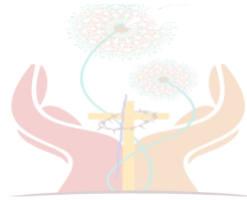


Welcome to Worship

God is here for you,
In the word and sacraments, in the love
of this community.



*Scattering seeds of love
worship & service*

Welcome! Great to have you here!
Thank you for choosing to worship with
us at First Lutheran today.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2022
GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

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Members of First Lutheran Church

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Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: No. 654 "The Church's One Foundation"

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Reconciling God,

C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; and in your spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P: Beloved God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

forever. Amen.

Special Music: Sunday School

Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, and were convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a direct course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and talked to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Here ends the first lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Hearing God's Word

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Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

C: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.

May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Here ends the second lesson. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Please stand in honor of the reading of the gospel.

The Holy Gospel is taken from **John 14:23-29**.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: No. 836 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Responding to God's Word

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Offering / Offering Hymn: No. 857 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, 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.

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Litany of Welcome and Blessing

Leader: Today we begin a new segment of our faith journey here at First Lutheran Church as we welcome Pastor Daniel DeBlock, who will serve with us during this time in the life of our congregation. In the coming days, let us support each other by our continued presence at worship, our sharing in the means of grace, and our prayers for each other.

All: May God strengthen our community and relationships with power and new insight. May God grant us patience, a sense of humor, and the courage to speak the truth in love. May God help us to work together in harmony. May the Holy Spirit be among us as we seek to discern God's will for our congregation.

Pastor: I have been chosen as your interim pastor, to be God's servant among you during this special time, until that time when you call a permanent pastor. I pledge to you my commitment as a minister of the Gospel among you. I will pray for you, listen to you, assist you in the tasks of this interim period, encouraging and challenging you as we move through this time together.

All: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the power of the Holy Spirit so that you may perform them with strength and compassion. Amen.

And we, members of First Lutheran Church, receive you as a fellow servant of Christ. We pledge our partnership as we

continue to use the gifts God has given us to carry out the many ministries of the Gospel in this place – in worship, education, witness, service, and stewardship. We will pray for you and encourage you, striving to live together in the

peace and unity of Christ as we move through this time together.

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Leader: As all of life is an interim, help us to value this time together as a reminder that our work is not in vain and our Lord will unite all things at last in glorious fulfillment of God's promises. By these mutual statements of commitment – from you and from us – we welcome you as our pastor for this interim.

Pastor: May God bless us and lead us as we embark on this interim journey, and may we view this as a time of learning and growth as God's Spirit instructs and prepares us for the future mission and ministry of the church in this place.

All: Lord, enable us to live our days in praise of your glory. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

God's People Sent Forth

Benediction

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. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: No. 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, celebrate life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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Welcome Reception for Pastor Dan

A reception will be held immediately following the Worship service **TODAY** to welcome Pastor Dan. There will be coffee, cake & fellowship.

The Worship Radio Broadcast today is in memory of Kelly Dickerson, son of Joyce Kunz & the late Bill Kunz.

The Altar Flowers are in Celebration of Darlene Muller's birthday.

☩ Continuing Prayer Concerns: Val Carmondy, Carl Petersen, Sarah Meyer, Janice & Larry Harkema, Bob Fritz, Jeanine Olson and Carly Burkard, daughter of Laura & Eric Burkard as they deal with health issues.

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This Week's Schedule – May 15, 2022

Today 9:30am Worship/Pastor Dan DeBlock installation; Welcome reception for Pastor Dan immediately following the Worship service- coffee, cake & fellowship

Wednesday 7:30pm Baccalaureate St. Leo's Church

Thursday 9:30am Quilting

Sunday 9:30am Worship/Pastor Dan at the church & live streamed

If you are interested in reading lessons on Sundays, please scan the QR code and sign-up. Thank you.



Shetek Summer Staff Needed

Shetek is still looking for a few summer staff -young adults 18 and older. They are also in need of male and female counselors, kitchen assistants (16 and older) and day camp directors. If interested, please call Marv at Shetek Lutheran Ministries at 507-227-7379 or the Camp at 507-763-3567.

First Lutheran Church “Partners in Ministry”

“Partners in Ministry” is a new program that is beginning at First Lutheran. We are excited to share with you that we have people who will be making home visits, provide a listening ear, and prayer support to members of First Lutheran Church. The “Partners in Ministry” servants are also willing to bring communion to people who are unable to attend worship. These volunteers are here to serve the greater community of First Lutheran. Are you facing surgery and want prayer? We are here for you. Would you like a friendly visitor to share in your journey of faith and life? We are here for you. Call the church office 825-5837 to find out more information. The people who are willing to serve as your “Partners in Ministry” are:

Nancy Finzen ***Carol Johnson***
Becky Kaffar ***LaDonna Myers***
Judy Stubbe

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