



# First Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2024

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (v. 1, 2, 3)* ELW 377

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* ELW 172  
Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

Sermon Pastor Sara Vanderpan  
Interlude with Time For Reflection  
Sermon Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

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 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686  
Offering Prayer

Benediction  
Closing Hymn *Let All Things Now Living (v.1, 2)* ELW 881



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Call to Worship	<i>All Are Welcome</i> (v. 1-4)	ELW 641
Welcome and Announcements Faith Chest		
Opening Hymn	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	ELW 482
Confession and Forgiveness		
Prayer of the Day		
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Special Music	<i>When We Are Living</i> , arr. by C. Knott Bridget Albright, acc. Lon Wright and Suzanne Powell	ELW 639
Readings	Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21	
Gospel Acclamation	<i>We Are All One in Christ</i>	ELW 643
Gospel Reading	John 15:1-8	
Hymn	<i>Lead Me, Guide Me</i>	ELW 768
Sermon	Pastor Sara Vanderpan	
Interlude with Time For Reflection		
Sermon Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with You</i>	ELW 818
Apostles' Creed		
Prayers of the People	<i>Hear Our Prayer</i>	ELW 178
Lord's Prayer		
Sharing of the Peace	Place your hand on your heart and share the peace	
Offering (Te Deum Selection)	<i>Be Exalted, O God</i> Used by permission Brent Chambers © 1977 Scripture in Song, Maranatha! Music. Music.	
Offertory	<i>People of God</i> Used by permission Wayne Watson © 1982 Singspiration Music! ASCAP, The Benson Publishing Company.	
Offering Prayer		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	<i>The Lord Now Sends Us Forth</i>	ELW 538



# Announcements

April 27 & 28, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jim & Chris Fischer in memory of their parents Darles & Audrey Fischer and Roger & Mary Blumhoefer.

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, April 27 at 5:30pm	Sunday, April 28 at 9:00am
Acolytes		Hudson Hawkinson
Greeters & Ushers	Karl & Shirley Porisch	Brian Kruse
Lectors	Judy Norum	Brian Kruse
Music	Brenda Byrnes	Te Deum: Lon & Diane Wright, Derrick Watson, Suzanne Powell, Kristin Neet-Holien, Steve Meyer, David Landby, Doug Krogen, Connie Knott, Bridget Albright
Coffee Servers		Myhrbergs
Video & Audio	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning	Steve Hamner & Ed Henning
Projection		
Altar Guild	Eileen Fuhrmann, Pat Simpson, Rosalie Muller, Sheryl Louwagie	

Saturday, April 27  
5:30pm Worship Service

Sunday, April 28  
7:30am Te Deum Practice  
9:00am Worship Service

Monday, April 29  
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday, April 30  
9:00am Senior Coffee

Wednesday, May 1  
6:30am Women's Bible Study  
7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins

2:30pm Boulder Estates Worship (Pr. Sara)  
3:30pm Morning Side Worship (Pr. Sara)  
6:00pm 7th Grade Adopt-A-Highway  
6:00pm 8th Grade Confirmation Practice/Pics  
7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang  
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday, May 2  
10:00am Hill Street Worship (Pr. Quist)  
1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters  
5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Brau Bros

Friday, May 3  
7:00am Grub Club @ McDonalds  
4:00pm Visitation for Milo "Mike" McClain

Mark it on your calendar- Monday, April 29, make supper plans to dine in at the Gambler! A percentage of proceeds will go towards the youth headed to New Orleans this July. Join us, it's always fun to see the place full of familiar faces. Proceeds go to Youth NOLA summer trip.

Apply for a Senior College Scholarship: First Lutheran Church, with financial support from the First Lutheran Church Foundation, is pleased to announce the opening for applications for the annual Norman and Irene Timm Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was made possible by the generous contribution of the Timm family, in memory of their parents, who were long-time First Lutheran Church members. The 2024 scholarship is for \$500 and is open to seniors that are involved at church, attending college in the fall, and have some goals for your future, which you'll write about in your essay. Applications can be found at the church or on our website. The deadline is April 30, 2024.

Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30-3:30pm 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.

Coloring 4 Christ will meet on Monday, May 6 at 2:00pm 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 9:00am 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>.

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

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.

Narthex Refresh: A special thank you to Ray & Julie Henricksen, Mark & Jean Mather and Lee & Norma Raske for painting the Narthex! They are going to continue their efforts and paint the whole Narthex area as time allows. Thank you for your time and talents in giving the space a fresh new look. Special thank you to Chuck Muller for hanging the tv to display announcements.

Sound/Projection: Ed Henning and Steve Hamner are looking for help on 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.

TV Screen Announcement Centers: Check out the new announcement welcome centers in both the Sanctuary Narthex and Office Narthex. These areas will be designated for all information, announcements, Christ in Our Home devotionals, etc.

Thrivent Cards: Vacation Bible School is in need of Thrivent Cards 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 ~*

John Doyle, 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)

# Today's Reading

## Psalm 22:25-31

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. <sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

“The word of the Lord”

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

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## 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those

who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, “I love God,” and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

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Response: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***  
**John 15:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

“The Gospel of our Lord”

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