

### WORSHIP IN THE PARK YARD SIGNS

Do you live in a high traffic location? We would like you to display one of our Worship in the Park yard signs for the summer. Please pick one up at the Welcome Center.

### 90 DAY SUMMER CHALLENGE

No matter what the season, ministry is happening at FLC. Here are a few special events coming up this summer:

- Vacation Bible School
- Outdoor Worship at City Park and Carlos State Park
- Luther Crest Camperships
- Habitat for Humanity
- Sr. High Youth Gathering in Houston

Thank you for your support, which allows us to touch the lives of our children/youth and countless others through our various ministries. A safe and secure way to support FLC is through Simply Giving. To sign up, complete and return the card you will receive at the end of worship or go online to [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com) and click on Your Gift or pick up a form at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 320.762.2196.

### BEER & HYMNS

**Tuesday, May 22 | 6:00-9:00pm | Copper Trail Brewing**

Grab a group of friends and come and go as you are able. Music will be led by musicians from our congregation.

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 27 - Sunday, September 2**

Another summer of outdoor worship begins on Sunday, May 27 and goes through Sunday, September 2. Lake Carlos worship is at 10:30am and City Park worship is at 11:00am. (7/15 & 7/29 11:00am worship will be at the church due to conflicting events at City Park).

### VBS 2018 SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

**June 11-15 | 8:30-11:30am | FLC**

Ages preschool through 5th grade. Register at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com) now!! Volunteers are needed. Please email Randi Rach if you are able to volunteer [Randi.Rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:Randi.Rach@firstlutheranalexandria.com).

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION OPENING

If you have interest in this position please contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office or pick up an application and job description at the Welcome Center. Dayna Weltzin will be covering this position in the interim. Please stop by and say hello to Dayna!

### WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, where faith and life meet.

### OUR MISSION

First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.

### MORE INFORMATION

Stop by our Church Office during business hours or by the Welcome Center before and after worship services. Volunteers and staff are available before and after worship services to assist you. Children's bulletins and Worship Bags are available for use at the back of the Sanctuary.

### LEARN MORE AT

[FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS](http://FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS) or stop by the Welcome Center for our Weekly Calendar.

### PRAYER REQUESTS | HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a prayer request or if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call or email the church office at 320-762-2196 or [admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com](mailto:admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com). For emergency after hours needs, please call 320.219.5492.

### GIVING

Offering envelopes are located in each pew. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014 or by visiting us online at [firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift](http://firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift).

### OUR PASTORS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor  
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor  
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor



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**SATURDAY | 05.19.18**  
**SUNDAY | 05.20.18**

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:30/9:45) Chancel Choir  
*Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place...*arr. Schrader

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *O Day Full of Grace* (vs. 1, 2, 4, 5) #627  
(11:00) *All Are Welcome* See Screen

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*(At this time, we take a moment to be still and to confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

**C:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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:** *God, who is rich in mercy...*  
*...that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.*

**C:** Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C:** God, you breathe life into our bones and your Spirit brings truth to our lives and the world. Fill us with this Spirit, transform us by your grace, and use us to share your good news, near and far. In Jesus' name, amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Gospel 4+  
(8:30/9:45) *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit...*arr. Dawson Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Give Me Oil in My Lamp* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

Romans 8:22-27  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Day by Day* #790  
(11:00) *Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here* See Screen

BAPTISM (5:00)

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BAPTISM SONG (5:00)

Raindrops, oceans, lakes and rivers; welcome, child of God.  
Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters; welcome, child of God.  
When the world feels wide around you, when the dark of night surrounds you, we are here to tend and guide you. Welcome, child of God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

Apostles' Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

**C:** Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (8:30/9:45/11:00)

LORD'S PRAYER

See the inside back cover of ELW hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION (8:30/9:45/11:00)

*All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

COMMUNION SONG (8:30/9:45/11:00) *Lamb of God*, p. 112

COMMUNION BLESSING (8:30/9:45/11:00)

BENEDICTION GOD'S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

**P:** *Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**P:** *And all God's children said,*

**C:** Amen!

SENDING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *Spirit of Gentleness* (vs. 1, 3, 4) #396  
(11:00) *Shout to the North and the South* See Screen

PRAYERS

BAPTIZED: (5:00) Baxter Lou Sievers, son of Scott and Brooke Sievers

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Diana Mages, Jason Stratton

SYMPATHY TO: Mary Norlien and family on the death of her husband, Stan.

RADIO BROADCAST

This week's Radio Broadcast is given in celebration of Don & Judy Voss' 60th wedding anniversary on May 25.

FLOWERS

Flowers in the front of the Sanctuary are in memory of Gordon Schilling, given by wife Marilyn, Bud and Nancy Anderson and in celebration of Don and Judy Voss' 60th wedding anniversary on May 25.

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIA BAGS

Luminaria bags will line the track at the Relay for Life event and will be light during the ceremony at dusk July 13th. Each light reflects a life; either taken by cancer, a survivor of cancer, or support for someone fighting cancer. The Relay for Life team of First Lutheran Church provides Luminaria bags for a suggested donation of \$10 each and can be purchased at the Welcome Center.

GAME TIME THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

We want to revamp the games in the Den! Purchase a new game to be used for the kids, youth, and family fellowship time. Grab a game tag located in the back entry and return to main office by May 20.

HOLY WEDNESDAYS

**May 23 | 5:30-6:30 | FLC Front Lawn**

We are closing out Wednesday nights in May by trying something new. We are combining supper and worship together. Come and enjoy a light meal and good music as we worship. All ages are welcome.

MYSTERY TRIP SIGN UP

Sign up before/after all worship services on Sunday, May 20 by the Welcome Center. After May 20, sign up in the church office during business hours. Sign up deadline is June 8. Cost: \$55. The Mystery Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20. We will depart from FLC at 8:00am and return around 6:00pm.

HOLY WEDNESDAYS

If you are interested in becoming a member at First or learning more about our ministry, please fill out the blue Connect card in your pew and indicate your interest.