



# First Lutheran Church

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

## Women of Faith: Sarah

Saturday May 26, 2018

5:30pm

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn                                      ***For All the Faithful Women*** (v. 1, 2, Last)                                      ELW 419

### Prayer of the Day

***God of promise, when Sarah laughed at your news that she was about to have a son, you asked the question, "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" Help us form our lives by that truth, trusting your good will to be done in us – and through us. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading                                      Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7                                      pew Bible p. 13  
"The word of the Lord" Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Gospel Acclamation                      ***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***                                      ELW 172

Gospel Reading                              John 10:7-10                                      pew Bible p. 979  
Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***  
Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn    ***Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult***                                      ELW 696

Sermon

Hymn    ***Day by Day***                                      ELW 790

**Apostles' Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Offertory                                      ***We Give Thee but Thine Own*** (v. 1, 4)                                      ELW 686

Benediction

Sending Hymn                              ***My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***                                      ELW 597

Postlude

## Today's Readings

### Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup>Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup>The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup>But Sarah

denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

<sup>21</sup>The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him.

<sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' <sup>7</sup>And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

"The word of the Lord"

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

### John 10:7-10

7 So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Response after the announcement:

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading:

***Praise to you, O Christ.***



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## Baccalaureate

Sunday May 27, 2018 10:45am

Prelude

**Call to Worship**

**Great Is the Lord** (used by permission, 1987 Meadowgreen Music Co., CCLI 473052)

**Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.**

**Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.**

**Great is the Lord and worthy of glory, great is the Lord and worthy of praise.**

**Great is the Lord now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.**

**Great is the Lord, He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.**

**Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.**

**Great are you Lord and worthy of glory, great are you Lord and worthy of praise, Great are You Lord.**

**I lift up my voice. I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord; Great are you Lord.**

Welcome/Announcements

Scholarship Announcement

**Opening Hymn**

**Here I Am, Lord**

ELW 574

Introduction of Seniors/Graduate Blessing

*Parents will be invited forward for the graduate prayer, and are asked to spread out across the front of the sanctuary.*

**Hymn**

**Borning Cry**

ELW 732

**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.**

Senior Dance

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

1 Timothy 4:11-14

“The word of the Lord” Response: **Thanks be to God!**

pew Bible p. 1084

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Ephesians 3:20

“The word of the Lord” Response: **Thanks be to God!**

pew Bible p. 1067

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Listen** (CCLI Song # 1790868 David Lee Brown | Larry Olson © 1990 Dakota Road Music CCLI #473052)  
**Listen to the word of the Lord**

Gospel Reading

John 14:25-27a

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Response after the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ**

pew Bible p. 985

**Hymn**

**The Power of Your Love** (CCLI Song # 917491, Geoff Bullock, © 1992 Maranatha! Music (Admin. by

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**Lord I come to You let my heart be changed renewed;  
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.  
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses you see in me  
Will be stripped away by the power of Your love**

**Hold me close, let Your love surround me, bring me near, draw me to Your side,  
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle, and I will soar with You,  
Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love (Repeat all)**

Sermon

Interlude

Senior Response/Memories

**Apostles' Creed** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Prayers of the People

**Lord's Prayer** (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

*Trust In You*

**Offertory**

**What Have We to Offer** (used by permission 1983 Ray Makeever, CCLI 473052, No. 806722 )

**What have we to offer? What have we to share? Coins from the coffer. Hearts filled with care. God will  
not falter, if we will dare; Lay it at the altar there. What have we to offer?  
What have we to give? Lives we will live.**

Benediction

**Sending Song**

**Go In Peace** (Used by permission, 1989 Tom Hind, CCLI 473052)

**May Lord Jesus bless and keep you in His Love**

**May he stand beside you daily dusk to dusk**

**May he guide you through the night in him we trust and lead us forth into the light** (repeat)

**So go in peace serve the Lord your God with love remembering God will be with you all until the end  
Let's go in peace serve the Lord your God with love remembering God will be with us all until the end  
So go in peace serve the Lord your God with love remembering God will be with you all until the end**  
(repeat)

**Remembering God will be with you all until the end.**

# Today's Readings

## 1 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"

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## John 14: 25-27a

"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.

Response after the announcement:

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading:

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

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

## Ephesians 3:20

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!***



# Announcements

May 26 & 27, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bruce & Vicki Lamprecht in memory of their parents, Hilco & Alvera Lamprecht, and Curt & Vi Stone.

**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), Vi Thomasson, Lennis Miller, Brian Gelster & Family (deployment), Deb Gilbertson, Val Krogstad, La Oeltjenbruns.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	10:45am
Acolytes		Tyler Sprik
Greeters	Bill & Kathy Engler	Chris Cordes & Dealyn Rose
Ushers		Chris Cordes & Dealyn Rose
Lectors	Karen Murphy	Senior Class
Music	Susan Jones	Praise Team: Jane Hartman, David Landby, Karla Luther, Anna Rose, Elly Sprik, Tim Tomasek
Video and Projection		Steve Hamner, Jeffrey McCall
Altar Guild	Lois Evers, Pam Gladis, Jan Maeyaert-Hansen, Heather Purrington	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	

## Sunday May 27

NO 8:30am Worship  
 9:00am Senior Reception  
 10:45 Worship - Baccalaureate

## Monday May 28

Office Closed - Memorial Day  
 6:30pm Beginning Experience

## Tuesday May 29

9:00am Senior Coffee  
 10:15am Staff Meets

## Wednesday May 30

7:00pm Houston Details Meeting

## Saturday June 2

5:30pm Worship

## Sunday June 3

9:30am Worship  
 10:30am Set up for VBS

## Monday June 4

Set up for VBS  
 1:00pm Quilting  
 6:30pm Beginning Experience

## Tuesday June 5

8:00am VBS

6:00pm Worship & Music Committee

6:30pm Social Ministries Committee

## Wednesday June 6

8:00am VBS

5:15pm Women's Board Meeting

## **News & Notes**

### **Congratulations and God's blessings to the Class of 2018:**

Danielle Alberg, Alexa Amundson, Mackinzie Andreas, Owen Banks, Maia Brooks, Michael DeVaun, Lexie Dulas, Haley Fuhrmann, Billy Giannelli, Skylar Gilbertson, Carlee Goslar, Alec Jahn, Abe Jensen, Megan Kock, Kyle Kruse, Maddie Marks, Katherine Marshall, Sydney Meister, Orion Morrow, Alison Mortier, Drew Negen, Gabby Reese, Madi Schumacher, Alex Verkinderen, and Noah Versaevel.

May God richly bless you on your next journey in life! Thanks for allowing us to walk with you on your faith journey! We are all truly blessed.

**Hy-Vee Cards will now be available** for purchase in the church office! Proceeds go to the 2019 Senior High Mission Trip.

### **Shipwrecked – Rescued by Jesus, June 5-8 from 8am-11:15am**

At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats and experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures. Kids will also learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 11am. Register is online by going to [www.1stlutheran.org](http://www.1stlutheran.org) and clicking on the link. Paper registration forms can be turned into the church office. Please call the church office 532-2429 or email [kmmarks@iw.net](mailto:kmmarks@iw.net) with any questions!

**VBS Needs:** Below are a few items we need to either borrow or have donated for VBS 2018, which is June 5-8. If you are able to help with any of the following items, please email Kitsi at [kmmarks@iw.net](mailto:kmmarks@iw.net). Thank You!!

- Rowboat (to be borrowed)
- Boat/Inflatable Raft (to be borrowed)
- Paddles (to be borrowed)
- Anchors (to be borrowed)
- CD Players/Docking Stations (to be borrowed)
- Anything beach party themed willing to donate
- Lifesavers (to be borrowed)
- Hy-Vee Gift Card (See Bulletin Board in Narthex)
- Orange life jackets (to be borrowed)
- Large ropes (to be borrowed or donated)

**DATE NIGHT TO BE OFFERED** TO FAMILIES AT FIRST LUTHERAN Fri, June 8th 6-9pm  
First Lutheran Youth and supervising adults are sponsoring our annual "Date Night" just for you! We will watch your kids at the church while you enjoy an evening together on the town. Plenty of help will be here to provide a fun filled evening for your kids! And it's FREE! Reservations deadline will be Sunday June 3. We will stand firm on this deadline date so that our ratio of sitters to kids is perfect. A registration form/waiver will be provided via email or at the church and will be needed by the deadline to hold your spots. Please feed your kids supper before you drop them off. A snack and an evening of faith-filled fun with the older kids and adults will be provided!! Questions? Just ask Tonya!

**New First Lutheran Church Directory** We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.

A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life our church
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

We are partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. You can sign up for photography online at our church website at [www.1stlutheran.org](http://www.1stlutheran.org) or look for our signup table at upcoming services or call our office or call Lifetouch at 1.866.756.0281.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY DATES**

**Monday, June 18th thru Saturday, June 23rd**

**Wednesday, July 18th thru Tuesday, July 24th**

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY HOURS:**

**Weekdays 2PM to 9PM – Saturdays 10AM to 5PM – Sunday 11AM – 6PM**

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those would like them prior to photography.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory. We are encouraging 100% participation!

Your First Lutheran Outreach Committee

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

**Houston Last Details Meeting** for PARENTS and YOUTH and ADULT LEADERS will be Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. It is very important to be there. A LOT of important stuff to know before we go, what to pack, and answers to the questions you have.

**First Lutheran Women are collecting shoes** for Soles 4 Souls along with white socks and lip balm for the Veterans Home in St Cloud. These in-kind offerings will be brought to the Women of the ELCA SW MN Synodical Convention in St Cloud June 29th and 30th. Soles 4 Souls welcome any type of shoes, new or used including athletic shoes, sandals, dress shoes, work boots, pumps, cleats, dance, flip flops and even shoes who have lost their mates! Drop your shoes in the large shoe box in the narthex. Thank you to the First Lutheran Youth for making our collection box!

**First Lutheran will be a donation location** for the United Way of Southwest MN Stuff the Bus event. Bins will be in place from late June until the end of July. We will be receiving more information on exact supplies suggested in June but in general any school supplies are welcome. Monetary donations are accepted as well.

**Seasonal Decorating opportunity.** Do you enjoy decorating for the holidays? If so, we could use the help of a few staff that would like to co-coordinate the seasonal decorating in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact Tami Dahl at (507) 828-9559 or [bdtdahl@gmail.com](mailto:bdtdahl@gmail.com).

**First Lutheran is seeking** a fill-in office assistant for occasional hours. Please let a staff member know if you are interested.

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