

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. Place this form in the offering plate when it is passed.

LBW - green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- *Opening Hymn: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” **LBW 456**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- *The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58
- *Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all who are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²{The believers} devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 (*read responsively together*)

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and

suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 10:1-10

¹{Jesus said to the Jews,} “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Sermon: **“SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER YOU”**

*Hymn of the Day: “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”

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*Apostles' Creed

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*Sharing of Peace

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*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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*Prayers of the Church

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Holy God, your Holy Spirit calls your church together. Bless our corporate worship, that it may continue to faithfully proclaim the riches of your grace and honor you. Strengthened and nourished by your Son's body and blood through the bread we share in communion, may we also share abundantly with people in every place.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Lord of all things living, we celebrate your gift of spring. In the blooming flowers and budding leaves, the gentle rain and warming sun, remind us of the promise of our lives renewed. Give us new life in faith and in growing obedience to your Word.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for justice and peace among the nations. Curb the desire for vengeance; turn us from dishonest speech and deceitful living; by the power of your Spirit lead us in your truth.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

Merciful God, be present and bring comfort among those in need: the poor, the homeless, the suffering, the afflicted, the ill and hospitalized. We pray particularly for those on the prayer list of this congregation and those we name now either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" **LBW 230**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!

Ashley Mielke 4/28

Mark Brykowski 4/29

Donna Peterson 5/4

Madison Marshall 5/4

Gary Steinhorst 5/4

Lynne Peterson 5/5

James Hall 5/6

Leah Anderberg 5/8

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

George & Jill Vodden 5/9/99



Spring Fling will be this week! Please come and check out the array of items that are for sale. There are crafts, kitchen, garden, toys, plants, and home décor for sale. The hours will be:

Thursday, May 4th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 5th 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday May 6th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Val Norris and her granddaughter, Clover, will be coordinating VBS this year. VBS dates will be June 5-8. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to help in many areas of VBS.

FUTURE DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

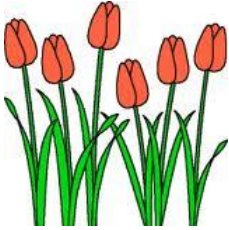
Sunday, **May 21**, will be Confirmation Day for our 3 confirmands, Reagan Cook, Keegan Marshall and Brynn Springborn.

Saturday, **June 3**, the Anniversary Committee will host an ice cream social at 1pm.

Sunday, **June 4** Semi- Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be voting on our Church Council Board. This will take place after service.

CHUCH FUN FACTS

Methodist George Gibson (David Paulson's grandfather) earned \$1 a day as a builder on the First Lutheran Church in the early 1900s.



Spring is to be here... well, maybe next week. I know the farmers and gardeners are anxiously awaiting the temperatures to be right for planting. While we wait, let us pray and study the readings for next week, which you will find below.

Lessons for Next Week:

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14



The Hiawatha Greenhouse Plant Sale begins May 5th! They are only open for three weeks and only on Fridays and Saturdays. Here are the dates for this year's sale.

May 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th and 20th.
Fridays 3:30 – 5 and Saturdays 8 – Noon.



Sunday 4/30: Join us after the service for fellowship and coffee.

Adult Forum, 10:30am.

Tuesday 5/2: Worship & Music Team mtg, 9:30am.

Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 5/3: On-line Bible Study, 7pm.

Thursday 5/4: Food Truck Delivery, 8am. Spring Fling 9am-4pm.

Friday 5/5: Spring Fling, 9am – 4pm.

Saturday 5/6: Spring Fling, 9am – 1pm. Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 5/7: Communion Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Condolences to the family of Jeri Schormann, Richard Wince's sister who passed away recently. May the promise of God's resurrection, bring peace to Jeri's family and friends.

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- VBS, pray for many children and many volunteers.
- First Lutheran's many volunteers who give countless hours to take care of all our church activities and the property.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God's leading to his 1st church.
- Don Peterson, Louise Hoffman's brother has been ill.
- Pastor Ian Griffith, full recovery from jaw surgery.
- Jason Gorski, as he is now in hospice care.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying, especially Alexis Haag.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.