



# First Lutheran Church

*We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.*

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Saturday, May 11, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (v. 1, 3, 5) ELW 392

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings Psalm 1  
John 5:9-13

Gospel Acclamation *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW 512

Gospel Reading John 17:6-19

Sermon Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* (v. 1, 3, 4) ELW 818  
Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering

Offertory

Offering Prayer

*We Give Thee But Thine Own* (v. 1) ELW 686

Benediction

Closing Hymn

*Crown Him with Many Crowns* (v. 1, 2, 3) ELW 855

# Saturday's Readings

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; <sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

“The word of the Lord”

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

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## 1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

“The word of the Lord”

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

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

## John 17:6-19

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“The Gospel of our Lord”

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



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## Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 12, 2024

Call to Worship

*Your Grace is Enough*

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Welcome and Announcements

Scholarship Announcement

Introduction of Seniors/Graduate Blessing & Milestone

Opening Hymn

*Everlasting God*

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Prayer of the Day,

Dear God, we thank you for your gift of life: for friends, fun, challenges and hard work. We thank you for those in our families and congregation who support and inspire us. Above all, we thank you for your Word that gives life. Fill our minds with your thoughts; our bodies with your strength; our hearts with your love; and our spirits with your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Special Music

Ella Cole

Readings

I Timothy 4:11-14

Ephesians 3:18-20

Children's Sermon

Ryan Larsen

Gospel Acclamation

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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Gospel Reading

John 14:25-27

Song

*Do Justice*

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Meditation

"Oh The Places You'll Go"

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Song

*Greater*

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Senior Reflections and Memories DVD

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace

Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering

*Send Down Your Spirit*

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Offertory

*What Have We to Offer*

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Offering Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

*Go Make A Difference*

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# Sunday's Reading

## I Timothy 4:11-14

Get the word out. Teach all these things. And don't let anyone put you down because you're young. Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. Stay at your post reading Scripture, giving counsel, teaching. And that special gift of ministry you were given when the leaders of the church laid hands on you and prayed - keep that dusted off and in use.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

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## Ephesians 3:18-20

I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience how wide it is! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

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

## John 14:25-27

"I'm telling you these things while I'm still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you. I'm leaving you well and whole. That's my parting gift to you. Peace. I don't leave you the way you're used to being left—feeling abandoned and lonely. So don't be upset. Don't be distraught.

"The Gospel of our Lord"

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



# Announcements



May 11-12, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Kathy Tjosaas and family in loving memory of Roger.

This broadcast will air @ 11am on 101.7FM & 1400AM. Local Cable TV 10am Wednesdays and 5pm Thursdays; Spectrum 180 & Bluepeak 17

## First Lutheran Worship Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm    Sundays 9:00am

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Thank you for serving!	Saturday, May 11 at 5:30pm	Sunday, May 12 at 9:00am
Acolytes		Preston Sirovy
Greeters & Ushers	Tom & Marlene Nordby	Brad & Tricia Johns
Lectors	Marlene Nordby	FLY Class of 2024
Music	Susan Jones	Tim's Praise Team
Coffee Servers		Dan Marks
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Kevin Kayser	Steve Hamner & Kevin Kayser
Projection	Brian Coudron	Shelly Maes
Altar Guild	Pam Gladis, Heather Purrington, Amber Swenson	

Sunday, May 12  
Happy Mother's Day  
9:00am Worship Service - Baccalaureate

Monday, May 13  
6:30pm Beginning Experience  
7:00pm Esther Circle

Tuesday, May 14  
9:00am Senior Coffee  
5:00pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, May 15  
6:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins  
9:00am Staff Meeting  
1:00pm Spring Church Cleaning

Thursday, May 16  
10:30am Heritage Pointe (Pr. Sara)  
1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters  
5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Brau Bros (Last Night)

Friday, May 17  
7:00am Grub Club @ McDonalds  
10:00pm Senior High Lock-in

Saturday, May 18  
5:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, May 19  
9:00am Worship Service  
5:30pm VBS All Staff Meeting

Congratulations to our seniors on your upcoming graduation from high school. What an incredible milestone and we celebrate this Baccalaureate Worship Service with you! Senior Reception for the immediate family members will follow at 10am in the fellowship hall.

Hailey Bahr	Morgan Bjella	Cadence Brink	Isaiah Brusven	Halla Jo Casavan
Paige Christianson	Ella Cole	Kennedy Drake	Olivia Enderson	Cora Fischer
Lillian Guggisberg	Rylee Jacobson	Anna Kuecker	Garrett Maes	Chase Mellenthin
Macie Murphy	Lydia Moore	Braeden Myhre	Sierra Nelson	Jason Padfield
Tavvy Paulsen	Talan Plante	Gwen Roberts	Brendan Scheele	Jocelyn Schlenner
Kara Schmig	Samara Sumerfelt	Anthony Verschelde	Joe Voit	Chase Werner

Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran will be on May 15 from 1:00-4:00pm! We are looking for some volunteers to do some light cleaning in the church. We will meet in the office area at 1:00pm. Jobs will include cleaning the church pew cushions, washing chairs and tables in the Fellowship Hall, washing windows, dusting and sweeping, etc. If anyone has an upholstery cleaner on hand, please bring this with. Please sign-up by calling the church office at 532-2429 or send Ann an email:

[ann@1stlutheranchurch.org](mailto:ann@1stlutheranchurch.org)

Red Cross Blood Drive will be at First Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 30 from 12:00-6:00pm in the Narthex. Please call 800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: MarshallMN to schedule an appointment. Give hope this spring. Give blood.

Summer Office Hours: It's great to look ahead to the summer season and a few changes from school year routines. As you look ahead, please note the church office hours will change for the summer (June through August) as follows: Monday - Thursday from 9am to 1pm. You will find staff members at the church at other times, too, and you may reach them via phone, text or email with questions to set something up.

The First Lutheran Call Committee has begun the process defined by the Synod for a Senior Pastor Call. At this point the team has established our process, is reviewing the initial set of paperwork of the candidates and beginning the scheduling of the interview process. We ask the congregation to pray for the committee as we move forward in the process of discernment.

Outreach Committee is looking for more birthday and thinking of you cards. Any donations can be brought to the church office.

Thrivent Cards: Vacation Bible School is in need of Thrivent Cards to be used for suppers, crafts, and other supplies. If you have an extra Thrivent Card we could use, please let the office know.

#### Prayer List:

*~ Prayer list will be updated every Tuesday ~*

Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jane Linder (mother of Penny Sommervold), John Thooft, 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), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, Mary Lou Lange (mother of Holly Sorum), Kaitlyn Mason (granddaughter of Russ & Dorrine Berg and niece of Pastor Bruce Berg), Becky Gifford