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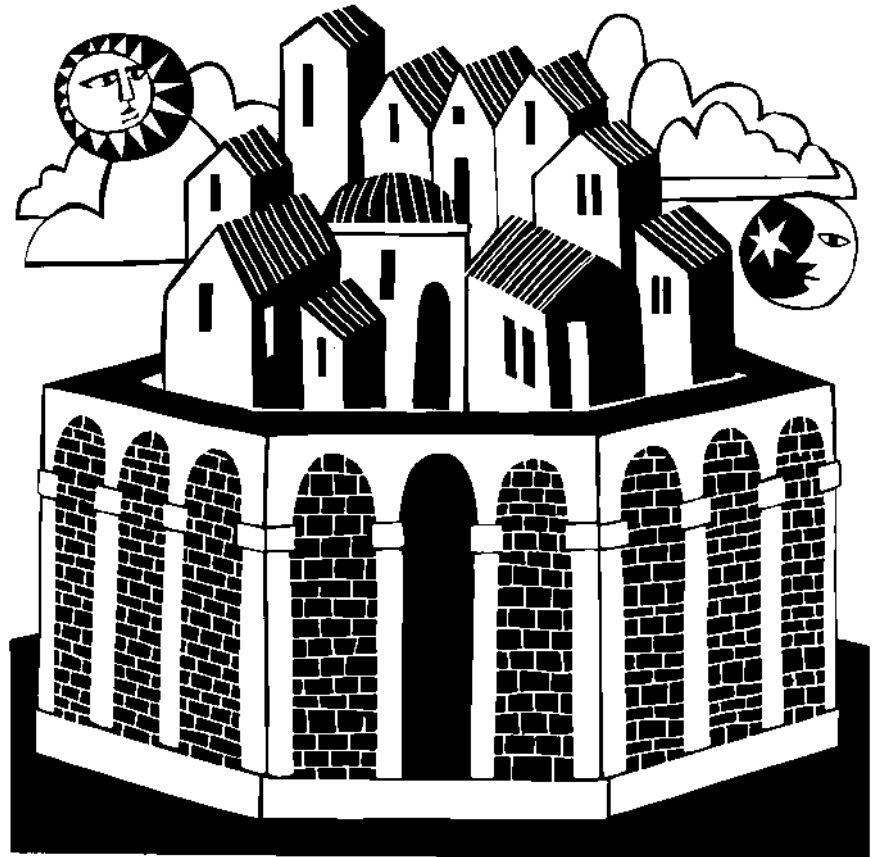
Bridge Pastor:
Woody Hall

Ministers:
Each Member



ELCA

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 7, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
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 सवागत हैं **Welcome** ยินดีต้อนรับ Karibu
 Ngiyakwemukela Hoş geldiniz Hoan nghênh
 Tere tulõmast Välkommen Ласкаво просимо Velkommen Zoo siab txais tos!
 Soo dhowow فارسي نالمنز لاسکاوو پروسیمو 환영합니다

At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

You belong here!

This Week at First

Sunday 7	9:00 AM	Worship — Sanctuary
	10:15 AM	Adult Forum — Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship — Sanctuary/PH
Wednesday 10	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters — Fireside Room
Thursday 11	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
Saturday 13	11:00 AM	SDA Worship — Sanctuary / PH
	7:00 PM	AA Care and Share — Parish Hall
Sunday 14	9:00 AM	Worship — Sanctuary
	10:15 AM	Adult Forum — Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship — Sanctuary/PH

We are now live streaming our worship services.

Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth.

You can also connect hearing aides through our T coil / Loop system

Welcome to Worship

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn-ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran-somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless-ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!



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.

Hymn of Praise “Now the Feast and Celebration” ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Anthem “How Great the Love” - Mary Kay Beall
Chancel Choir

Lesson Acts 7:55-60 NT pg. 96
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel John 14:1-14 NT pg. 83

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

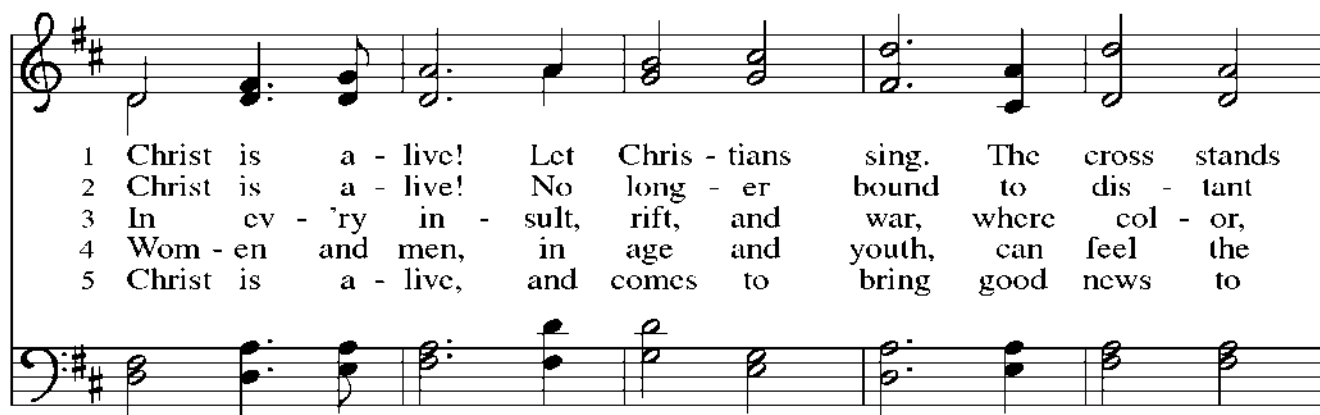
Sermon

Pastor Glen Egertson

Today we welcome Pastor Glen Egertson. Pastor Glen is one of the Executive Directors of Lutheran Retreats, Camps, and Conferences. Thank you for presiding and your proclamation!

Hymn of the Day "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

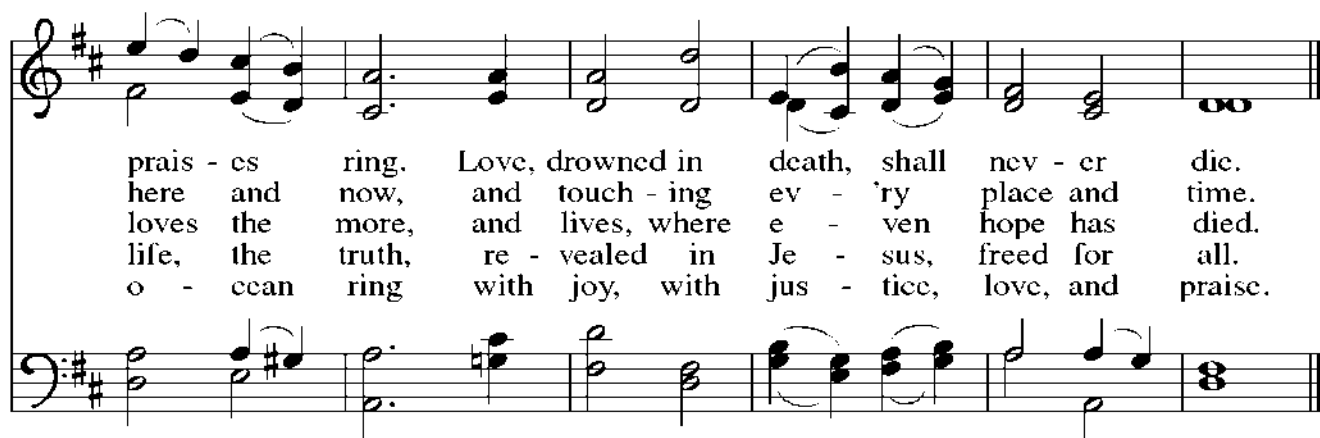
ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of God's People

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The Peace

Offertory

Voluntary on "Dix"

- Kidwell

Offertory Hymn "Goodness is Stronger Than Evil" ELW 721



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

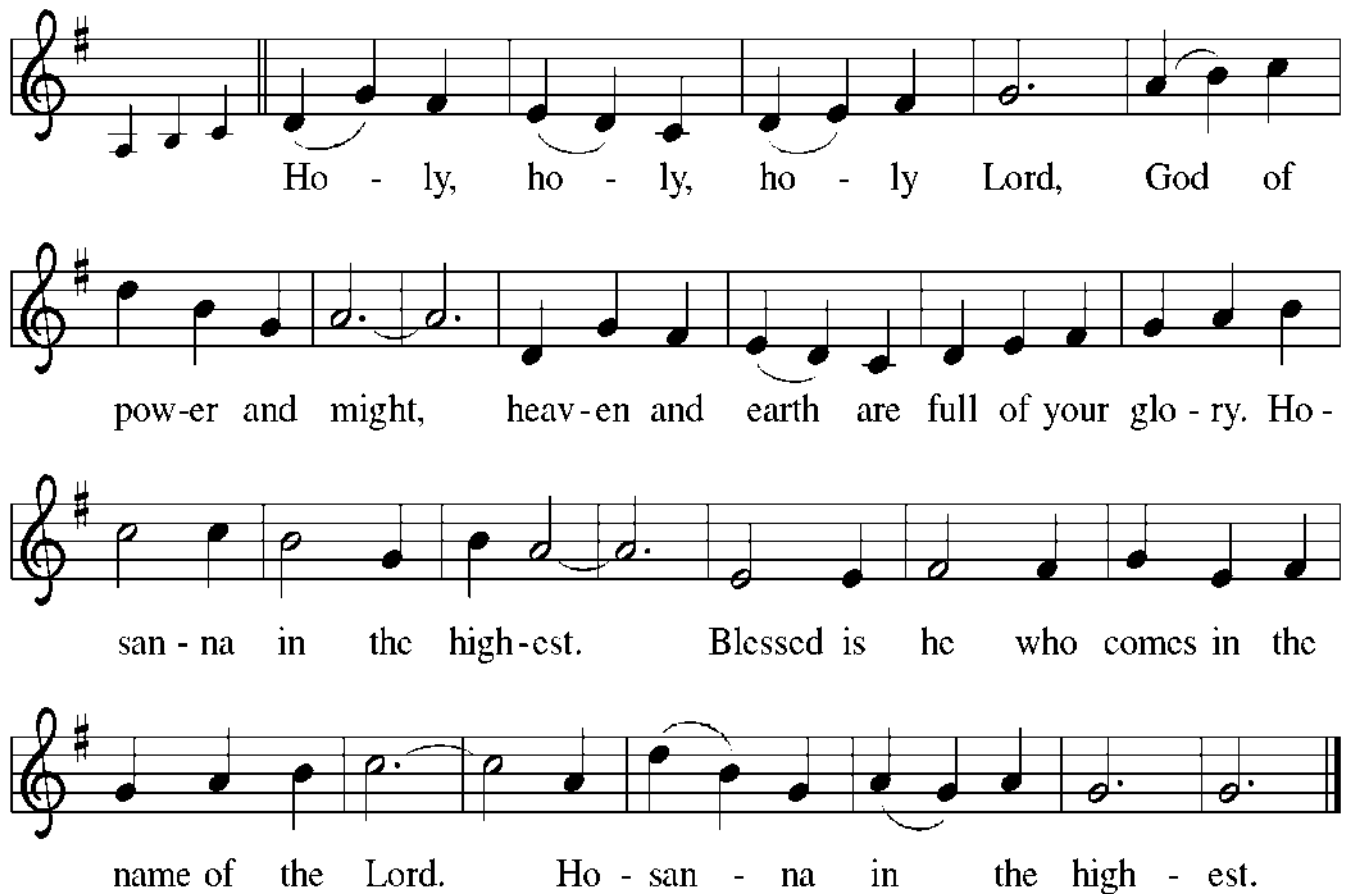
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy , that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you (... ...) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With this congregation and your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Communion Distribution

The Pastor will distribute the bread, and a communion assistant will offer your choice of red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup at the hand sanitizer station at the front of the side aisles. All are welcome.

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Benediction

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" ELW 654



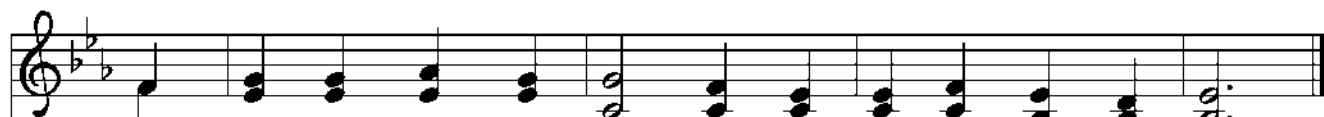
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” -setting, Hegarty

The Music Director Search Committee has started their work.
If you know of anyone that may be a good fit for this position,
please have them review the job description on our the website.
There are also flyers regarding the position available in the office

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Sunday May 7		Next Sunday May 14
Nancy Griesemer Diane Brown	Altar Guild	Melanie Hendrickson
<i>*Needed</i>	Acolyte	<i>*Needed</i>
Theron Pace Mac Barnes	Reader/ Communion	BB Quinones Debbie Olsen
Mike Murphy <i>*Needed</i>	Greeter / Ushers	<i>*Needed</i>
Tom Olsen Erick Hendrickson	Sound / IT	Tom Olsen Erick Hendrickson
<i>*Needed</i>	Hospitality	Debby Westen
Kim Hudson	Security	Bob Close

Kimberly Amin, Keyboardist ~ Tamara Craver, Music Director

Erick Hendrickson, AV / Tech

Melanie Hendrickson, Admin Assistant

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Life in Christ

Church as a VERB – WORSHIP

In person worship each Sunday at 9am.

Online Worship is available every Sunday through our website at www.firstlutheranredlands.org.

You can watch it live at 9 am or later in the day / week.

Church as a VERB – LEARN

Thursday Morning Bible Study will take a break in May. We will resume on May 25. Watch for the zoom link.

Adult Forum meets each Sunday following worship, join us in the Chapel at 10:15am. Today we welcome Pastor Glen Egertson from LRCC as he discusses mission to families with children.

Youth Meeting We are exploring options for youth ministry at First and we want to hear YOUR voice! Parents, we want to hear from you! Have a heart for youth? We want your input! Youth - lets just hang out and have fun! We will meet again on Sunday May 21 following worship. Adult Forum will be led by Pastor Glen Egertson and he will share about mission and ministry to youth. Then there will be time for parents and church leaders to connect and figure out what works for your family.

Church as a VERB – SERVE

Family Service Association of Redlands — is in need of donations for their food pantry as well as the daily meals they prepare. With summer coming there will be an increased need of shelf stable food for their pantry. During May First will be collecting mac and cheese and other meal in a box items.

Life in Christ

Church as a VERB – PLAY

COMIC Quilters No sewing experience needed. Join us on Wednesdays each week at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

Book Club is reading "Beyond That, The Sea" by Laura Spence-Ash. We will meet on Monday May 15 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!

Wine and Cheese Tasting - on Saturday, May 20 at 6:30 pm. Bring a bottle of wine and cheese/crackers or appetizer to share. We will gather at the Wolkenhauer's home (1654 S Wabash Ave in Redlands). Sign up sheet will be on the rolling cart on the patio or indicate you are attending on your "Welcome to Worship" slip.

The Call Committee has received a rostered minister profile of a potential candidate for the full-time pastor vacancy at First Lutheran. The committee will review the candidate's profile and proceed with vetting the candidate in the coming weeks.

The committee thanks the congregation for their ongoing prayers in support of its efforts and we ask everyone to keep not only the committee, but the Pacifica Synod Bishop and his staff and the pastor God has chosen to lead us in the future, in your prayers.

Committee members are Kathy Aldrighetti, Caroline Caballero, Tina Kundig, Sue Lehner, Mike Murphy, and Debby Westen.

The committee will communicate any new developments as soon as they occur during this process.

Endowment

The Endowment Committee of First Lutheran has been reactivated and this is the first article about our Endowment Fund.

We give on Sundays or other times what we have pledged to keep our Church running or in operation. However, we can also give in our wills and/or yearly required minimum tax distribution to sustain our Church for years. Our yearly church budget pays for our day-to-day costs such as salaries, property maintenance, water and sewer services, electricity and other related costs, and also includes giving to caring organizations that are local (such as Family Service and Youth Hope), national and worldwide.

Our Endowment Fund exists not for the day-to-day but for the long-term life of our Church. That is why when you have extra you would like to give to support our Church in perpetuity, the Endowment Fund allows you to do it the way you want to do it, and privately if you wish. Over time as gifts are made to the Endowment Fund and the principal grows, the Fund becomes a substantial way for our Church to expand its mission locally and in the world.

In the next weeks articles will be provided to give more detailed information regarding our Endowment Fund.

Your Church Endowment Committee,
David Garica, Mitch Heitritter, Theron Pace

Prayer Ventures from the ELCA

7 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

8 Pray that our baptismal journey and the work we do as children of God will be inspired and informed by the generous and compassionate example of Jesus, who reveals God's amazing love for humankind.

9 Give thanks for the work we do together through ELCA Mission Support and the funding it provides for the Lutheran Church of Rwanda's Bible school, which trains lay leaders, and for construction of a seminary in Rwanda to train and equip pastors and evangelists.

10 Lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God for Jesus Christ, our Savior and the enduring cornerstone upon which our faith, life and church are built.

11 Remember in prayer college and university students preparing for finals, discerning their futures and wondering how God will use their particular skills, knowledge and passion for the sake of the world and serving our neighbors in need.

12 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Saint Paul Area and Northeastern Ohio synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

13 Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the New Jersey Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

Remember in prayer...

***“Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs:”***

For those who mourn: the Victor family at the death of Priya’s father in India.

***“Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
And let perpetual light shine upon him.”***

Healing and strength: family and friend of the Fink’s, Pete and Bill; friends of the Davenports, the Oneto Family; son of BB Quinones, Dakota; friends of the Swenson’s, Isha, Sue, Kathy, and Dee; son of Mitch Heitritter, Wil; Maggie, Alyssa, Laura, and Adan; Marilyn Bean; parents of Erick Hendrickson, Solveig and Jim; family and friend of the Pace’s Nancy and Tammy; friend of Diane Brown, Marilyn; friends of the Barnes’, Larry and Pam Renon; family and friend of the Griesemer’s, David and Susan; Tom and Debbie Olsen.

Continuing prayers: Dianne Anderson; Wayne Barnhart; Donna Barnes; Scott Huseth; Jan Martus; Nancy Sturlaugson; Roger Swenson; Richard and Kristin Thibedeau; Lynda Wandler; friend of Karen Fredricksen, Spencer.

Our homebound: Arlene Coleman; Betty Frannea; John McMunn; Carlton Peterson.

** Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

** This congregation during this time of transition, the Call Committee, and the pastor God is preparing for this congregation.

* Peace.

***Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”***

** *The prayer list is refreshed each week using the “Welcome to Worship” slips.
If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips*