

P: And all God's children said,
C: Amen!

SENDING SONG
Go My Children, With My Blessing #543

POSTLUDE

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
April 19 - **Good Friday**
• 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

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)

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC AND WORSHIP
Wednesday, May 1 | 5:00-7:30pm | FLC PARKING LOT
There will be a bounce house, games, live music and food.
5:00pm: brats and root beer floats | 6:15pm: worship
Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come as you are!

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.

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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION
Monday, May 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | Family Room
Please join us if you are interested in membership at First Lutheran or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 19th. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

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
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.
*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.

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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GOOD FRIDAY
4.19.19 | 10:30AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

SONG
Soon and Very Soon (vs. 1) #439

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

We take a moment to be still, confess our sins, and receive God’s forgiveness. We pause for a moment of silence for reflection.

C: Dear God, you are a great and awesome God. We are sorry for the things that we have done that are wrong. We are also sorry for the good things we should have done but didn’t do. We ask for forgiveness these things. In Jesus’ name, amen.

P: *God is good, and God’s love is forever. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, you are forgiven all your sins and set free to live in this good news. In Jesus’ name.*
C: Amen.

PRAYER
P: *Lord Jesus,*
C: you stretched out your arms on the cross to show us how much you love us. Open our hearts and minds to receive your love and follow you today and always. Amen.

THE STORY: Part 1
This story began a long, long time ago in a place called Bethlehem. In Bethlehem shepherds lived on grassy hillsides where they took care of their sheep during the daytime and at night too. One night as the shepherds cared for their sheep, an angel appeared suddenly in the sky. The shepherds were all very frightened, but the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I have great news for you. Tonight, in Bethlehem, Jesus the Savior of the world has been born. You will find him wrapped in soft cloths lying in a manger.

SONG
Have No Fear, Little Flock #764

THE STORY: Part 2
When the angel was gone, the shepherds talked to one another. They decided to go to Bethlehem to see this little child who was called the Savior of the world. They hurried to the stable where they saw the baby Jesus sleeping in the manger. After they had seen him, they hurried to tell everyone they knew about this special baby.

SONG
This Little Light of Mine #677

THE STORY: Part 3
Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth. When Jesus grew up, he taught crowds of people about God, his heavenly Father. Jesus told the people that he had come to give life to them all. He told the people that he knew them, that he would care for them forever, and that he would lay down his life for them because he loved them so much. Some people didn’t like what Jesus said. Others were so glad to hear this news that immediately followed him. One day, many people came to the city of Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Passover. Jesus and his friends came to Jerusalem too. When Jesus entered the city, he was riding on a donkey. The people were so happy to see Jesus that they greeted him like a king. They waved palm branches and shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is he!”

SONG
Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love #708

THE STORY: Part 4
The feast of the Passover was a special time when all of God’s people remembered God’s love and care. Jesus and his friends wanted to celebrate Passover too. Jesus knew just the place where they could eat their Passover supper. While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and wine. He gave it to each of his friends. Jesus said, “Every time you do this, remember me, and remember how much I love you.”

SONG
Jesus, Remember Me #616

THE STORY: Part 5
After the supper was over, Jesus and his friends went to a beautiful garden. His friends heard him pray, “Father, I will do whatever it is you want me to do.” Suddenly, some soldiers burst into the garden. They arrested Jesus and took him away. Jesus had done nothing wrong, but the soldiers took him to some men who wanted to kill Jesus. They gave Jesus an unfair trial and said that he should die. Then the soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. It was very painful, but Jesus understood that he was the Savior of the world and needed to die for the sins of people. He loved everyone that much. So he prayed to God and then he died.

SONG
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #752

THE STORY: Part 6
Jesus’ friends were very sad. They thought that they would never see him again. But two days later three women who knew Jesus went to the tomb where he was buried. When they got there, they saw an amazing sight. The tomb was empty! An angel told them that Jesus was not there. He was alive! Soon after, Jesus’ friends watched as Jesus was carried up into heaven. His last words to his friends were, “Go into the world and tell everyone that I love them.” His friends did as Jesus said. They went and told people throughout the world that God loved them so much that he gave his son, that whoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SONG
Jesus Loves Me! #595

OFFERING **WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.**
Nicole Barnett

OFFERING PRAYER
P: *God of all,*
C: thank you for everything you give us. Help us share what we have with others to make the world you created a better place. In Jesus’ name, amen.

LORD’S PRAYER
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.

BENEDICTION **GOD’S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.**
P: *May the risen Lord Jesus give you peace and may your faith in him remain strong. God bless you and keep you, today and all days. In Jesus’ name,*
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL **WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.**
P: *Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.*
C: Thanks be to God.