



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Welcome to Worship :: May 18th, 2025**

**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:  
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

## **Today's Worship Ministers**

*Usher:* Adam Sanberg  
*Reader:* Maddie Blaesing  
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*Narthex Host:* Linda McGuire  
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### **Staff**

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*Musicians:* Janice Algren and Carolyn Kellert

## **Check Out Our Welcome Center**

**Coffee Station:** We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

**Giving Station:** Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

**Vision and Purpose:** In May, we support the Teen Recharge Center here in Monmouth

**Weekly Newsletters:** Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

## **In Our Prayers**

Linda Ellison, Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Dean Sandstrom, Emily Agema, Cecil Lovdahl, Janet Lowe, Brian Elliott, Hannah Taylor, Suzanne Lovdahl, Wes Lovdahl, Grace Banks

## **Spring Bible Study**

Join us in the month of May on Wednesday mornings at 10 AM for a Bible study on the Book of Revelation. Learn about its fascinating imagery, and all the crazy ways it has been misunderstood, and what is the message behind this mysterious last book of the New Testament. Begins May 7th at 10 AM for four weeks.

## **Order of Service**

### **Gathering**

Announcements, Prelude  
Confession/Forgiveness  
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 786, O Holy Spirit, Enter In

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### **The Word**

Pastoral Greeting

Kyrie: ELW Setting 10, page 203

"Glory be to God" ELW Setting 10, page 204

### **Prayer of the Day**

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: ELW Setting 10, page 205

John 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ELW #377, Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

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### **Holy Communion**

Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 689 Praise and Thanksgiving, vv 1-2

Great Thanksgiving: ELW Setting 10, p206

"Holy, Holy, Holy": ELW Setting 10, p207

Lord's Prayer

"Lamb of God": ELW Setting 10, p207

Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

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### **Sending**

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW 396, Spirit of Gentleness

Dismissal

11 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for[e] the first things have passed away."

5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."