



First Lutheran Church

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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Sunday, May 18, 2025 · Fifth Sunday of Easter



Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING SONG

Great Things

Come let us worship our King. Come let us bow at His feet. He has done great things. See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes. He has done great things. He has done great things.

**Chorus: O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave. You free ev'ry captive and break ev'ry chain.
O God, You have done great things. We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive.
O Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high. O God, You have done great things.**

You've been faithful through ev'ry storm. You'll be faithful forevermore.
You have done great things. And I know You will do it again, for Your promise is yes and amen.
You will do great things. God You do great things. **Chorus**

Bridge (2 times) Hallelujah God above it all. Hallelujah God, unshakable.
Hallelujah You have done great things. (Repeat)

You've done great things. **Chorus**
You have done great things. O God you do great things.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Green Blade Rises

vs. 1 & 3 ELW #379

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been; love is come again like wheat arising green.
3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat arising green.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord God, **C: you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 148

R: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

R: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

R: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

C: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

R: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

C: fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

R: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

R: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men and women alike, old and young together!

R: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.

³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

FEASIBILITY PRESENTATION

Pr. Joe Skogmo & Paul Haarstick

SONG OF THE DAY

The Commission

See my hands, look at my feet. it's okay if it's hard to believe

I have faith you will do greater things. It's my time to go, but before I leave

Chorus: Go tell the world about me. I was dead, but now I live.

I've gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end.

Don't forget the things that I taught you. I've conquered death, and I hold the keys.

Where I go you will go too someday, But there's much to do here before you leave. So,

Chorus 2: Go tell the world about me, I was dead but now I live.

I've gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the

Bridge: End of the journey, the end of the road. My spirit is with you wherever you go.

You have a purpose and I have a plan. I'll make you this promise, I'll come back again, but until then,

Chorus: Go tell the world about me. I was dead, but now I live.

I've gotta go now for a little while, but goodbye is not the end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

NOISY OFFERING

May: Lutheran World Relief

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG

Holy, Holy, Holy

1 Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

vs. 1, 3, 5 ELW #434

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

The FLC Annual Meeting is **TODAY at 10:30am**. All members are encouraged to attend.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP

There will be no live-streaming of our **outdoor** services this summer due to wear and tear on and reliability issues with our streaming equipment. 8:30 indoor services will remain live-streamed over the summer. Thank you for your understanding! --FLC Staff and Vision Council

POVERTY SIMULATION

The Adult Faith Formation is offering an opportunity to "learn to love and serve our neighbor". On **May 22**, from **9am to noon** Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union is sponsoring and facilitating a complimentary "Poverty Simulation" at M-State in Detroit Lakes. "More information is available at the volunteer table.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed next Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

ADULT VBS

Why should kids have all the fun? Adults of all ages are invited to join us on **Monday June 23 & 30**, from 5:30– 8pm. Watch for more info.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer is coming fast and that means that Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Join us for a fun filled week, **June 16-19 @ 9a– 3pm**, it's free and open to all kids, grades K-5 completed. To register scan the QR code, or go to our website: firstlutheranchurch.com/childrensministry



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORE

Christmas may be months away, but don't forget about the Children's Christmas Store! We have a collection box up year round in the church office.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Thinking of going to camp this summer? First Lutheran offers scholarship for those looking to attend an ELCA affiliated camp. More information can be found on our website: firstlutheranchurch.com/childrensministry

FLOWER & RADIO SPONSORSHIPS

Do you have someone special you would like to honor or someone who you would like to remember? Consider sponsoring a radio broadcast or altar flowers in their honor. For price information and to reserve your date, contact the church office.

SUMMER AT FLC

Our summer worship schedule begins on May 25.

SUNDAY

8:30 am | Traditional worship

10:30 am | Outdoor / contemporary worship (will not be live streamed).

OFFICE HOURS

Beginning May 30

M-Th 8:30a-4p | Fri 8:30a—noon

Prayers for God's People

Brent Blake, Bill Wegschie, Cole Woltjer, Doreen Tollefson, Marge Prechel, Don Getz, Gretta Frisch, Tom Tovson, Mike Nelson, Vern, and Mitchell Lunn.

Prayers of comfort for the families whose loved ones have recently died.

CREATION CARE NOTE

Excess nitrogen and phosphorus come from fertilizers, detergents, animal manure, cars, sewage plants and other sources and can trigger algae blooms that can be toxic to wildlife and humans.

Consumer Reports, Jan 2024

GIVE ONLINE

Prefer electronic giving?

Set up an automated method and frequency that works best for you by using the **QR code**.

Then, if you like, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate as it passes.



VISITORS

Thanks for joining us! Want to know more about FLC ?



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP RADIO

Sundays at 10AM on KDLM 1340-AM and 93.1-FM

ON-LINE

Live streamed on Facebook and on the FLC YouTube channel.

TELEVISION

Saturday at 9AM on Arvig Cable ch14.

