

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

April 17 - No Wednesday 12:10/6:15pm worship or meal

April 18 - **Maundy Thursday**

- 12:10pm Worship | 6:15pm Worship

April 19 - **Good Friday**

- 10:30am Children’s Worship | 12:00pm Joint ELCA Worship at Shalom | 6:15pm Worship at FLC

April 20 - No 5:00pm Worship

April 21 - **Easter Sunday**

- 7:00am Worship/Communion | 8:30am Worship/Communion  
9:45am Worship/Communion | 11:00am Worship/Communion

**INTERGENERATIONAL MOTHER’S DAY SPECIAL MUSIC**

**Sunday, May 12 | 8:30 & 9:45am Call to Worship**

Kids of all ages, moms and grandmas are welcome to join us as we sing, "Thank You" during the Call to Worship on Sunday, May 12 at the 8:30 and 9:45am worship services. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Room on Thursday, May 2 from 5:30-6:00pm and Wednesday, May 8 from 5:00-5:30pm. Email Paula.Odland@firstlutheranalexandria.com if interested.

**ORGAN AND HYMN FESTIVAL & POTLUCK**

**Saturday, May 11 | 5:00pm | Sanctuary**

This special service will highlight our organ and the gift of music at FLC. You are welcome to join us for the congregational potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following this celebration. This is a historic year at First Lutheran as we transition from this church home to our new church home.

**ALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL REUNION**

**Sunday, May 19 | 2:00-4:00pm | FLC Playground**

Everyone is invited (including all current and past Community Preschool students, graduates and staff) to join us as we celebrate the preschool's 40th year association with First Lutheran Church! Please also send a note of thoughts or memories about your experiences with our preschool for a memory book we are putting together (First Lutheran Church, 822 Douglas Street, Alexandria, MN 56308 attn: Preschool or email at cnskidz@yahoo.com.) We will move this celebration to the Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather.

**ROAR VBS 2019!**

**June 10-13 | 8:30-11:30am | FLC**

At Roar VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Fun projects, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Register your child/ren by May 24 at [www.firstlutheranalexandria.com](http://www.firstlutheranalexandria.com).

**BUILDING & TRANSITION UPDATE**

**Sunday, April 28 | 10:00-11:00am | FLC**

You are welcome to join us for this opportunity to discuss what is happening at the build site, financials and sale of the Douglas Street property.

**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**

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. Our Lil’ Kingdom Kids/Nursery is open and staffed during the 8:30am, 9:45am and 6:15pm worship. It is open for use but unstaffed at the 11:00am worship service. It is located on the preschool level of the building in the Rainbow Room.

**LEARN MORE AT**

[FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS](http://FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS)

or stop by the Welcome Center for our Weekly or Monthly 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).

\*Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

**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 WORSHIP LEADERS**

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor  
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor  
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor  
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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**PALM  
SUNDAY**



**SATURDAY | 4.13.19  
SUNDAY | 4.14.19**



WELCOME AND GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

**P:** *Hosanna to the Son of David!*  
**C:** Hosanna in the highest.  
**P:** *Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*  
**C:** Hosanna in the highest.  
**P:** *The Lord be with you.*  
**C:** And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* (vs. 1-4) #344  
(11:00) *Victory Chant* (lyrics on screen)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*At this time we take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and receive God’s forgiveness. Silence for reflection.*

**P:** *Most merciful God,*  
**C:** 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...live in your hearts through faith.*  
**C:** Amen.

GREETING

**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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** *Gracious God,*  
**C:** as we enter into this holy week, we find ourselves caught between joy and despair. Sustain us as we make this journey toward the cross and the empty tomb, giving us your grace, which we depend on each day. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Randy and Mary Morken  
(8:30/9:45) *The Palms.....*Faure Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30/9:45) Congregation sings *Jesus Loves Me* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Philippians 2:5-11  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.  
  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:1-10  
*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Greg Billberg

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) *There is a Balm in Gilead* #614

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.

(8:30/9:45/11:00) Apostles’ Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** *Blessed are You,*  
**C:** O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (5:00)

LORD’S PRAYER

See back cover of ELW

DISTRIBUTION (5:00)

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

COMMUNION SONG (5:00)

*Lamb of God,* p. 112

COMMUNION BLESSING (5:00)

**P:** *The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*  
**C:** Amen.

BENEDICTION GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

**P:** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give*

*you peace.*

**C:** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

**P:** *Go in peace to love 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) *Rise Shine, You People!* #665  
(11:00) *Blessed Be Your Name* (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

BAPTISM: (5:00) Leo Jay Holkesvig son of Logan Serum and Alizabeth Holkesvig

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Bob Brezina, Joan Thompson, Geneva Anderson, Arlyn Davis, Gene Westphal

SYMPATHY TO: Jeanne Gronli and Family, Deb Hokanson and family on the death of Jeanne’s sister Gayle

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Rob, Laura, Gabi and Elena Olson in memory of Oliver, Evelyn, and Orris Olson.

SUMMER WORSHIP (MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY)

Saturdays: 5:00pm (Sanctuary)  
Sundays: 8:30am (Sanctuary), 10:00am (Legacy of the Lakes Museum - rain or shine!), 10:30am (Carlos State Park)

POSITION OPENING: Director of Congregational Life & Engagement

Please visit the Welcome Center for a detailed job description and application for the Director of Congregational Life and Engagement (formerly Shared Ministry Coordinator) position or contact Greg Tvrdik in the church office with questions.

EASTER GARDEN

If you wish to remember or honor a loved one by purchasing an Easter plant in their name, you may do so by completing the form located at the Welcome Center. All orders received by Sunday, April 14 will be published in the Easter bulletin. Plants will be \$20 and payment is required with your order. Please make checks out to First Lutheran Church with Easter Garden in the memo line.

MISSION QUILTERS ITEMS NEEDED

Needed are bath towels, hand towels, fingernail clippers, diapers, receiving blankets, baby socks, and ivory soap bars. You can leave items in the box by the Welcome Center by April 30.