



New to
our church?

Welcome!

We're excited you are joining our worship and would like to get to know you. Please take a moment to fill out the **Welcome** card by the entrance and drop it off in the narthex or church office. If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Pastor Luke.

Enjoy the service!

Scholarship Available for 2024 High School Graduating Seniors



The Women of First English Lutheran Church will be giving a scholarship for this year's graduating high school senior who are planning to continue their education at a four-year college, junior college, or vocational school.

The application can be found on the church website at www.firstenglishchurch.com, along with the criteria. Applications are **due by Friday, May 10**. Scholarships will be awarded during worship during Senior Recognition Sunday.



Season of Easter

First English Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 5, 2024

PRELUDE

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" by Daniel Burton

Welcome

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

People: Amen.

Leader: Look, here is water!

People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Leader: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Leader: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: Look, here is water!

People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Daniel Burton

Chorus:
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

*2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*
Chorus

*1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*3 And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*
Chorus

Chorus

GATHERING

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

People: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Here I Am to Worship” by Tim Hughes

*1. Light of the world, You stepped down into
darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with you.*

*So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

*So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

*3. And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.*

*2. King of all days, O so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.*

*So here we are to worship, here we are to bow
down;
Here we are to say that You're our God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to us.
Here we are to worship.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Upcoming Schedule

Monday, May 6

10 am Play Group

Tuesday, May 7 124th Anniversary of FELC

Wednesday, May 8

1 pm Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Youth Group

Thursday, May 9

10 am–Noon CF Food Shelf

7 pm Church Council Meeting

Saturday, May 11

9 am SE MN Synod 2024 Assembly in
Mankato

Sunday, May 12

9 am Worship and Shaker Hymn Sunday

10 am Listening Session for Sunday School
Program (PreK-Gr 6)

Music

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Author: Daniel Burton

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10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Author: Myrin and Redman

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Here I Am to Worship

Author: Tim Hughes

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I Come with Joy

Author: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Composer: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

No Greater Love

Author: Tommy Walker

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Jesus Loves Me!

Author: Anna Warner, 1820-1915

Composer: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

Beautiful Savior

Silesian Folk Tune

In Christ There Is No East or West

Author: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

African American Spiritual

Blessing and Honor

Author: Horatius Bonar

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Join Us in Guatemala!

Deposit due May 15

If you would like to participate on our trip to Guatemala in October, please be sure to make your **\$250 deposit by Wednesday, May 15**. For questions, contact Pastor Luke or Bill Peterson at 612-325-3667 or email bipet001@gmail.com. This cultural immersion trip, hosted by “The Mission” in San Lucas Tolimán, is scheduled for October 22-28.

Sending

BLESSING

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope, ✝ bless you now and always.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *“In Christ There is No East or West”* ELW 650

DISMISSAL

Leader: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Blessing and Honor”

by Horatius Bonar

Worship Participants

Pastor Luke Hollander

Director of Children, Youth and Families: Maddie Patterson

Organist: Deb Stark

Lay Reader: Kay Sabin

Offering Officer: Julie Gergen; Communion Assistants: Emily Peterson, Kay Sabin

Technical Team: Gary Anderson, Karen Anderson, Steve Gesme, Lynette Pagel

CROWD NOTICE

Please note that our regular worship services are livestreamed.

The resulting material may be used by our church without restriction or compensation.

First English Lutheran Church

Celebrating

124 Years

May 7, 2024

Word

11TH GRADE MILESTONE

Maddie Patterson

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Maddie Patterson

READING Acts 10:44-48

Kay Sabin

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 98

Kay Sabin

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

Kay Sabin

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God

conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Pastor Luke Hollander

The gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Luke Hollander

(Please stand.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Come With Joy”

ELW 482

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor Luke Hollander

At the conclusion of each prayer, *“God of grace,”*

People: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please be seated.)

Meal

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

“No Greater Love”

by Tommy Walker

(Please stand.)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Are an Offering”

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**All: 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.

(Please be seated.)

HOLY COMMUNION

Fifth Graders celebrating their first Holy Communion today—

Jordan Althoff

Will Flanders

Lucas Meyers

Avery Nelson

Andrew Rapp

LAMB OF GOD

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Jesus Loves Me”

ELW 595

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW 838

(Please stand.)

COMMUNION PRAYER