



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Welcome to Worship :: May 25th, 2025**

**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:**

**Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

## Today's Worship Ministers

*Usher:* Pam Best  
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## 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

## **Jeopardy Watch Party**

Join us in celebrating Heather Ide's graduation with her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois and also to watch the episode of Jeopardy that Heather appeared in.

Friday, May 30th, from 4 PM to 6 PM at Simulation Sports, 400 South Main Street, the former Review Atlas Building.

## Order of Service

### Gathering

Announcements, Prelude

Greeting

Peace

Gathering Song: Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

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### Prayer of the Day

O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us when we travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### Travels, Trips, and Journeys: A service of word and songs

Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

Dialogue and Prayer

Hymn: ELW 652, Built on a Rock vv 1 and 3

Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Dialogue and Prayer

Hymn: ELW 856, How Great Thou Art, vv 1-2

Reading: Mark 1:35-39

Dialogue and Prayer

Hymn: Let There Be Peace on Earth

Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8

Dialogue and Prayer

Hymn: ELW 807, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Reading: Philippians 3:12-4:1

Dialogue and Prayer

Hymn: ELW 758, You Are the Way

### Prayers

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Offering Prayer

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

Lord's Prayer

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### Sending

Benediction

Closing Hymn: ELW 888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Dismissal

**Ephesians 6:10-17** Put on the armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; 11 put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, 12 for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness 15 and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. 16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**Genesis 12:1-9** God calls Abraham and sends him out

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. 5 Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, 6 Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7 Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8 From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

**Mark 1:35-39** Jesus travels and preaches throughout Galilee

35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” 38 He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.” 39 And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**1 Kings 19:1-8** Elijah travels through the wilderness after a battle with the prophets of Baal

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” 3 Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” 5 Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” 6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. 7 The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” 8 He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

**Philippians 3:12-4:1** Pressing toward the heavenly goal

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. 16 Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. 17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. 18 For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. 19 Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. 21 He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. 4 1 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.