



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May10, 2026

Welcome and Announcements (*Guests please sign the visitor's book in the narthex*)

Special VLM Camp Dock Update

Melanie Lindquist

Sharing the Peace

Opening Song: "Children of the Heavenly Father" (ELW 781)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting. The top part is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#), and the bottom part is in bass clef with the same key signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are provided in Swedish, English, and a second English translation.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: Swedish folk tune

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Confession & Forgiveness

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went
through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of
refreshment.
¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**
¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in

trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings
with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**
¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my
prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me..

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 14:15-21**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Sermon-"Moms the word!"

Pastor Hans Anderson

***Statement of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

***Prayers of the People:**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

Hymn of the Day: “WOW Students will sing” (*Offering will be taken during the hymn*)

***Offertory Prayer**

**Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

***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;
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.**

† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
Please follow usher’s guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.
Gluten free wafers, and apple juice are available from the communion server upon request.
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

**Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

**God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.**

Sending Song- "Canticle of the Turning" (ELW 723)

1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3. From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -

God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -

won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.

You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the

weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the
 fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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 Music: Irish traditional
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***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Reader:

Shirley Wilsey

Communion Assistants:

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

Sound:

Tyler Hoplin

Ushers:

Paul Pearson & Neil Smith

Altar Guild:

JoAnn Nelson & Penny Siewert

Counter:

Denice Smith

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Thursday, May 14, 2026

Leonard Nelson Memorial Service

11:00 AM

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Pentecost

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Congregational Care Commission

10:00 AM

Dorcas Circle presented 4 high school graduates with beautiful quilts.

Our graduates are Shannon Rugroden, Kaleb Shamp, Kalie Trout and Julieanna Bresnahan.



FLCW provided cake for fellowship following worship.

Shannon Rugroden, Kalie Trout, Julieanna Bresnahan and Kaleb Shamp.

Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue "Join a Meeting" link at the top center of your screen. (You won't need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue "Join" button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 882 7501 6398 Passcode is 753902.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

Dear Families with younger children: we enthusiastically welcome you and your growing family to celebrate the worship service with us. *Please relax.* We understand that God put the wiggle in children and we want them to feel welcome -- it's their church, too! Be sure to participate in the service as kids learn how to "do" church by watching you. Quiet activity bags are available in the back of the church. Talk about church at home and in the car and address any curiosities children have.

Finally, **THANK YOU** for joining us -- we know it takes a lot of hard work and effort to get here.!

New Member Info Continued:

Allen and Jenna Johnson Family: Allen was born and raised in Pine River and is a Sprinkler Fitter Foreman traveling across Minnesota and the Midwest. Jenna was born in Minneapolis, and moved to the Pine River area during Covid, working remotely since then as a Recruiter for manufacturing companies. Lily joined the family in the last year and is the sweetest, happiest baby!. The family loves side by side rides, hanging out with our dog Moose, on the patio and when we have time anymore attending concerts(this is how/where Jenna and Allen met!)

NEEDED: 4 basketballs and 2 footballs for the ball cart in the hallway by the South parking lot. If you have these slightly used items taking up space in your home or if you want to purchase new, the youth of First Lutheran will put them to use!

Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion Waterfront Challenge

The waterfront is one of the most loved places at camp- where campers swim, fish, launch canoes, laugh with friends and experience the joys of God's creation. There has already been a \$25,000.00 gift, which needs to be matched to purchase the docks. \$8,350.00 has been given from the VLM board of directors and other generous donors. The First Lutheran Congregational Care Commission voted to donate \$200.00 at the April meeting. NOW on Sunday, May 10, 2026, a special offering for the Challenge will be held during the church service. Please come prepared to help our camps with the blessing of funds to purchase the new docks. Your Support helps make life changing camp experiences happen.

Student-Adult Prayer Warrior Information

Pairing of adults with First Lutheran Youth will begin anew in September. August will be the month when names of adults willing to be a prayer warrior will be gathered. September will bring the updated Prayer Warrior Guidelines to ensure both adults, youth and their families know about this life bonding generational program. If you have questions, contact Denise Smith @218-820-4522



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter, recovering from surgery

Those in the service...

Senior Master Sergeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Major A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau
E-6 Nathaniel & Chief Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Attendance: 105

Offering May 3, 2026	\$3,266.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,803.77
Direct Deposit:	\$ 75.00		
Vanco	\$ 144.52		
Total Offerings:	\$3,485.52		

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

2025-2026 Giving: \$114,259.95 Expenses: \$118,417.72

Income less Expenses for April:

\$15,044.30 - \$17,156.52 = **-\$2,112.22**

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com



Vanco provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online.

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Our May outing will be to Andy's in Crosslake. We will meet on May 19th in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM

WELCOME



ANDY'S CROSSLAKE
UNWIND WITH US

Join us at Andy's, where flavors meet a vibrant atmosphere on our outdoor bar and patio. Indulge in top-notch cuisine and refreshing drinks, perfect for any occasion!

Bishop-Elect Taryn Montgomery's Message to the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, ELCA

Greetings!

I write to you as the newly called Bishop-Elect of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod.

I am deeply honored, humbled, and grateful for the trust that you have given me. I have always believed that we are church together, called to listen for and join the new thing that God is unfolding before us. I am excited to explore what this will look like in our synod, and where and to what God may be leading us.



My six-year term begins August 1st. In the meantime, I'll be planning and preparing for this transition. I'll be having conversations with current synod staff as I prayerfully assemble our staff team. In June I'll gather with other new bishops for New Bishops Formation at the ELCA office in Chicago, an opportunity to learn and connect with colleagues and mentors who will accompany me in this new adventure.

I invite you into a posture of curiosity by asking this very question. In your ministry, in your community, and in our larger synod – “What would it look like if...?”

Perhaps the answers to this question are already among us. Perhaps God is revealing them to us. Perhaps it's all part of the journey.

As a retired bishop wrote in an email to me this week, being a bishop was the “hardest job I've ever loved.” I expect the same will be true for me. It is a calling, and one I step into fully even while I don't fully know what it will entail. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside of you, to lead with hope and energy and passion, and to learn so much more from you, the people of God.

I invite your prayers in the days ahead. For me, for my family, and for us as a synod. Know that you and your faith communities are in mine!

In the abundant love of Jesus,

Bishop-elect Taryn Montgomery

Boggle MasterMind Skip Bo Euchre Yahtzee Uno Backgammon

Starting June 1, 2026

GAME DAY

First Lutheran Church
Every Monday,
from 1:00-3:00 PM

Bring a game you enjoy.
All adults are welcome

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Monopoly Stratego Parcheesi Pinochle Backgammon Phase 10 Scattergories

Bridge Chess Sequence Pictionary Trivial Pursuit Apples to Apples Gin Rummy Clue Millionaire

Battleship Hearts Dominoes Scrabble Sorry Checkers 500 Rummy Aggravation Cribbage Canasta