

PREACHING SERIES: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

June 15 - July 7

There are plenty of negative voices around us. During this series, we will explore how the spirit is calling us to bring a new voice to our situations. The weekly themes are gratitude, grace, kindness and joy.

KID AT HEART TIME

Sundays | 9:30-9:45am | Worship in the Gardens

Calling all people of any age or life stage! Kid at Heart Time will focus on our ability to notice and tell stories all week long between worship. Look for the Kid at Heart Spirit Challenge each week in your outdoor worship booklet insert.

SPONSOR A BIBLE CAMP CAMBERSHIP

Saturday, June 15 - Sunday, June 30

Each summer people from First Lutheran attend Luther Crest Bible Camp. We as a congregation encourage this important experience by offering financial assistance through First Lutheran. You can help "support a camper" with a gift of \$125.00 or any amount you wish now through June 30. We have a special camping themed gift to all those who give \$125.00 or more. Check out the camping table in the parking lot entry beginning Saturday, June 15!

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE TWINS

Monday, August 5 | 3:00pm Departure | Target Field

Reserve your spot night for Lutheran night at the Twins as the Twins play the Atlanta Braves! Sign up and pay (makes checks payable to FLC) at the Welcome Center by Monday, July 8. Cost is \$55 and includes transportation and tickets.

RELAY FOR LIFE LUMINARIES FOR SALE

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

LUTHER CREST WOMEN'S WEEK

Mon, June 24 - Wed, June 25 | 9:00am-5:00pm | Luther Crest

Luther Crest isn't just for kids! Ladies, come hear great speakers, enjoy great food, and make new friends. Cost is \$50/person or \$100/ car load (up to 7 people). Pay at the door. Sign up on the WELCA bulletin board to join a car! Call Luther Crest for more information - 320.846.2431.

MEN'S DART TEAMS

Men's dart teams are now forming for the Alexandria League for this coming fall. Please call Barb at the UCC church office at 763-3341 with any questions.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Due to the *On Our Way Rejoicing* worship event on Sunday, August 4, there will be NO Legacy Gardens 10:00am or Carlos State Park 10:30am worship. Please join us instead for this exciting congregational event in our church's history!

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 but unstaffed throughout the summer. 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  
Judy Holmen, Interim Pastor  
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP



SATURDAY | 6.15.19  
SUNDAY | 6.16.19

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

GATHERING SONG

*Spirit of Gentleness* (vs 1 and 4) #396

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.

We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**P:** *Hear the Good News: God’s Spirit lives in you. Through Christ Jesus, you are forgiven and freed. Go now into the world and live with hearts filled with gratitude, grace, kindness, and joy. In Jesus’ name.*  
**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:** *God of Hope and Life,*  
**C:** Your Spirit lives in us. Let that Spirit move us to live lives of gratitude, grateful for what we have and who You are. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(5:00/8:30) Roger & Barb Riley

CHILDREN’S TIME

(8:30) Congregation sings *This Little Light of Mine* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Luke 17:11-19  
*Word of God. Word of Life.*

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Pastor Ben Jacobson

SERMON SONG

*Lord of All Hopefulness* #765

**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, 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** (8:30)

**LORD’S PRAYER** See back cover of ELW

**DISTRIBUTION** (8:30)  
*All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**COMMUNION SONG** (8:30) *Lamb of God*, p. 112

**COMMUNION BLESSING** (8:30)  
**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 God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.*  
**C:** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSAL** **WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.**

**P:** *Go in peace. God’s Spirit is with you.*  
**C:** Thanks be to God.  
**P:** *And all God’s children said,*  
**C:** Amen!

SENDING SONG

*Lift High the Cross* #660

PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS: Marge Thompson, Gene Westphal, Karin Senstad, Pauline Olson, Don Leland

HOSPITALIZATIONS: Arlyn Davis

SYMPATHY TO: Pat and Doug Kuiper on the death of Pat’s cousin; Alice Quernemoen on the death of her daughter Judy

RADIO BROADCAST

This week’s radio broadcast is given by Gene and Jackie Harstad in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary, which was on May 30.

LEGACY GARDENS WORSHIP SPONSOR

Today’s Legacy Garden Outdoor Worship is given by Jeff Carlson in memory of Arnice Carlson.

FATHER’S DAY CRAZY SOCKS

**Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16**  
Prizes will be awarded in worship for the dad or father figure with the wildest and craziest socks! We will also be collecting sock donations for our middle schoolers to bring to Churches United in Ministry in Duluth. Place donations in the sock drawer of the dresser near the Welcome Center.

BUILDING PURCHASE FINALIZATION

On June 4, 2019 the Douglas County Board of Commissioners approved in a 4-1 vote the purchase of First Lutheran Church for \$425,000 (the \$450,000 purchase price as stated in the Echo Press is not correct). The closing of the sale will happen in late September of 2019. There has been some concern from neighbors who felt it is not a good fit for Douglas County to purchase First Lutheran. Though we hear these concerns, First Lutheran's leadership believes that this sale is a good option for our congregation and for the neighborhood. We have been in this neighborhood with the courthouse and county offices for many years and they have always been good neighbors to us. Selling the building to Douglas County ensures this property will be well maintained for years to come. A plan on how the county will use this building has not been finalized.

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)

CHURCH BUILDING SUMMER HOURS

The church building will be closing at 12:00pm on **Fridays** beginning May 31 through August 30.