



Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

May 17, 2026

9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL - SENIOR CLASS OF 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *“Here I Am, Lord”* *ELW #574 or Page 7*

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....

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Today’s reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord’s conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.

¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

The gospel of the Lord. **“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

SERMON *Pastor Phil*

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* *ELW #857 or Page 8*

THE ORDER OF BLESSING - SENIOR CLASS OF 2026 (see page 12)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: “Merciful God,”

Congregation: “receive our prayer.”

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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 *Special Music* *Pastor Adam*

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 "Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW #595 or Page 10

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.



Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

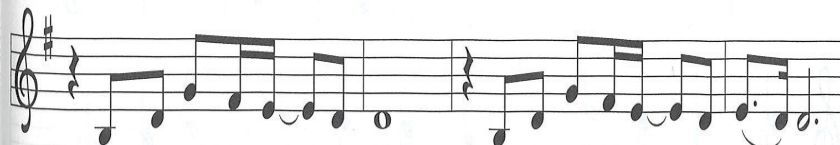
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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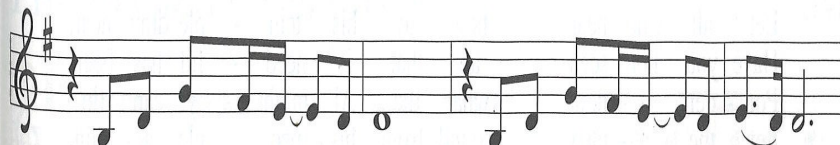
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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

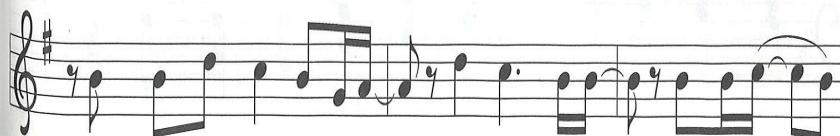
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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

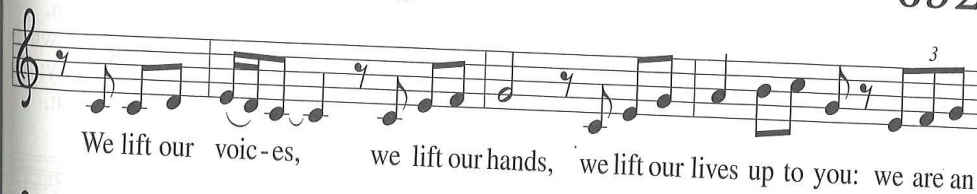
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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

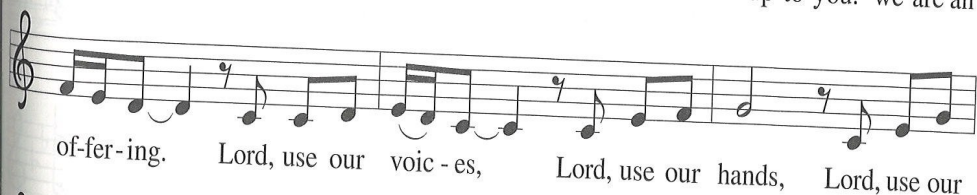
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We Are an Offering

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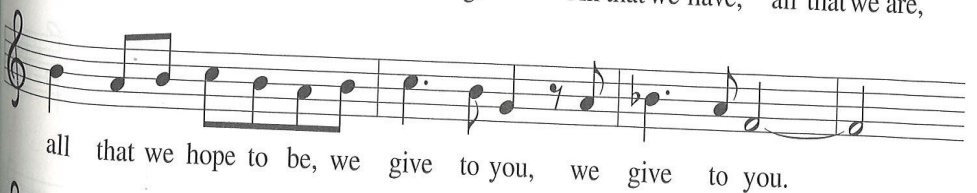
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



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



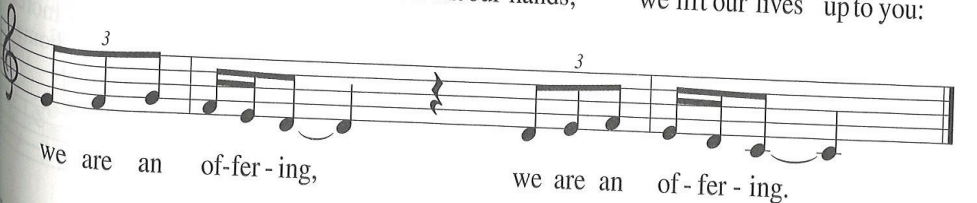
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



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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OFFERING
PM

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Attendance last Week: Sunday 9:30 - 185
Wednesday 6:00 - 25

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.

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

Ushers:

Peg Nyberg

Reader:

Brenna Ohman

Communion Servers:

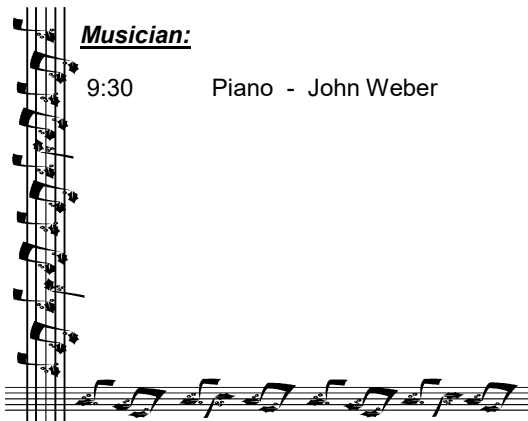
Communion Set-Up:

Corby Rachel

Musician:

9:30

Piano - John Weber



THE ORDER OF BLESSING – SENIOR CLASS OF 2026

Leader: Graduation is a time of new beginnings. Today we ask God to bless these young men and women of our congregation as they prepare to embark upon a new path in life. God's mercy and grace remain the same, even in these exciting and changing times.

Pastor: Will the Senior High Class of 2026 from our area High Schools please stand and come forward to the chancel steps as I call your names.

Bryce Anderson, Cooper Anderson, Taylor Arnegard, Katelyn Aune, Evelyn Bellon, Nash Bergquist, Jace Boehm, Riley Brabandt, Madalee Canales, Addison Dale-Geiger, Keyan Dutchak, Grace Entzel, Gavin Fry, Elijah Goodhouse, Bennett Graff, Samantha Grube, Kendra Harrington, Kylie Holtan, Riley Holtan, Kambri Jensen-Thilmony, Michaela Kuntz, Emilee Lennie, Jamie Lundstrom, Brittyn Mettler, Kashton Meyer, Treyton Mildemberger, Tyler Moe, Alec Mutschelknaus, Jayden Pack, Lola Petrick, Jaxon Rabenberg, Chaskee Schmidt, Berlyn Schuchard, Brody Skalsky, Evan Tibke, Journey Wetzell, Deklan Wollschlager

Pastor: We rejoice today as your beloved family in faith here at First Lutheran. Remember that this congregation will always be here for you and will always be your church home. We pray that, wherever your journeys take you, you will continue to grow in the faith God has given you in Christ Jesus. And we also pray that you would continue to nurture that faith by gathering with God's people regularly to hear God's word and receive Christ's body and blood through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Generous and faithful God, your son gathered children into his arms and blessed them. Bless these young people now as they go out into your world not knowing completely where their future paths will take them, but always trusting that your love will never leave them. Encourage their search for truth, meaning and purpose, and enable them to use the gifts you have given them to make an impact on the world for the better. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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\$1,000 Toward Moving Costs!



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Thank you to Dakota Community Bank & Trust for grilling, providing all the food & serving LAF on Thursday, May 14th. It was greatly appreciated!

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.

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.



A big thank you to the quilters for the beautiful quilts given to the High School graduates today! A lot of work goes into each one of these quilts and we appreciate the wonderful results.



SAVE THE DATES!
First Lutheran Church
welcomes



Camp of the Cross Ministries

for 3 fun filled days of Vacation Bible School

When: Monday, June 1st – Wednesday, June 3rd

Who: Kindergarten – 6th 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>



Congratulations to Gavin Fry,
Michaela Kuntz and Grace
Entzel who are the recipients
of the First Lutheran
Scholarship. They will each
receive a \$500.00 check from
the Endowment Fund!

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.

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.

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.

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 17	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP
MONDAY 18	
TUESDAY 19	9:00 STAFF 1:00 DEBORAH CIRCLE (FOOD BOXES)
WEDNESDAY 20	6:00 WORSHIP
THURSDAY 21	6:30 TEAM MEETINGS 7:00 CHURCH COUNCIL
FRIDAY 22	
SATURDAY 23	
SUNDAY 24	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP