

P: Peace be to this house and to all who enter here.

C: Amen.

P: God of New things,

C: make this, our new church, a temple of Your presence and a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek You in this place. Draw us to You, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord, that we are made one with You and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for Your service. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Are Welcome #641

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

LORD'S PRAYER SEE BACK COVER OF ELW

DISTRIBUTION

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

COMMUNION SONG

The Prayer Pat Kalina & Paula Odland

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: And all God's children said,

C: Amen!

HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

#537

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 where faith and life meet 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.

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ON OUR WAY

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019 | 9:00AM
822 DOUGLAS STREET | ALEXANDRIA, MN
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WELCOME AND GREETINGS

INVOCATION

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

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

P: *People of God, we gather today to mark the moving of First Lutheran Church from Douglas Street to our new building on 18th Avenue. As we begin, we remember with thanksgiving the many ways in which God has blessed our ministry and our lives in this place. Let us lift our voices in praise and song to the One who will continue to care for and sustain us in our continued ministry.*

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty #413

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: *Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
C: Amen.

P: *Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*
 Silence is kept 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: *In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *God of Grace,*

C: *We give You praise, for You have formed us and gathered us as the Church in this place. We give thanks for the many years of ministry here and for countless ways that You have fed and nourished us through Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to nourish and feed us in the days ahead, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

SHARING OF REMEMBRANCES

Marge van Gorp

SPECIAL MUSIC

Chancel Choir

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place.....arr. Schrader

CHILDREN'S TIME

Congregation sings *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

SCRIPTURE READING See insert.

First Reading: *Philippians 1:3-11*

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: *1st Corinthians 3:6-11*

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Greg Billberg

HYMN

Beautiful Savior #838

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING

P: *Let us bring before the Lord our prayers of thanksgiving for our life together as the congregation of First Lutheran Church and for the blessings God has brought us through this holy place of worship.*

AT THE FRONT PEW:

Almighty God, here in this place, You gathered us as your Church and filled our hearts with Your love through our songs and our praises. You heard our confessions and forgave our sins. You lifted our sorrows and made us glad in our celebrations. We praise and thank You for our fellowship and Your love, for our meetings and our dinners, for our ministry and our mission, and for all that You have been for us and with us in our life together.

C: We praise and thank You, O Lord, for all these things.

AT THE BAPTISMAL FONT:

Almighty God, at this font, You have received our children and our loved ones and made them one with your Son, Jesus Christ, and with us, the Body of Christ. You have given them, as You have given to us, Your Holy Spirit, that faith, hope, wisdom and love might abide in all your people. We praise and thank You for the holy waters that have flowed from this font into each of us and out into the world as a river of life that carries Your love.

C: We praise and thank You, O Lord, for all these things.

AT THE PULPIT:

Almighty God, from this pulpit, we have heard Your powerful Word. You have lived among us through the gospel and the biblical stories of your people of faith. Through Your Word of preaching, You have called us. Through Your Word of teaching, You have taught us. Through Your Word of law and grace, you have guided us on our way. And in Your Word made flesh, You gave us our savior,

Jesus Christ. We praise and thank You for Your powerful Word that has been and will continue to be the light to our path and the guide for our lives.

C: We praise and thank You, O Lord, for all these things.

AT THE ALTAR:

Almighty God, at this table, You have welcomed us to the banquet of Our Lord and Savior and given us a foretaste of the feast to come. You have united us with Him and with one another in a feast of love through the sharing of His body and blood. You have strengthened us for our mission and for our daily lives and sent us out to share Christ's love with all the world. We praise and thank You for the grace and favor You have shown us through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and for the hope of sharing this feast with all the saints at the heavenly banquet.

C: We praise and thank You, O Lord, for all these things.

P: *For time shared in fellowship, for meals, for learning and growing together, for all these things and for so many more, we give You our heartfelt thanks, Almighty God. We ask that You bless us as we go from this place. In our departing, we declare our faith in You, our only Creator and Redeemer. We seek Your presence for our lives in all of the days to come.*

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: *Now we go, knowing that God goes with us, trusting that though this building is no longer ours, God's presence will remain.*

C: We go with gratitude. We go with faith. We go rejoicing in the One who makes all things new. Amen.

HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing #537

..... **WE DEPART TO OUR NEW SITE**
1655 18TH AVE E

LITANY OF WELCOME

P: *"Behold," says the Lord, "I am doing a new thing."*

C: *Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

P: *The God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow has brought us here.*

C: *Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

P: *We come through new doors, into new spaces, filled with possibility.*

C: *Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

P: *We look ahead filled with hope because the God of our past is the God of our future.*

C: *Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.*