

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*“Prooftext”*

*April 14, 2024*



**PRELUDE** Melissa Musick & Allison Russell, violin; David Musick, piano

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**THE RINGING OF THE BELL**

**DIVINE SERVICE**

*Setting One p. 151*

**Hymn**

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Hymn # 700*



**+SERVICE OF PREPARATION+**

**Invocation**

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**Confession and Absolution**

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**+SERVICE OF THE WORD+**

**Introit**

**Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

**and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**and you have healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
**at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**Kyrie** *p. 152*

**Hymn of Praise**      *“This Is the Feast”* *p. 155*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** *p. 156*

**(All) O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** *Acts 3:11-21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*1 John 3:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:36-49*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**Kid’s Word** Linda Dammann

**Hymn of the Day**      *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”* *Hymn # 465*

**Sermon**                      *“Prooftext”*              *Luke 24:36-49*              *Pastor Mork*

**Nicene Creed** *p. 158*

**New Member Welcome** (10:30 am)

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *p. 159*



**+HOLY COMMUNION+**

**Preface** *p. 160*

**Sanctus** *p. 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *p. 161*

**Lord’s Prayer** *p. 162*

**The Words of Our Lord** *p. 162*

**Pax Domini** *p. 163*

**Agnus Dei** *p. 163*

**Distribution**

**Hymn**                              *“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*              *Hymn # 680*

**Hymn**                              *“This Joyful Eastertide”*              *Hymn # 482*

**Hymn**                              *“God Loves Me Dearly”*              *Hymn # 392*

**Post Communion Canticle**              *“Thank the Lord”*              *p. 164*

**Post-Communion Collect**

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**Benediction**

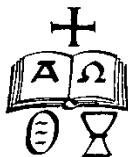
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**Hymn**

*“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”*

*Hymn # 830*

## ***Go and Tell!***



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#### ***Those serving the Lord and us:***

Preacher: Reverend Joshua D. Mork

Liturgist: Reverend Karl P. Ziegler

Organist: Dave Ricke

Elders: Doug Krause (8:00 a.m.)

Aaron Caughey (10:30 a.m.)

Acolytes: Ailynn Helms & Ryan Nemece (8:00 a.m.)

Lucius & June Ziegler (10:30 a.m.)

Readers: Pastor Michael Volk (8:00 a.m.)

Gene Price (10:30 a.m.)

Altar Guild: Rae Woltman

**Attendance: Saturday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. – 63**

**Sunday, April 7, 8:00 a.m. - 116, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School - 34, Youth - 6,**

**Parents/ Volunteers - 11, Adult Bible Class - 46, 10:30 a.m. – 110**

Please take home the Easter Lillies!



**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

**April 14, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

Eric & Donna Larson

Malinda Neal

Kasia Piercy

Frank & Jennifer Reyes, Addison & Ethan

Sierra Wischart

John D. Varilek & John W. Varilek

## This Week at First Lutheran

1

**Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30** – Silver Eagles Luncheon. They are collecting macaroni and cheese, Rice-a-Roni, canned fruit, canned carrots/potatoes, and/or crackers to donate to NeighborGood.

2

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00-12:00** – Rent a Youth Fundraiser

3

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 1:30-3:00** – Mission Trip Meeting



## Next Week at First Lutheran

1

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Butterfly Deadline  
**7:30** – Confirmation Fellowship

2

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00** – High School Movie Night

 <b>Anniversaries</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	Ed & Beth Bochtler
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Harold & Terry Weiss
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lucas & Kristen Pensula
 <b>Birthdays</b>	13 <sup>th</sup>	Marian Fricke, David Hansen, Matthew McMullen
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Meling
	15 <sup>th</sup>	James Thompson, Sr.
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mason Hansen, Myles Hansen, Jackson Holtmeyer
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Bennett Beecham, Charles Fricke, Maxine Igou, Jaden Krenzer, Rodney Nathan
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Kaitlyn Ashby, Johnny Garcia, Jill Gilbreath, Melissa Slagle
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Fulton
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Emma Friedrich, Rachelle Halac, Embryn Helms, Abigail Nemeck, Carmen Schroeder
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Garland, Cindi Hartman
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Claroni, Andrew Maher, Melissa Musick, Samantha Sellers

*Don't see your name? Please call the church office at 402-339-3668 or email [thechurch@1st-lutheran.org](mailto:thechurch@1st-lutheran.org). We would love to include you!*

### **“100 Years of Love from Our Kitchen!”**



Time to start bringing in recipes! Forms are in the narthex, please take however many you need.

If the recipe is in a digital format and it is easier to email it, please send it to [thechurch@1st-lutheran.org](mailto:thechurch@1st-lutheran.org) and remember to include your name/your family members name with the recipe.

Have pictures of family members over the years helping in the kitchen? Please either bring the printed picture to the church office or email a digital version to the same email as above, we'd love to be able to include them with the recipes!

## Join us in praying for members & friends of First Lutheran:

*God invites and welcomes our prayers. Know someone who needs prayer? Going to the hospital? Please call the church office (402-339-3668). Our pastors would love the opportunity to pray with you. We will not put your name in the prayer list unless you ask. Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks unless we hear from you that they need to stay on the prayer list longer.*

### Members

Colleen Bode	Corrinna Johnson	Mary Murphy
Martin Bohac	Gerald Johnson	Gary Paulsen
Trey Brehm	Alice Koehler	Gene Price
Bennett Getzfred	Doug Krause	Chase & Celia Sizemore
Arla Johnson		

Pastor Joshua & Samantha Mork as they prayerfully consider the divine call to the North Dakota District

### Friends

Arlene (Teri Lee's aunt), Kathy Aurfdemberge (Mary Kay Staicoff's friend), Paul Bergt (Heidi Brink's father), Geno Brink (Kurt Brink's father), Nicole Brown (Elaine Hansen's niece), Lois Delay (Elena Thompson's grandmother), Mary Hartman (Cindi Hartman's mother), Vada Hunt (Steve Hunt's mother), Imogene (Melissa Roth's grandmother), Judy Kramer (Joni Hoaglund's sister), Pam Leibdrandt (Colleen Bode's sister), Richard Maxwell (Kim Bannwarth's father), Donna McCullough (Amy Rau's mother), Rick Newman (Joe Griffith's friend), Rod Olson (Bob Olson's brother), Lynn Para (Mike Volk's sister), Emmitt Pratt (Stef Williamson's cousin), Gene Reierson (Karen Griffith's father), Reggy Rohrbeck (Mindy Irvine's father), Bob Shea (Corrinna Johnson's friend), Kathy Taylor (Victoria Krupp's friend), Barb Wheeler (Jan Lank's sister), Richelle & Dillon Wyatt (Katie Prelerson's friends)

**Missionaries and those serving abroad:** Erin Mackenzie, Caitlin Ramirez, and Pastor Roberto & Kathryn Weber.

The table provides a summary of year-to-date receipts in the General fund compared to the amounts expended and transferred for budgeted activities.

**Electronic Giving:** If you would prefer to give online, please look for the "Simply Giving" tab on First Lutheran's website. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Clark ([finance@1st-lutheran.org](mailto:finance@1st-lutheran.org)).

Through March 2024	
Receipts	\$204,953
Less: Expenses	<u>(180,949)</u>
Net	\$24,004
End of Month Balance	\$105,931

The Genesis Committee has completed its initial findings and recommendations. A special voter's meeting will be called in early summer to vote on continued church involvement in the next phase of the Genesis Study. Prayer calendars for the Genesis Project are available on the ledge in the narthex. Please pick one up, take it home, and continue to pray for the Lord's guidance for the steering committee.

### Prepare for worship next week by reading and meditating on these readings!

Fourth Sunday of Easter      Acts 4:1-12      1 John 3:16-24      John 10:11-18

Thank you to the congregation for all the donations the Social Ministry board took to the Stephen Center from our Men's Toiletries Drive! Five large boxes of items were delivered in March.



**The Mission Trip Youth will host a yard sale at First Lutheran on May 31/June 1. As you tackle your spring cleaning, we would love your potential yard sale items. Toys, games, and books are especially welcome. Items can be dropped off at church in May, but if you need to get rid of it sooner, talk to Brady. Stay tuned for more information!**



# GENESIS STUDY RESULTS

Feasibility & Readiness Study for a Lutheran School in Sarpy County



## CONGREGATIONS

First Lutheran Papillion, Good Shepherd Gretna, First Lutheran Plattsmouth, Pilgrim Lutheran Bellevue, Our Redeemer Springfield, & Lamb of God Papillion

## MISSION

Our Lutheran school is dedicated to providing a Christ-centered education that prepares students to serve their communities and the world with excellence, integrity, and compassion. Grounded in the teachings of the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions, we strive to nurture the whole child, mind, body, and spirit through spiritual formation, rigorous academics and extracurricular activities.

We aim to create a safe and supportive learning environment that inspires students to discover their unique God-given talents and gifts, and equips them with the knowledge, skills, and values they need to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives as responsible citizens and faithful servants of Christ.

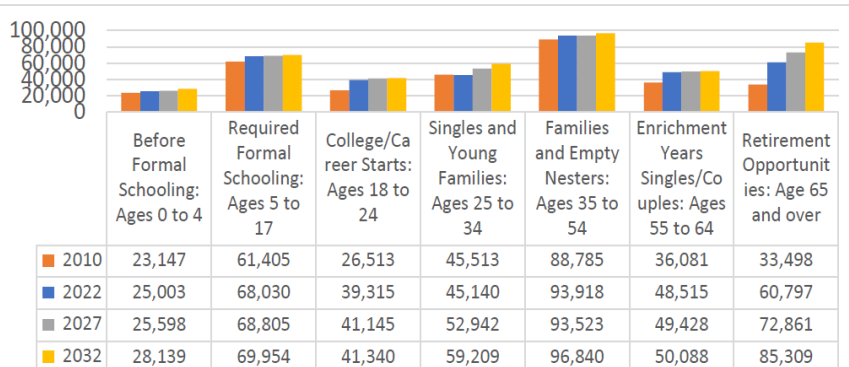
## GENESIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Genesis committee recommends we continue with next steps. Evidence from the demographic study, congregational, parental, community studies, and focus group interviews support this decision. The summary of evidence is printed below, and the full report is available on the Genesis Facebook page (QR code on back).

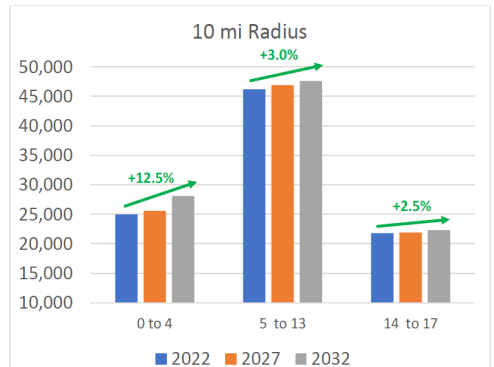
## SURVEY RESULTS

### Demographic Data

Phase of life forecast: 10-mile radius from central Sarpy



### Pre-School Age Forecast



## Time, Talent & Financial Support

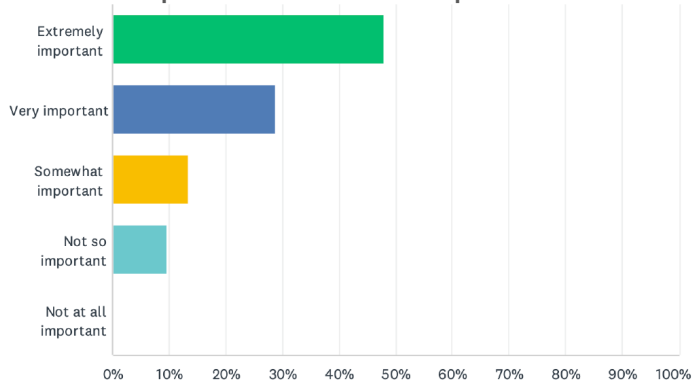
Likelihood of giving time and talents  
(Teaching, coaching, advising, fundraising, etc.)

Answer Choices	Response	
Very Likely	16.24%	32
Likely	30.46%	60
Neither Likely nor Unlikely	31.47%	62
Unlikely	14.21%	28
Very Unlikely	7.61%	15
<b>Total</b>		<b>197</b>

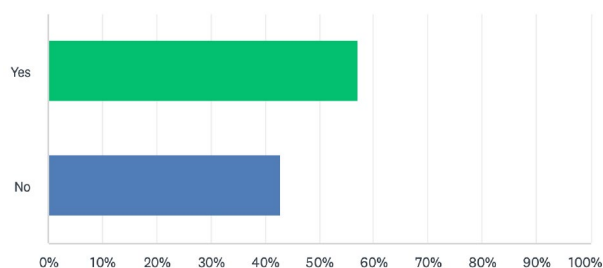
Likelihood of giving financial support to a Sarpy  
County Lutheran School

Answer Choices	Response	
Very Likely	15.74%	31
Likely	43.65%	86
Neither Likely nor Unlikely	26.90%	53
Unlikely	7.11%	14
Very Unlikely	6.60%	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>197</b>

Importance of Christian Emphasis



If your children are in K12 school, would you enroll them in this Lutheran School?



## SUMMARY OF SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWS

### General Themes and Sentiment

- Strong interest and support for a Lutheran School in Sarpy County.
- Largest response across all questions expressed the desire for a Christian education.
- In general, people were genuinely open to the discussion of a Lutheran school. Concerns arose around adequate number of available committed students / families and adequate support and long-term commitment to make it work without “dragging down congregations into debt.” There was also the uncertainty of how can this be done? Additional assistance will be needed to help the process to keep moving forward.

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

- Prayerfully consider voting “yes” to proceed with the school by forming a 501c3, finding a facilitator, and forming initial committees.
- Continued prayers for the success of the school.

## NEXT STEPS FOR THE GENESIS STEERING COMMITTEE

- 1: Work with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund Real Estate Solutions.
- 2: Identify a School Startup Task Force
- 3: Enlist a Facilitator
- 4: Communicate
- 5: Capital Campaign
- 6: National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA)

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# LWML Spring Rally

April 14, 2024

Come join us for a great day to learn more about LWML and how we can all serve the Lord with gladness!

Ingathering: Under His Wings Baby  
Pantry- Plattsmouth

Needs: Baby Wipes, Baby Wash,  
Baby Lotion, Diapers size 2, 3 or 6

Registration at 1:30pm  
Program begins at 2:00 pm

Location:  
First Lutheran Church  
1025 Avenue D  
Plattsmouth, NE 68048





## NeighborGood Community Pantry April Most Needed List:

### Food Items:

- Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Fruit
- Crackers
- Mac & Cheese
- Canned Sloppy Joe Sauce
- Pasta Side Dishes
- Jello/Pudding
- Canned Pasta
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Carrots/Potatoes
- Ramen

### Non Food Items:

- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper