

**I will put
my Spirit
within you,
and you
shall live.**

Ezekiel 37:14

**May 19, 2024
Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(Jesus promised that he would send a helper to go with his disciples. That helper is the Holy Spirit, a constant presence in our lives that brings us to faith and grants us the gifts to carry out Christ's mission to the world. Today is Pentecost Sunday and our focus is upon the work of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to our worship service.)

WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

HYMN LBW #161

“O Day Full of Grace”

O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, Our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, When he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new

earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; Then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; And then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from him be

be Re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, Great joy for us all re - triev - ing; For Je - sus all
 stone, That we, un - to him be - long - ing, Might join with an -
 lost, All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the

now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, All dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing,
 gel - ic hosts to raise Our voic - es in end - less sing - ing,
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all his heal - ing,

5 When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,

All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.

© Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Gerald Thorson, b. 1921
Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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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

HOLY BAPTISM

(Baptized today is Preslee Ann Cripe, daughter of Evan Cripe and Haylee Sopher. Preslee was born March 2, 2024. Her sponsors are Scott & Tara Hans.)

We welcome Preslee as our newest member of First Lutheran.

HYMN (vs 1 & 2)..... LBW #474 **“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

- 1. Children of the heav’nly Father, Safely in his bosom gather; Nestling bird or star in heaven, Such a refuge ne’er was given.**
- 2. God his own doth tend and nourish, In his holy courts they flourish, From all evil things he spare them, In his mighty arms he bears them.**

BAPTISM OF PRESLEE ANN CRIPE

“MAKE THIS CHILD YOURS” Jesslyn Hall

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1-14
(Ezekiel is given a vision of Israel’s resurrection from the dead. This image served as a promise to Israel that they would be brought home from the place of death and restored to a new life in God’s presence.)

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them,

and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'
¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21
(50 days after Jesus resurrection, the Holy Spirit came upon Christ's disciples and filled them with boldness to confront sin and proclaim Christ's redeeming forgiveness. On this day, known as Pentecost, 3,000 people heard the Gospel message and came to faith in Christ.)

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, {the apostles} were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya

belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

RECOGNITION OF FLC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
(Jesus promises to send a helper to his followers; this advocate and guide is the Holy Spirit of God.)

²⁶{Jesus said,} “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The notes are written on a five-line staff. Below the staff, the lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are aligned with the notes. A copyright symbol (©) is located at the bottom left of the staff.

SERMON Pastor Paul Krueger
“Grab Hold of a New Spirit” – Acts 2:1-21

APOSTLES' CREED.....p. 65

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

HYMN LBW #403

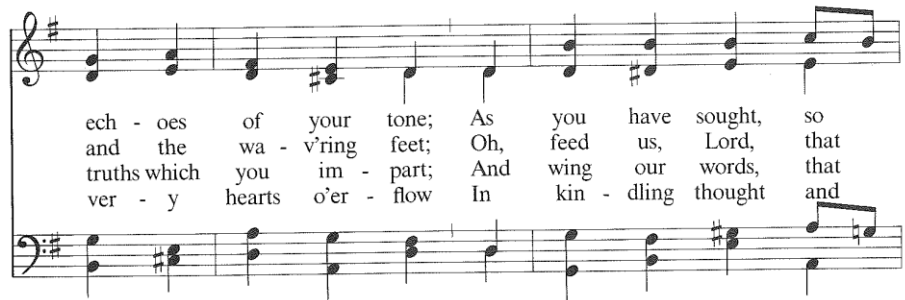
“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”

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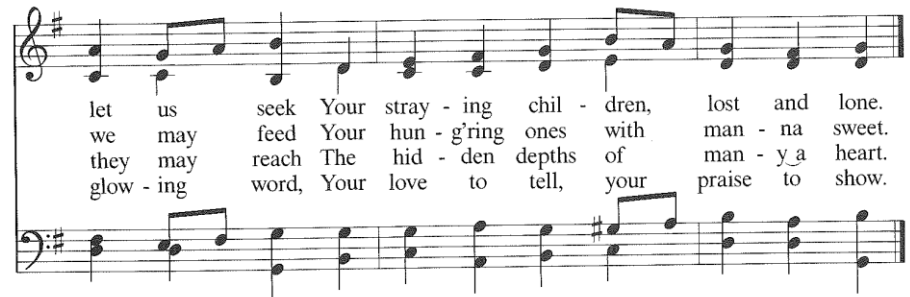
Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak In liv - ing
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan - d'ring
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our



ech - oes of your tone; As you have sought, so
 and the wa - v'ring feet; Oh, feed us, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part; And wing our words, that
 ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and



let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORY



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 CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave

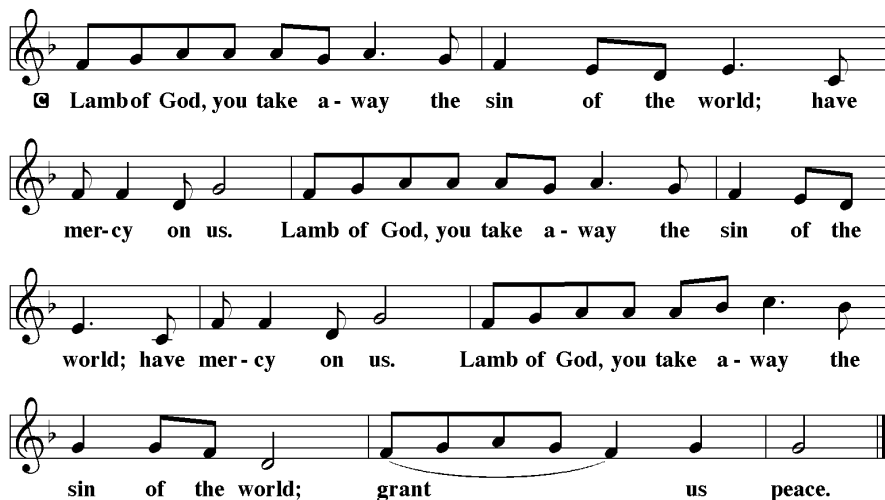
it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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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.

LBW #486 – “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

LBW #235 – “Break Now the Bread of Life”

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 486

B^b F⁷ B^b E^b Cm⁷ B^b Gm A Dm G⁷

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart; Wean it from earth, through
 2 I ask no dream, no proph-et ec - sta - sies, No sud - den rend - ing
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King; All, all your own, soul,
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love, One ho - ly pas - sion

F C⁷ F F⁷ F sus⁴ F⁷

all its puls - es move; Stoop to my weak - ness, strength to
 of the veil of clay, No an - gel - vis - i - tant, no
 heart, and strength, and mind? I see your cross; there teach my
 fill - ing all my frame: The bap - tism of the heav'n - de -

B^b E^b B^b F⁷ B^b

me im - part, And make me love you as I ought to love.
 o - p'ning skies; But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 heart to cling, Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 scend - ed dove, My heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

1 Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That he may

broke the loaves Be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread By Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 Word the truth That res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes And make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed

I seek you, Lord; My spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 All fet - ters fall; And I shall find my peace, My All - in - All!
 With you a - bove; Teach me to love your truth, For you are love.
 With - in your Word, And in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

*Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
 Tune: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888*

BREAD OF LIFE
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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 - joice 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

SPECIAL MUSIC Choir
"Benediction"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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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.

Welcome to Pentecost worship! Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church. May we be open to the Spirit's dynamic leading.

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, May 12th

Attendance – 117

Online Viewing – 12

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$1,706.00

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.

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!

This week we pray for:

This Week's New Prayer Requests: Wade Elder (Larry Keller)

Prayers of Christian Sympathy:

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: Dick Bickert, Marion Narum (Peggy Moran), Ty Brown (Jody & Nicole Brown), Alice Richard, Jackie Olson

Friends & Family:

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

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.

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 Pastor Paul & Susann Krueger given in celebration of Preslee Cripe’s baptism and with grateful thanks for the warmth, friendship and welcome that has been showered upon us by the people of First Lutheran Church.

High School Senior Recognition

This morning we recognize the First Lutheran High School Seniors during the worship service. A tea follows the worship service for the graduates, families and prayer warriors.

Following are the seniors and their prayer warriors:

Aaron Blumhagen – Randy Hall

James Chrest – Sylvia Thompson

Madelyn (Maddie) Jaeger – Carla Bickert

Carter Knutson – Alexis Solomonson

Alex Retterath – Mac & Judy Beaudry

Justin Scheresky – Melissa Rothe

Ashlyn Schmitz – Janet Hanson

Carnival Committee Meeting

The carnival committee will meet today following the worship service. Anyone is welcome to be on this committee. Any questions, please talk to Kacy Hardt.

Super Sunday Supper

Join us today for our Super Sunday Supper from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. It will be a Fiesta Sunday meal. Tacos and Mexican food. Everyone is welcome. Freewill offering.

Newsletter Deadline

Please have all articles for the June newsletter to the church office no later than noon on Monday, May 20th.

Church Council Meeting

Church Council will meet this Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30 pm.

Quilting

All women that quilt or are wanting to learn to quilt are invited to join our quilters this Thursday, May 23rd, from 9:00 am – noon.

Justin Scheresky Graduation Open House

The congregation is invited to the open house for Justin Scheresky here at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 26th, after graduation.

Riverboat Days Quilt Display

June 1st Riverboat Days Pie & Ice Cream Social will have a display of quilts. If you have a quilt you would like displayed, please contact Donna Gunderson at 315-0275 no later than May 30th.

Riverboat Days Community Band

Do you play a band instrument? The join us for the Riverboat Days Community Worship Service on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30 am. Dust your band instrument off and join the fun! Rehearsal will be Wednesday, May 29th, at 6:30 pm here at First Lutheran. Contact Pastor Paul Krueger at First Lutheran for music and to find out more!

Riverboat Days Community Worship

There will be no worship at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 2nd. Join us at Falgren Park at Fort Mandan at 10:30 am for our Riverboat Days Community Worship. There will be songs, special music, community band and hymns. Special message by Rev. Paul Krueger and more! Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join the Washburn Community.

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.

Altar Flower Signup Sheet

A signup sheet for altar flowers through September 29th is on the table in the narthex. Signup for that Sunday you want before it is taken. You furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.

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 June/July/August 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.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

Prairie Lake Festival is June 15, 2024 at 11:00 am. Donations must be mailed or dropped off at the camp office by May 20th with the donatiOn form included.

Bismarck Larks **GROUP OUTING**



CAMP OF THE CROSS

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

TIME: 6:35PM

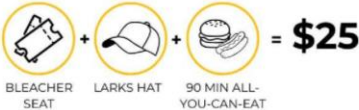
LOCATION: Bismarck Municipal Ballpark

TICKET OPTIONS

Ticket options are on a first come, first serve basis. Book your group outing today!



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HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

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Wednesday, June 5th

Get ready to hit the jackpot with a Larks game! Come out and enjoy a night of great baseball, awesome entertainment, and FUN!

Plus June 5th is also **Woof Wednesday**. It'll be jammed packed with so much FUN you won't want to miss.



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COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHI Health at Home invites you to participate in **2024 Annual Hospice Memorial Tree Planting**. There are two opportunities:

Tuesday, May 21st, at 6:30 PM
CHI St. Alexius Health Center at Boniface Auditorium
Bismarck, ND
10th Street and Rosser / East Patient Entrance

Tuesday, June 4th, at 1:00 PM
CHI St. Alexius Garrison Memorial Hospital
Garrison, ND
407 3rd Ave. SE – Chapel

Bereaved families are invited to write their loved one's name and a special memory on a piece of paper to plant with the tree. A reception will follow. Ceremonies are open to the public. For more information, call 701-530-4500.

CHUCKLE OF THE DAY

A pastor was 10 minutes into his sermon when he noticed his young son in the balcony with a pea-shooter.

He was leaning over the "balcony" ---
aiming and popping people in the head.

As the pastor prepared to deliver a very public scolding of his boy – the 7-year-old son hollered out,

"You keep preaching Dad, and I'll keep'em awake!
(Dedicated to all the PK's)

(In case you are wondering, PK's is not Pastor Krueger's,
it is Pastor's Kids. LOL)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion Holy Baptism High School Senior Recognition
	10:45 AM	Graduation Tea Carnival Committee Meeting
	4:00 – 6:00 PM	Super Sunday Supper
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting
MON.	Noon	Newsletter Deadline
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
	6:30 PM	Church Council Meeting
WED.	7:00 PM	FLY
THURS.	9:00 AM	Quilting
SUN.	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Baptism
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour
	PM	Justin Scheresky Graduation Open House
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 2024

“And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

–Ezekiel 37:14–

Can you picture the scene in your mind? It is dry and desolate. There is no source of water. No trees or plants. You are at the foot of a valley, and there you come upon a scene that is dreadful and hopeless. All around you are bones—dry bones. If you weren’t feeling alone and hopeless in a desolate place already, you will now as you are surrounded by the stark reminder of death. As God shows this vision to Ezekiel, certainly it seemed a hopeless situation, full of great despair.

We have had moments in our lives, where we have felt in a valley full of death, hopelessness, dry bones, and despair. It can be overwhelming, and it threatens to take our focus from what really matters—what’s at the heart of this passage from chapter 37. For Ezekiel, he was losing hope for the nation of Israel. He was beginning to think Israel was a lost cause. God first addresses Ezekiel as, “Son of Man,” or in other translations, “Mortal,” emphasizing Ezekiel’s humanness. Ezekiel, like the rest of us, will face death one day as all humans have and will. God asks mortal Ezekiel if the bones can live. Anyone looking at the bleached white bones would know that the people these bones once represented, are long past any hope of life. Or so it seems.

Ezekiel responds that only God really knows if the bones can live or not. God commands Ezekiel to speak God’s word faithfully over these dry bones. And so God uses Ezekiel as his instrument, and as Ezekiel speaks God’s word, breathes new life into what once appeared dead. The bones come together, and God creates new life in them.

On this Day of Pentecost, we are reminded that God has given his Holy Spirit to us as a gift. Nothing we do, not even our faithfulness, can give us the promised life in Jesus Christ. Only God can breathe life into us through his Holy Spirit. Certainly, we can call to mind various times when all hope may have seemed lost. These verses from Ezekiel, however, affirm for us a message of hope. Even now in 2024, we don’t have to look far to find news headlines that have the power to fill us with despair. But the power of God can transform and renew. As we look back on the history of the church, we know that’s true. God is faithful and good; he alone gives us new life in him.