



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 10, 2026 | 6th Sunday of Easter



Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

BAPTISMAL SONG | *Baptized in Water* | ELW #456

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY BAPTISM

Names of Baptized: Faylon Tipton Christen
Parents: Matthew and Teaira Christen | Sponsors: Cody Christen and Keanna Groft

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,...

ALL: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

TEMPLE TALK | *Inviting Worship Volunteers!* | *The Amazing Sonny Thomas*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, **C: you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE | *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*— arr. Benjamin Harlan | Jubilate Choir

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 66:8-20*

R: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

C: who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

R: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

R: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

R: those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

R: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

C: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

R: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: But truly God has listened; he has heard the words of my prayer.

R: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

SECOND READING | *1 Peter 3:13-22*

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

SERMON Pastor Matthew Rossler

HYMN OF THE DAY | *The Church's One Foundation* | vs. 1, 4-5 ELW #654

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *May: Lutheran World Relief*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473

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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN | *God So Loved*

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty. Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

**Chorus: For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms. **Chorus**

**Chorus 2: The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom,
For God so loved, God so loved the world.**

Praise God, praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him, for the wonders of His love. His
amazing love. For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save. **Chorus**

Chorus 2

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

SENDING

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL FINANCE FORUM

Today, 10:30am, in the library
Join our Director of Operations, Pal Haarstick as he walks through the finances in the 2026 Annual Report. Come with your questions—or just come to hang out see you there!

SPRING QUILT SALE

The FLC spring quilt sale is now on. These handmade quilts make GREAT graduation gifts! Pay, by check, cash or credit card. Prices are marked.

FLC FOUNDATION UPDATE

The First Lutheran Church Foundation of Detroit Lakes serves the mission of the church through financial giving exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes. Our April quarterly meeting approved funding requests for FLC Vacation Bible School, a matching grant to complete furnishing and equipping of the Library meeting room, and Teach Haiti.

FIRST LUTHERAN FOUNDATION SENIOR SCHLORSHIP AWARDS

Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to graduating FLC seniors. This year's Foundation Scholarships were awarded to:
Carter Ask, Carter Whitworth, Alonna Moench, Brock Burhans, Peyton Malecka, Kyleigh Okeson, Mya Omberg, Emily Peterson.
Congratulations!



SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

May 24 | 8:30 & 10:30am
Summer is almost here and our worship service times will be changing on May 24 to 8:30 am indoors and 10:30am outdoors on the lawn. If you are joining us outside, please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

BLESSING CLOSET NEEDS

Currently we are need of: spring/summer clothing, reusable shopping bags/tote bags & blankets. Donations can be brought to the church office.
Thanks!

CIRCLE MEETINGS

Rebekah Circle | May 12 @ 9am at Lincoln Park
Ruth Circle | May 14 @ 1:30om

Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for:
Bill Wegschied, Judy Wood, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Dianne McKinney, Haley & Mel Johnson, Jan Adkins.

IN THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

April 12-22, 2027
Join Pr Wade & Holly Dutton next spring, as they travel to Germany to experience firsthand the life & times of Martin Luther. If Interested, trip packets are in the church office.

UPCOMING DATES

May 17 | Annual Meeting
May 24 Outdoor worship begins
May 25 | Memorial Day
June 22—25 | VBS

Youth & Family

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

May 14 & 28 @ 11:30am
At Pizza Ranch

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

July 19-23
To Wolf Ridge, Finland, MN
Registration deadline, May 14.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25
Open to kids completing K-5th grade.
Cost: FREE! Registration now open.



SUMMER CAMP

Are you planning on sending your kids to camp this summer? Scholarships are available. Scan QR code for more info.



Thanks for worshipping with us!

Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo
Associate Pastor: Matthew Rossler
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

Prefer electronic giving? Scan the QR code to give online. Then, drop the green laminated slip in the offering plate.

GIVE ONLINE

