



# First Lutheran Church

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 4, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk by Personnel Committee

Opening Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* ELW 650

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings Psalm 28  
1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172  
Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

Sermon Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time For Reflection

Sermon Hymn *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (v. 1, 2) ELW 367

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People  
Sharing of the Peace

Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering  
Offertory *Create In Me* ELW 186  
Offering Prayer

Lord's Supper

Lord's Prayer

Communion *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838  
*Jesus Loves Me!* ELW 595

*Come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are also available. This is the Lord's table, where all are welcome. Children who have not yet received communion instruction are invited forward for a blessing.*

Communion Blessing and Benediction

Closing Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (1, 3) ELW 836



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*Messiah*

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Opening Hymn

*Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)*

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Readings

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Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

*Thy Word*

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Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Sermon

Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Sermon Hymn

*You Are My All in All*

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Place your hand on your heart and share the peace

Offering

*Christ Is Risen*

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Offertory

*Offering*

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Offering Prayer

The Lord's Supper with Lord's Prayer  
Communion

*Come To The Table*

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*Heart of Worship*

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Closing Hymn

*To Be Alive*

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# Today's Reading

## Psalm 28

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, do not refuse to hear me, for if you are silent to me, I shall be like those who go down to the Pit. <sup>2</sup>Hear the voice of my supplication, as I cry to you for help, as I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary. <sup>3</sup>Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who are workers of evil, who speak peace with their neighbors, while mischief is in their hearts. <sup>4</sup>Repay them according to their work, and according to the evil of their deeds; repay them according to the work of their hands; render them their due reward. <sup>5</sup>Because they do not regard the works of the LORD, or the work of his hands, he will break them down and build them up no more. <sup>6</sup>Blessed be the LORD, for he has heard the sound of my pleadings. <sup>7</sup>The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. <sup>9</sup>O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.

“The word of the Lord”

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

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## 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

“The word of the Lord”

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

## John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

“The Gospel of our Lord”

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



# Announcements



May 4 & 5, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Karl & Shirley Porisch in memory of Shirley's sister Marilyn Green.

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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Director of Outreach &  
Congregational Care

Thank you for serving!	Saturday, May 4 at 5:30pm	Sunday, May 5 at 9:00am
Acolytes	Caleb Wilts	Alex Reaves Ryan Larsen
Greeters & Ushers	Emily Coequyt & Family	Angela Fischer-Sussner Family
Lectors	Randy Wewetzer	Angela Fischer-Sussner
Music	Brenda Byrnes	Wes' Praise Team
Communion Assistants	Twila Henning	Lisa Henning Denise Schneekloth
Coffee Servers		Kady Simpson
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection	Shelly Maes	Brian Coudron
Altar Guild	Pam Gladis, Heather Purrington, Amber Swenson	

Sunday, May 5  
9:00am Worship Service  
2:00pm 8th Grade Confirmation Service

7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang  
7:00pm NOLA Meeting

Monday, May 6  
2:00pm Coloring 4 Christ  
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Thursday, May 9  
11:00am Heritage Pointe Worship (Pr. Rasmusson)  
1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters  
5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Brau Bros

Tuesday, May 7  
9:00am Senior Coffee  
5:30pm Social Ministries Committee Meeting

Friday, May 10  
7:00am Grub Club @ McDonald

Wednesday, May 8  
6:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins  
10:00am Peace Circle

Saturday, May 11  
5:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, May 12  
9:00am Baccalaureate Service

Coloring 4 Christ will meet on Monday, May 6 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Graduation is our focus. Please bring coloring supplies. Questions or ideas? Please call Paulette Hansen at 508-530-0284.

The Baccalaureate Worship Service will be on Sunday, May 12 at the 9am worship service. Senior Reception for the immediate family members follows at 10am in the fellowship hall. Plan to bring your graduation gown and your confirmation stole and wear them during worship.

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)

Canvas and Cookies! Join us on Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30-8:30pm, and bring a friend, as we enjoy an evening together. For \$35 per person, you can find your "inner Bob Ross"! Our own, Kayla Padfield, will guide us as we create our own masterpieces. All are welcome! Spread the word! Deadline to sign up is Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Sound/Projection Room: Ed Henning and Steve Hamner are looking for help on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in the Sound/Projection room running the equipment for worship services. If you are interested, talk to Ed or Steve. Call Ed Henning at 507-360-3064 if you are interested.

Thank you from Social Ministries Committee to all who donated to the Pack the Pews project. First Lutheran, with the help of our Presbyterian friends, collected 929 pounds of food and \$1,924. Many families were able to benefit from your generosity. If you missed the event or were unable to donate, the shopping cart is always in the Narthex and you can donate at any time. Donations are taken to the Food Shelf weekly.

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.

Staffing Update: First Lutheran Church would like to announce that Tonya Tomasek will continue in her position as Director of Outreach along with the additional responsibilities of Congregational Care. During this time of interim pastoral leadership with Pastor Sara, the decision was made to have Tonya help with some of the additional leadership responsibilities within the church. Recently, you have seen her upfront leading worship, helping Pastor Sara with some of her responsibilities and just filling in where needed. First Lutheran Church is blessed to have Tonya continue in her new role of Director of Outreach/Congregational Care. Congratulations Tonya! You are truly a 'Rock' at First Lutheran!

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)

Prayers and sympathies to Bonnie Doyle and family on the death of John Doyle.