

GRADUATION MILESTONE

Sunday, May 19 | 9:45am Worship | Sanctuary

As part of our Milestone Ministry, we recognize our graduating seniors. Cake and coffee in honor of our grads will be served between services in the Family Room.

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 send a note of memories about your experiences with our preschool for a memory book we are putting together to cnskidz@yahoo.com.

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.

ROAR VBS 2019!

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

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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF THANK YOU

Thanks to your generosity, the Mission Quilters packed 37 personal care kits, 54 baby care kits, 10 hospice kits, and 45 quilts in April! If you can tie a knot, use a scissors or sew a seam, we could use your help the third Tuesday of each month anytime between 8:00am and 12:00pm (coffee is served at 10:00am).

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE

Relay for Life Team will be selling luminaries in the West Entry.

SPONSOR A SUNDAY OF OUTDOOR WORSHIP!!

Summer worship at the Legacy of the Lakes Gardens provides our congregation with the opportunity to worship outdoors while also providing our community and summer guests a unique worship experience. The cost to sponsor a morning at Legacy Gardens is \$150.00. Contact Karen in the office to select a date.

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.

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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SATURDAY | 5.4.19
SUNDAY | 5.5.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #631
(11:00) My Life is in You Lord (lyrics on screen)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
C: Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us take a moment to be still, give thanks for the gift of baptism, and confess our sins. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Loving God,
C: we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

P: Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty...Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all nations,
C: you made it clear that all people are invited to partake of the glory of your salvation. Help us to invite all people to your goodness, so that no one might be forgotten in your saving grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00) Paula Odland
(8:30/9:45) Come to Jesus.....arr. Hayes Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Acts 10:1-17, 34-48
Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:36-37
The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) For the Fruit of All Creation #679
(11:00) Sanctuary/Step by Step Medley (lyrics on screen)

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

P: Blessed are You,
C: 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 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 blessing of the living God, Father, ☐ Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.
C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
P: And all God’s children said,
C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

(5:00/8:30/9:45) We Are Called #720
(11:00) Go (lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Becky Husen, Jerome “Doc” Hanson, Ashley Kreps, Peggy Giese

SYMPATHY TO: Harry Oberg, Jen and Jamie Jabas and Family on the death of Arlene Oberg

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Beverley and Wayne Quernemoen in celebration of our 55th wedding anniversary and in loving memory of our parents, C. David and Emma Kirst, and Palmer and Mabel Quernemoen.

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)

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 during the Call to Worship on Sunday, May 12 at the 8:30 and 9:45am worship. Rehearsals will be in the Choir Room on Thurs, May 2 from 5:30-6:00pm and Wed, 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.

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Thurs, May 9 | 6:30-7:30am | Fellowship Hall
Join us on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) for a great breakfast and speaker! All men are welcome.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM: Immigration in the US and Refugee Resettlement

Monday, May 13 | 2:00 & 6:30pm | FLC Sanctuary
Immigration and refugee resettlement are hot button topics these days. Karin Blyth, LSS Refugee Services Program Manager from St. Cloud, will help us sort through the facts vs. fiction of this important system.

BAPTISM CLASS

Tues, May 14 | 6:30-7:00pm | Sanctuary
This class is for anyone interested in baptism at First Lutheran. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.