

*The voice
of the LORD
is over the waters.*

Psalm 29:3

**May 26, 2024
Holy Trinity Sunday
9:30 AM Worship**

First Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(God's glory is on display in today's Scripture lessons as we celebrate Trinity Sunday. God has revealed himself to humanity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three in one. Welcome to God's house this morning.)

WELCOME

(put prayer requests on yellow cards)

HYMN LBW #522 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, Thou Almighty King

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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, Help us thy name to
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on thy might - y
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness
4 To thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es

sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, And give thy
bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, Now rule in
be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess, And let thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESSp. 56

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIEp. 57

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men



☐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



☑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

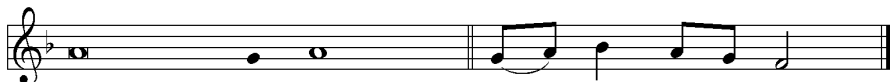


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Majestic Trinity, mystery of Three-in-One and One-in-Three, we worship you. Before time your love burst forth, creating the world in which you took delight. Strengthen us in our faith, defend us from all evil and temptation, and bring us into the everlasting presence of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

(Baptized today is Myles Chase Clayton, son of Chase & Emily Clayton. Myles was born January 14, 2024. His sponsors are Neil & Chauntel LeIm and Jodi Clayton.)

We welcome Myles 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 MYLES CHASE CLAYTON

“MAKE THIS CHILD YOURS”Brent Petersen

FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8

(The Lord reveals himself to Isaiah in a vision. Even though Isaiah cries out that he lost an unclean, God commissioned Isaiah to speak His Word.)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

PSALM (Read responsively)Psalm 29
(The psalmist sings of the Lord’s glory and power, urging all who would listen to give God credit for his wonders and majesty.)

¹Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

¹¹May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

SECOND READINGActs 2:14a, 22-36
(Peter boldly addresses the gathered crowd and explains who Jesus is. "This Jesus that you crucified," Peter declared, is the one God sent to humanity to save us from sin and death.)

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'" ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 3rd chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READINGJohn 3:1-17
(Jesus meets Nicodemus, a Jewish leader, who came to see Jesus at night and hears a message of Grace and Forgiveness through the mercy of a truly gracious God who brings new birth through faith in Jesus Christ.)

¹There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly

things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). The lyrics 'Praise to you, O Christ.' are written below the staff, with the notes corresponding to the syllables: G (P), A-B (ra), C (ise), B-A (to), G (you), F (O), E (Christ).

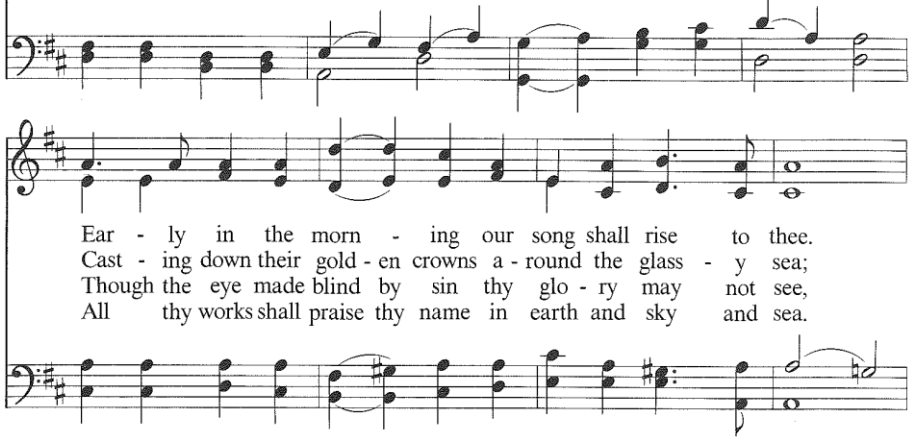
HYMN LBW #165
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, Holy, Holy

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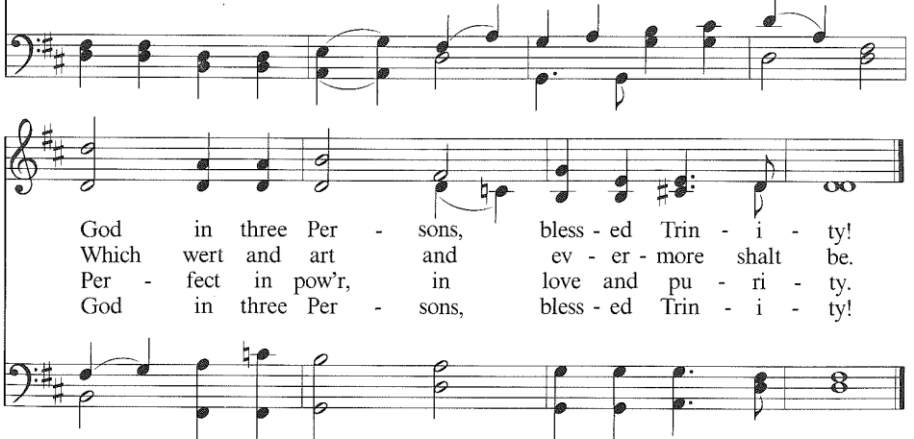
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

SERMON Pastor Paul Krueger
"There's Something Big Going On!" John 3:1-17

HYMN LBW #169
"Father Most Holy"

Father Most Holy

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1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; Good - ness un -
 3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; All for thy
 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, One in three

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing.
 joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing.
 wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, Hear thou our voic - es.
 praise thee and a - dore thee, Now and for - ev - er.

APOSTLES' CREED.....p. 65

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: 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

OFFERINGS ARE RECEIVED

OFFERTORYp. 75

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
 joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

C: Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYERp. 76

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.

HYMN LBW #535

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train Join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bowe are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, Though in es - sence on - ly one;

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you And, a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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CUSTODIAN: Jeff Schmidt

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 worship on Holy Trinity Sunday – in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 19th, Attendance – 171

Online Viewing – 25

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$3,659.00

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers today are from Joe & Kellie Sheldon family in honor of their 10 year wedding anniversary.

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.

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:

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

Friends & Family: Wade Elder (Larry Keller)

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.

Jean Sunday

Today is Jean Sunday. If you wore jeans to church today, consider donating \$1 or more to FLY to help with expenses for activities throughout the year. Even if you didn't wear jeans, you are still welcome to donate. A jean's can is on the bulletin table for your donation. Thank you.

Justin Scheresky Graduation Open House

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

Riverboat Days Pie & Ice Cream Social and 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. The Pie & Ice Cream Social will be from 1:30 – 3:30 pm here at First Lutheran Church.

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.

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Volunteers for VBS will be meeting on Monday, June 3rd at 6:00 pm here at the church. Meal will be provided! Talk to Kacy Hardt if you are willing to help out with VBS this year.

Day of Service

The youth will be doing a day of service on June 10th. If you have a yard project, house project, window washing, staining your deck, etc., the youth would like to help you accomplish that task. Please contact Melissa at fly@westriv.com by June 5th to let her know the project, person to call, phone number, an estimated time, and the project location.

FLCW Executive Board

FLCW Executive Board will meet on Sunday, June 9th following the worship service.

Raising Hope Ministry

Raising Hope Ministry will meet on Monday, June 10th, at 6:30 pm. Questions, please talk to Kellie Sheldon.

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.

Vacation Bible School

First Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School, "The Great Jungle Journey, An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation", is July 30, 31 and August 1 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Please scan the QR code below to register your child(ren) to guarantee souvenirs! If you have additional questions or comments, please call or text Kellie Sheldon at 701-840-8454 or Kacy Hardt at 701-351-0742.



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.

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

Bismarck Larks **GROUP OUTING**

CAMP OF THE CROSS



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OUT AT THE BALLPARK

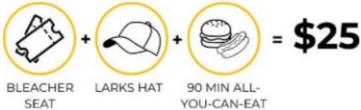
DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH

TIME: 6:35PM

LOCATION: Bismarck Municipal Ballpark

TICKET OPTIONS

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



HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Scan the QR code or visit larkstickets.com and use **CampCross**



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 is one more opportunity:

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	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
MON.		Memorial Day
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	6:30 PM	Community Band Practice for Riverboat Days Community Worship
	7:00 PM	FLY
SAT.	1:30–3:30 PM	Riverboat Days Pie & Ice Cream Social w/Quilt Display
SUN.		NO WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN
	10:30 AM	Riverboat Days Community Worship at Fahlgren Park (Fort Mandan)
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting

JUNE 3 – JUNE 9

MON.	6:00 PM	VBS Volunteer Meeting
TUES.	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	7:00 PM	FLY
FRI.	4:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal
SAT.	4:00 PM	Max Waloch & Abby Tweeten Wedding
SUN.	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Fellowship/Coffee Hour FLCW Executive Board Meeting after Worship
	10:45 AM	Fireside Bible Study
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Holy Trinity Sunday – May 26, 2024

“Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.’”

–John 3:5-6–

Light and darkness. These two contrasting themes have intrigued me over the years as I continue to read through God’s Word. In the coming weeks, you may find that I will revisit these themes in our weekly devotions. In our Gospel reading for Holy Trinity Sunday, we have this passage from John, chapter 3. Nicodemus is a member of the council, a Pharisee. But there’s something about Jesus that piques his interest. And so Nicodemus goes to find Jesus, but he does so at night, in the dark. The darkness can hide Nicodemus from the other members of the council. The darkness can serve as a veil of protection for Nicodemus. It is ironic that it is in the darkness, that Nicodemus receives the light of Christ in their conversation.

Nicodemus assumes that one must do something to inherit eternal life. Jesus explains patiently to Nicodemus how one must go through a conversion and be born again. One must be born of water and the Spirit. In other words, anyone (man, woman, infant, child, elderly) must be born of water and Spirit. Why? Because we have all been born into sin. We have inherited the sin from Adam and Eve. This is what we call original sin. And we can’t do anything ourselves to get rid of that. But God can and he does. He uses the water of Holy Baptism to wash us clean, and he gives us the gift of his Holy Spirit to have faith in what he is doing. Jesus explains to Nicodemus (and to us) that baptism is necessary for salvation. This is the way that God brings children into his family, through baptism.

Jesus further explains to Nicodemus that this conversion is not something we can do on our own. We cannot do anything to inherit eternal life. This conversion through baptism is God’s work, and it is his alone. God works through his word of promise. It is God who calls us, gathers us, and enlightens us through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Gracious, heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for calling me and claiming me as your own child through the gift of baptism. Help me to focus on your will for my life. In Jesus’ name, amen.