

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
408 9TH STREET NW  
MANDAN, ND 58554**

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

**May 10, 2026**

**9:30 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**    *“Baptized in Water”*        *ELW #456 or Page 7*



*ELW page 227*

*Evelyn Kay Scheetz*

*Daughter of*

*Mathew & Hannah Scheetz*

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray....

**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.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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.’ <sup>29</sup> “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. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**“Glory to you, O Lord.”**

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> 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.

**“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

**SERMON** *Pastor Adam*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *“Children of the Heavenly Father” ELW #781 or Page 8*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: "Merciful God,"

Congregation: "receive our prayer."

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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## PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## OFFERING

*Thank you for your financial offerings to First Lutheran. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ through our life together here in this congregation and through our loving service to our neighbors beyond our walls. We now have resumed the traditional offering practice of "passing the plates." For those who contribute to First Lutheran's ministry in ways other than weekly in-church offerings and would still like to be included in the in-worship gathering of the offering, laminated "Offering Cards" are now included in the pew racks for you to place in the offering plates.*

**OFFERTORY**      *“We Are an Offering”*      *ELW #692 or Page 9*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE 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; and 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.**

**MEAL**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**      *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*      *ELW #543 or Page 10*

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

# Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

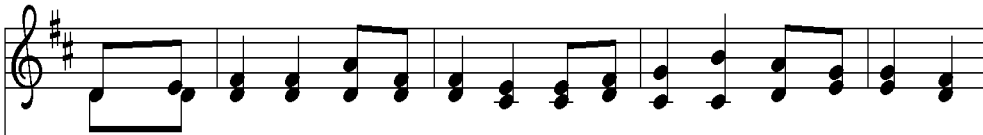
prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932  
 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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# Children of the Heavenly Father

## *Tryggare kan ingen vara*



*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.

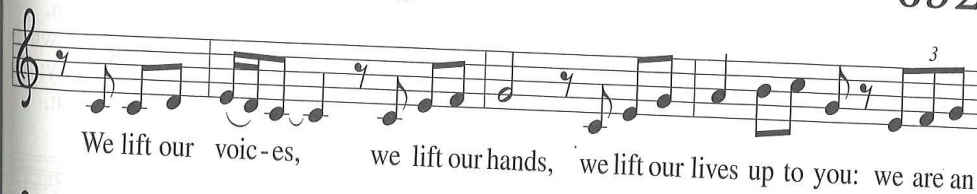


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 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
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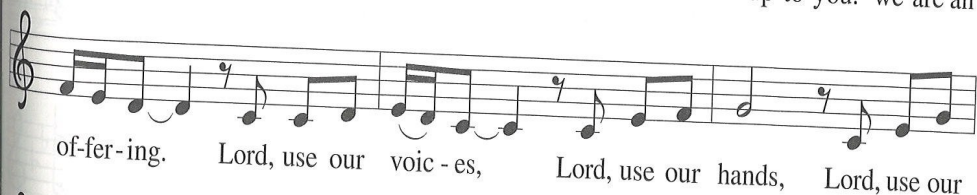
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# We Are an Offering

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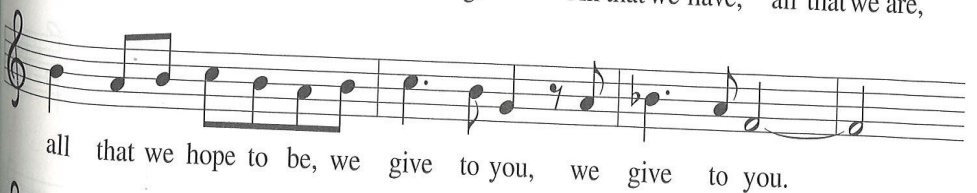
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



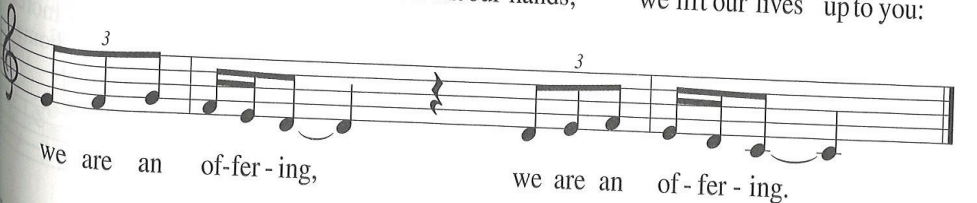
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Lyrics: Dwight Liles, b. 1957  
Music: Dwight Liles  
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## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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**Attendance last Week: Sunday 9:30 - 150**  
**Wednesday 6:30 - 31**

**ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:**

*Noel Albrecht, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Dave Thomas, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Pam Weng, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Brady Mattson, Darin Hinsz, Jerome Bauer, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Jared & Jenn Barnhart, Ray Stenmoen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Linda Stastny, Rachael Hankin, Opal Renken, David Jung, Dina Walker, Kay Link, Tammy Krein, Terry Tanaka, Wanda House, Tom Burau, Judy Walters, Monte Olmsted, Pat Kincaid, Victor Saeman, Lualice Stockert, Katy Anseth, Sarah Weishaar, Anna Anderson, Brenna Blankenship, Ted (Theodore) Delfs, Allen Janz, Justin Hankin, Judy Anderson, Rori Messer, Jayar Kindsvogel, Kristen Rasmussen, Jerry Iverson, Jason Klipfel, Lois Helmer, Pius Johner, Cori Musolf, Stan Hepper, Eunice Wolf, Adam Walker, Mary Hogan, Corey Palmer, Sandy Hertz, Avis Rowe*

**First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.**

**PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler*

**If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.**

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Pastor Phil Leer's phone number: 701-341-7784  
(If you need to reach him please give him a call)

**Ushers:**

Luke

**Reader:**

Britany Barden

**Communion Servers:**

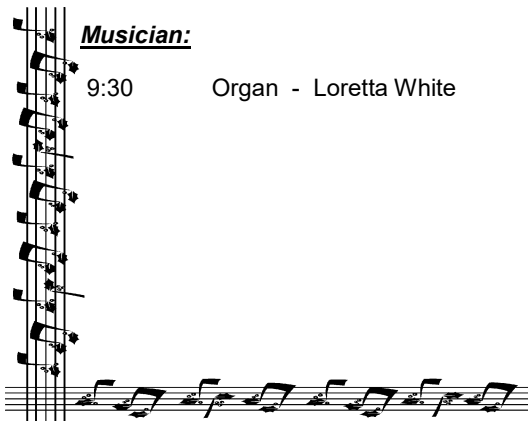
**Communion Set-Up:**

Lori Meyers

**Musician:**

9:30

Organ - Loretta White



**Mission of the Month - Dakota Children's Advocacy Center**

Items needed are Bottled Water, Individually Packaged Snacks (nut free), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissue, Clorox Wipes, Hand Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner, Combs/Brushes, 13-Gallon Garbage Bags, Baby Soap, Adult & Child Body Wash, Toothpaste.

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thanks!

**The Endowment Committee is looking for someone to be on their committee. If you are interested please call Darin Hanson at 701-391-9845.**



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**MISSOURI SLOPE  
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**[MissouriSlope.com/Services](https://MissouriSlope.com/Services)**

Women of First Luncheon will be held at Bennigans on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. If you are planning on attending please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible so we can have an accurate count for them. Please bring a food item for the food boxes outside.



SAVE THE DATES!  
First Lutheran Church  
welcomes  
Camp of the Cross Ministries



for 3 fun filled days of Vacation Bible School

When: Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Who: Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

(Pre-K kids should be going into Kindergarten  
in the 26–27 school year).

Cost: \$20.00 per child / \$40.00 per family

Please register by May 22 at <http://bit.ly/VBS2026FLM>

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, readers & communion set up for all worship services. Since we have gone back to passing the offering plate we need at least 2 ushers for every service. If you could help out please sign your name on the sheets provided, by the bulletins, in the narthex.

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**Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning is Evelyn Kay Scheetz Daughter of Mathew & Hannah Scheetz. Her sponsors are Tyler Moe & Allison Scheetz.**

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Happy Mother's Day to all mothers today and blessed be the memory of all those mothers who now rest in God's eternal glory.

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Vacation Bible School will be held Monday - Wednesday, June 1 - June 3. We are looking for volunteers to either make or purchase noon meals for the Camp of the Cross counselors Monday - Wednesday, and/or make a meal or take the Camp of the Cross counselors out to eat on Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 1 and June 2. If you are able to assist in this way, please contact the church office at 663-3594 to let us know. If you would be interested in hosting/providing lodging for the counselors for Monday and Tuesday night, please contact the church office also.

Youth in grades 7 - 12 are encouraged to volunteer to assist the Camp of the Cross counselors during the 3 days of VBS. Please contact the church office at 663-3594 if you are interested.

**DOWNLOAD THE “VANCO MOBILE” APP TODAY!**



**OR TEXT 8449340609 TO DONATE**

**If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.**

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We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here <https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/>. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says “Give Online”. If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances are important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

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If you provide your financial offerings to First Lutheran through other ways besides the weekly worship gathering of gifts (e.g.: Vanco, automatic bank withdrawal), you are welcome to place one of the laminated “offering cards” in the pew rack in the offering plate during the Offering.

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**Notes on Holy Communion:**

**Practice:** *We practice Open Communion, which means if you are here, you are welcome at the table of Christ. If you do not take Communion, or you do not take Communion yet, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. We can also bring Communion to you in your pew if you are unable to come forward. Please notify one of the ushers.*

**Procedure:** *You will receive a wafer of bread and a small cup of communion wine (juice and gluten free wafers are also available; please let your server know). Please place the empty cup in the waste basket by the communion assistant as you return to your pew.*

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 10 7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612  
9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

MONDAY 11

TUESDAY 12 9:00 STAFF

WEDNESDAY 13 11:30 LADIES LUNCHEON @ BENNIGANS  
6:00 WORSHIP

THURSDAY 14 11:00 LAF ~ HOT DOGS

FRIDAY 15

SATURDAY 16

SUNDAY 17 7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612  
9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP

