



**The LORD has
made known
his salvation.**

Psalm 98:2

**May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(The theme of love and Christ-filled living pervades the lessons for this Sixth Sunday of Easter. To love one another is to abide in the love of Christ. The world does not know true love, but the love of Christ overcomes the ways of the world that are selfish, shallow, and fleeting in nature. Welcome to today's worship service.)

WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

HYMN LBW #439
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

439

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a so - lace there.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSp. 56

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SPECIAL MUSICSunday School

RECOGNITION AND SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

FIRST READINGActs 10:34-48

(As more and more people come to faith in Jesus, Peter tells Cornelius the good news of the Gospel and shares that God’s invitation to believe and follow is meant for all people. His impassioned preaching led many to faith.)

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-8
(John portrays love as a concrete way of life rather than empty words. For those who are in Christ, keeping God's commandments is not burdensome, but rather a joyous response to God's gift of eternal life.)

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has

been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSICSunday School

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READINGJohn 15:9-17

(Jesus calls his followers to live a fruit-filled, Spirit-centered life that is grounded in love. He declared that one would remain in his love by keeping his commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.)

⁹{Jesus said,} “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - (2 Aisle Floor Stations)

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

Lamb of God – p. 72

© Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

WOV #699 – “Blessed Assurance”

WOV #711 – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

LBW #197 – “O Living Bread from Heaven”

Blessed Assurance

699

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

711

Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well you feed your guest!
 2 My Lord, you here have led me With - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can death de - stroy.
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en Have filled my heart with rest.
 And here your - self have fed me With trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed The cup of end - less joy.
 My course on earth is length - ened, To serve with ho - ly fear.

Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
 For you have free - ly giv - en What earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it The fa - vor you have shown,
 And when you call my spir - it To leave this world be - low,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows!
 The bread of life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
 And all my soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore your throne.
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

Psalm 32:10

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace

Numbers 6:24–26

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“Built on a Rock”

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

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Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us
 bless - ing; Hi - ther we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

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OFFICE HOURS: T-T-F 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 - 3:30

W – 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

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Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Jesus says, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love” (John 15:9, NRSV). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today and ask that you sign our guest book in the narthex.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Sunday, April 28, Attendance – 207

Online Viewing – 29

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,738.00

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran has hearing assist systems to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this or want to try it, please see the ushers in the narthex.

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Receive the bread into your open, flat palm. Ask if you wish to receive grape juice or a gluten free wafer. Alert an usher if you, or someone you know, needs communion served in the pew.

This week we pray for:

This Week's New Prayer Requests: Dick Bickert, Elmer & Arlene Schwarz, Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown),

Prayers of Christian Sympathy: Family of Jamie Westurm

Long Term prayer requests:

Members: Alton Krebsbach, Melisa Chrest, Howard Johnson, Karen Goehring

* The person in parenthesis is who the person is related to or friends of. Please feel free to ask these individuals how best you can pray for their family/friend.

This month we pray for:

Members: Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

Friends & Family: Jerry Smith, Warren Pauling (Audrey Pauling)

This Quarter we pray for:

Members and Nonmembers: Perry Thyberg, Corrine Kerzmann (Donna Gunderson)

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

- **Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in the Military and the National Guard:**
SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
SPC Olivia Retterath – National Guard - Deployed
SPC Christian Gardner – Army National Guard
SPC Cassidy Sommer – National Guard
SGT Jonathan Melvard – Army National Guard
- **Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:**
SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
Emily Johnson – Air Force
Bryar Anderson – Marines
1SGT Jordan Ternes – Army National Guard
Tech. SGT Andre Austin – Air Force
Hunter Feigum – National Guard
Morris Duffy – Medical Air Guard
Brandon Searcy – Navy – Deployed
Adam Walsvik – National Guard

Notice of Prayer List Policy

We have a monthly /quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list, please contact the office and the request will be added to our “This Quarter we pray for:” list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God’s people.

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Paul (701-240-4712) or the church office (701-462-3775) if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Large Print Bulletins

We have large print bulletins for those wanting or needing larger print. Ask the ushers for one.

Flowers

Altar flowers today are from First Lutheran Church Women – Happy Mother's Day. Other flowers are from Gary & Cindy Thiel in memory of Amanda Thiel.

Thank You Sunday School Teachers and Leaders

Thank you to the following for helping out with Sunday School this past school year. We couldn't do it without your help.

Large group leader

Stacy Boeshans

Preschool

Kacy Hardt

Kellie Sheldon

Mandi Wimer

Brooke Knutson

Haylie Bentz

Jada Vetter

Gracie Omlid

Kindergarten

Kesia Boeshans

Stacy Boeshans

1st grade

Pamela Vetter

Donavin Vetter

Joan Holznagel

Jaxon Solomonson

2nd and 3rd grade

Sarah Kadrmas

Sadie Lauf

Patty Winn

4th, 5th, and 6th grade

Julie Bentz

Also ***thank you*** to Judy Beaudry, Sarah Ternes, Kaitlynn Carlson, Amanda Vetter, Lindsay Hoff, Melissa Rothe, Jeannette and Pastor Paul for helping when needed!

Let's Taco 'About Jesus!

Everyone is invited to join the Sunday School today for their end of year celebration with a Taco Bar meal. They will be serving immediately following fellowship hour/Sunday School until gone. Freewill donation.

Mother's Day Tea

The FLCW Mother's Day Tea scheduled for today, May 5th, has been cancelled due to other conflicts.

Jamie Westrum Celebration of Life

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jamie Westrum. A Celebration of Life for Jamie will be held this Saturday, May 11th, here at First Lutheran Church at 2:00 pm. Jamie is a cousin to Emily Retterath. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

Special Congregational Meeting

Please plan to attend the Special Congregational Meeting next Sunday, May 12th, immediately following the worship service. We will be voting on extending a Letter of Call to Pastor Paul Krueger. If that passes then we will vote on his compensation package. See letter to congregation in this bulletin for more information.

FLCW Outing

All women of First Lutheran are invited to the FLCW Outing on Wednesday, May 15th. They will be touring the Assumption Abbey in Richardton, going for lunch and then on to the Taylor Nursery in Taylor. Everyone will meet at the church at 8:30 that morning to carpool. A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Youth Group Helper Wanted

Are you willing to help with the youth? Pastor Paul and Melissa are looking for one or a few individuals to help out with a few different youth related activities and events this summer (late June-August 4th). We will have an informal meeting today, May 5th, during fellowship hour to discuss the possibilities.

Support Melissa this Summer

Melissa Rothe is going to a 40-day leadership and discipleship experience near Duluth through Tentmakers. There are support letters and brochures in a basket on the table in the narthex if you would like to support her through money and prayer. Please talk to Melissa to hear more about what she will be doing and what she hopes to gain from this experience.

Mother The Camp

There is a plastic tub in the Narthex for the annual MOTHER THE CAMP donations. A list of food items, kitchen supplies, housekeeping, office supplies, craft items, and maintenance supplies is on the tub, with lists tacked on the bulletin board for the taking. Any donations help to reduce the operating costs of the camp. Donations will be collected until Sunday, May 12, 2024, and then will be packed up for delivery to the Camp.

Camp of the Cross Camp Scholarships

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for the FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. Please let Peggy Moran know by **May 19, 2024**, if you have any campers registered so funds can be sent to the camp before camp season begins.

Connections

The May/June issue of *Connections* is in the magazine racks in the narthex. Take a copy today to read updates on the LCMC and NALC plus other interesting articles.

Our Daily Bread and Portals of Prayer

The March/April/May issue of *Our Daily Bread* and the April - June 2024 issue of *Portals of Prayer* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy to use with your daily devotions.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	10:45 AM	Last Day of Sunday School Fireside Bible Reading Taco Meal Following SS/Fellowship Hour
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Choir FLY
THURS.		Ascension of Our Lord
SAT.	2:00 PM	Jamie Westrum Celebration of Life
SUN.	9:30 AM	Worship Congregational Meeting Immediately Following Worship Fellowship/Coffee Hour following the Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Sixth Sunday of Easter — May 5, 2024

“Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”

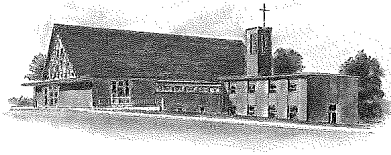
- Psalm 98:1 -

It doesn't always feel like God is doing marvelous things; as a matter of fact, sometimes it feels like He has abandoned us. We see suffering all around and even experience it in our own lives. Despite this, God's good works are so worthy of praise that even the creation sings along with the song from the heavens to the earth; the sea roars, the floods clap their hands and the hills sing. God's faithfulness is forever and it reaches everywhere. Best of all His works, God has promised salvation to His people. Though we will not see the fulfillment of that promise in this life, we can walk in faith and rest in the knowledge that God has done what we cannot do: He has overcome the world for our sake. We can't be saved by our own strength or righteousness. Christ saved us on the cross and covers us with His righteousness.

The psalmist calls us to sing about God's faithfulness and His lasting love for His people. We praise God with our voice; we sing a new song. We praise Him with a harp and trumpets. We sing God's praise as we worship together, as we are fed, body and soul, through the Word and Sacraments. We praise God by getting to know Him in our Bible studies. We praise God in prayer and in the fellowship of believers.

The worship and praise does not stop at the doors of our churches, however. We praise God when we share a word of hope with someone in distress and when we give a cup of water to the thirsty. We praise God when we pray for the healing of the nations and our neighbors. We praise God when we introduce others to the saving grace found through Jesus Christ our Lord. As we do so, let's remember that our thanksgiving is not just for those things from the past, but for everything God is doing and will do in our lives. We are most thankful for the one thing that He has done that will not be fulfilled until the end: our salvation.

It might seem at times as though God has abandoned us, but today's difficulties will pass. For today, let's remember that God is God and that He has done marvelous things.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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4-15-2024

Dear Members of First Lutheran Church,

During the past many months, our Call Committee has been working diligently with God's guidance to find a pastoral candidate who might be called to serve First Lutheran Church. I am pleased to report that the Call Committee has recommended Paul Krueger for consideration by the congregation. The Congregational Council has met and concurs with this recommendation.

A Congregational Call Meeting has been called and is scheduled for Sunday, May 12th, 2024, at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary following worship services.

All members are invited to attend. Only voting members (defined as confirmed members who have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding calendar year) will have the privilege of voice and vote at this meeting.

The purpose for this meeting is specific to the call of a pastor for First Lutheran Church, and will include the following two orders of business provided the requirements for a quorum are met:

- A vote by written ballot to approve placing a Letter of Call to candidate Paul Krueger will be held (approval will require a 2/3 majority).
- If the candidate is approved, a second vote by sign to approve the salary and compensation to be included in the Letter of Call will be called (approval will require a simple majority).

A draft Letter of Call will be available for review and placed in the Narthex. The voter registration will be passed around with a clipboard and pen following the service. Members of the Church Council will issue ballots to each pew for each Congregational Member to cast their vote. Upon completion, ballots will be passed to the center isle for collection and will be counted immediately. If the candidate is approved, there will need to be a motion from a Congregational Member to approve the salary and compensation as well as a second. Any discussion will be heard at this time. Following the discussion, a vote by sign will be called.

I would ask that you all please prayerfully consider this important matter and attend the meeting if you are able. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you might have prior to the meeting. Thank you to everyone for showing faith, patience, and perseverance throughout this time of pastoral vacancy. We have truly been blessed in many ways as we have been able to continue to work to know Christ and make Christ known!

Peace and blessings,

Joseph Sheldon
Congregation President