



First Lutheran Church

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

Paul's Conversion

April 14 & 15, 2018

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn *Come, Thou Almighty King* ELW 408
Confession and Forgiveness p. 94

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* (v. 1, 4) ELW 793

Prayer of the Day

O God, you called Paul to bring the good news of your love to all people. Help us answer your call to be witnesses to the Light of the World, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Acolyte Installation (Sunday)

Chancel Choir (Sunday) *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* by Dan Forrest
Reading Matthew 6:24 pew Bible p. 884
"The word of the Lord" Response: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation *God, Whose Almighty Word* (v. 1) ELW 673
Gospel Reading Acts 9:1-19a pew Bible p. 1002
Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* ELW 712
Sermon
Interlude

Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory *Take My Life, That I May Be* (v. 2) ELW 583

Lord's Supper

Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Lamb of God (Sunday) p. 208

Communion Hymns *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838
Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781
Day by Day ELW 790

Blessing

Closing Song *I Love to Tell the Story* ELW 661

Postlude



Announcements

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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Doug Heise in memory of Rosemary.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Wes Marks (brother of Roger Marks), Vi Thomasson, Lennis Miller, Brian Gelster Family.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes	Owen Wilts	Isaiah Brusven Paige Christianson	Aliya Amundson Jonah Jensen
Greeters	Mike & Lynn Christianson	Jim & Joanne Valentin	
Ushers		Emily Pollock	Bruce & Deb Mitlyng
Lectors	Lynn Babcock	Tyler Sprik	
Communion Assistants	Kathy Enger	Rosie Sorum Elly Sprik	
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones	
Coffee Servers		Mike & Jean Henle	
Video and Projection	Dan Marks	Larry Murphy Janet Landby	Larry Murphy Trey Weber
Altar Guild	Lynn Babcock, Tami Dahl, Sharon Miller, Rolly Muller, Sue Versaevel		
Van Driver	Dan Marks		

Sunday April 15

8:30am & 10:45am Worship - Acolyte
Installation
9:30am TLC
9:45am 3 For Heaven Sake
Mercy Me Concert (for those who signed up) -
we will leave from the parking lot at 4pm

Monday April 16

1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday April 17

9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets
7:30pm SMSU Choir Concert

Wednesday April 18

6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study
2:30pm TLC
5:15pm Worship
5:45pm Confirmation
5:45pm Light Supper - \$2/person
6:00pm G3 (eat as a group at 5:45)
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Faith Chats/Game Changers
7:00pm Junior High Alive
7:00pm Little League end of year party
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday April 19
5:30pm Bible & Brew

Friday April 20
Parish Visitor Articles Due
7:00am Grub Club at HyVee
5:20pm 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Saturday April 21
8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
WELCA Spring Gathering - Balaton
5:30pm Worship - Woodbeck Baptism

Sunday April 22
8:30am & 10:45am Worship - G3 dances
9:30am TLC

News & Notes

Hy-Vee Cards are available for purchase between services in the narthex! Proceeds go to the Senior High 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering trip.

“AGAPE” IS AT FIRST LUTHERAN WEDNESDAY APRIL 25TH AT 6:30PM!

“AGAPE” is a hip hop artist who combines dancing, rap and storytelling to spread the message of God’s love through Christ. He will be at the 2018 the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston Texas this summer!! Going to Houston? Don’t miss this! Come and meet him before the gathering. Get a taste of amazing Christian music! A free will offering will be taken.

Senior Reception for the Class of 2018 and their immediate families: 9AM in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday May 27th. Please remember to RSVP with Tonya! Baccalaureate Worship to follow at the 10:45am Worship Service. Seniors don’t forget your stoles (if you have one) and gowns!

Please bring in your wallet sized senior pictures for our class composite!

Seniors applying for the Timm Scholarship, deadline for the application to be turned into the church office is Sunday, April 29.

Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering will be held Saturday April 21st at Sillerud Lutheran Church in Balaton. Speaker is Julie Clark Lingen. Registration begins at 8:30am and concludes with a noon lunch. Registration fee is \$10. In-kind offering will be items for Shetek Lutheran Ministry: puzzles, games, paper, dry erase markers, markers, box fans, bath towels, money for planting spring flowers. Please leave items in the bin in the Narthex by April 15th. If interested in carpooling to event, meet at church at 7:30am. Call Corlys Knudson with questions - 532-2434.

We reached our goal! The total pounds for March Pack the Pews was 1302 lbs. and we received \$295 in cash. What this means is : we provided for 2182 total MEALS! Thank you for making this a record high for First Lutheran Pack the Pews. - The Social Ministries Committee- Chris Fischer, Nancy Blanchard, Anna Stensrud, Karen Murphy and Dorothy Krogen

Today's Readings

Matthew 6:24

24 'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

"The word of the Lord"

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

Acts 9:1-19a

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do. ⁷The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,

¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.