the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans this summer. From April 15-29, these obnoxious long-legged creatures could possibly land on your lawn! We’re excited to have fun with this! Here’s how it works if they land on your lawn:

- Option 1: A \$25 donation will send the flock of flamingos to land on the next yard at the end of the day
- Option 2: A \$50 donation will send the flock to land on a yard of YOUR choosing at the end of the day
- Option 3: You can do nothing and the flock will roost in your yard for 2 days!

****Flock Insurance can be purchased after April 4 for \$50 to prevent the flock from landing on your lawn**** We hope everyone can have fun with this FUNdraiser! For questions contact the church office.

Spring Cleaning on April 6th has been rescheduled due to illness. Another Saturday morning will be scheduled soon.

Winter Weather Policy: In the event of severe winter weather, a cancellation decision will be made by 7am Sunday morning. Listen for an announcement on Marshall Radio. It will also be posted on First Lutheran’s Facebook page. For Wednesday programming, if school is released early or canceled due to severe weather, there will be no TLC, Worship, or youth activities.

First Lutheran Family Spring Fling will be held on Friday, April 12 from 6:30-9pm. Mark it down! This will be another fun family fun night. Spread the word and invite other families to join us, too!

Printed Church Directory: If you want a printed First Lutheran Directory, please contact Tonya. The Instant Church Directory site link is: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> You can update your information or photo whenever you want. You can also download the app on your phone and have access to it wherever you go. (It’s a lime green icon app that says Instant Church Directory.)

Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly: We are looking for two men and two women to represent First Lutheran Church at this year’s synod assembly. The two-day event is held at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter on Friday, June 7 (6pm) to Saturday, June 8 (5pm), though there is a Zoom attendance option as well. Please talk to Pastor Sara, if you are interested in representing your congregation at this event.

Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering: Will be held on Saturday, April 20 at Bethany Lutheran in Arco at 9am. Special Speaker is Scott Gottschalk and the theme is “Angels Among Us.” Contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

Marshall Lions collecting glasses: As you are doing your spring cleaning, please share your old glasses. There is a drop off box located by the office entrance. Thanks in advance.

Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30-3:0pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. Registrations and fee of \$40 are due by April 22. Registration includes: program, coffee and lunch. Pick up the registration form in the office if you are interested or contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

Maggie Jean Foundation Project: If you have completed blankets and hats, please bring them to the church office. We will continue to make and distribute blankets and hats. If you need yarn, please call Twila Henning at 507-360-0828. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this project.

Free Garage Sale: If another group would like to take on and be responsible for the Free Garage Sale project from Social Ministries, they would be happy to share notes with you.

Call Process Update: Hello! I'd like to provide an exciting update on the First Lutheran Church Call Process. A quick review of the 7-step process: Step 1 Say goodbye to our pastor. Step 2 Interim pastor discernment. Step 3 Complete the Congregation Mission Assessment and Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to that team for their hard work! Step 4 Establish a Call Committee. Step 5 Consider candidates. Step 6 Extend the call. Step 7 Welcome our new Pastor. We are currently on Step 4. We have established a Call Committee! The committee members are: Jeff Larsen serving as Chair, Jason Anderson, Dave Gifford, Scott Griebel, Marcy Heemeyer, Sonya Kayser, Sydney Meister, Mitchell Maxwell, Carol Purrington and Grace Rokeh. The Committee has a Synod orientation March 24th and will be installed April 21st. The Call Committee will interview potential candidates and make a recommendation to the Council. Process details: <https://swmnelca.org/call-process> Please keep the Call Committee and candidates in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you! - Stacy Frost, Council President

Bible and Brew: Spring session is April 4-May 16. NOTE: We will meet at KB's Bar & Grille on April 11 with a guest leader. Reminder- All are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm for a brew or beverage of choice, along with a menu item, if desired. We study the upcoming Sunday's Bible reading while enjoying camaraderie, asking lots of questions and gaining insight. All are welcome!

Prayer List:

~ Prayer list will be updated every Tuesday ~

John Doyle, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jerry Vogel, Jane Linder (mother of Penny Sommervold), John Thooff, Matt Moen (nephew of Sharon Miller), John Lund, Neil Peterson (father of Jason Peterson), Carrie Sueker, Jim Ray (Steve & Karen Meister's daughter-in-law's father), Sue Christoffer (sister of Holly Sorum), Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, Ashley Eick



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Wednesday 6:00 Saturday 5:30pm Sundays 9am

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