

# First Notes!

July 26, 2020  
Eighth Sunday  
after Pentecost



First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

6300 Southern Maryland Blvd + Huntingtown. MD 20639

410-257-3030 + LLPS 410-257-3530

Traditional Worship 8:00am  
Contemporary Worship 10:45am  
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm  
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*Joyfully Proclaim God's Word and Enthusiastically Share Christ's Love*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The dictionary defines "treasure" as "something of great worth or value ... a collection of precious things." Most of us think of treasure as something like gold or diamonds ... something worth a lot of money. But a "treasure" can also be something that's determined to be priceless by a personal assessment ... like a picture of a loved one or small token of appreciation given by a dear friend. Regardless of monetary value, a "treasure" is priceless to the one who holds it ... and if lost, something one goes in search of.

God created us, from the very start, to be His treasure. Even after Adam and Eve fell into temptation and sinned, we have remained God's treasure. Adam and Eve hid themselves in fear after realizing they disobeyed God. But God actively called out for them, searching for His treasure. And He didn't stop searching. Over and over, His people ran and hid ... sinning against Him. Yet, He continued calling out to His people through His prophets. As His people Israel prepared to enter the Promised Land, God's servant Moses reminds them, "*For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. **The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession**, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.*" (Deuteronomy 7:6)"

Finally, at the right time, God proved His assessment of our value to Him when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from our sin and eternal death. Jesus paid the price to save us, not with treasures of silver and gold, but by giving everything He had, His body and blood. He sacrificed His life to purchase His Father's treasured possession, you and me, from sin and death.

Though to some, we might not be much to look at, we are God's treasure. And those who believe in Jesus receive the greatest treasure of all – not silver or gold – but eternal life in the kingdom of heaven.

In the Love of Christ,

Pastor Jim

*Prepare for worship this Sunday. Our readings for July 26th will be Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39; and Matthew 13:44-52*

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE** ... We truly appreciate your continued faithful giving in this difficult time. You can continue your support of First Lutheran Church by:

1. On-line: [firstlutheranchurch.org/donate-now](https://firstlutheranchurch.org/donate-now) (be sure to enter the web address carefully)
2. Mail: First Lutheran Church  
6300 Southern Maryland Blvd.  
Huntingtown, MD 20639
3. Drop off: at the Church office, either in the outside mailbox, or in Nancy's mail slot in the church hallway.

Praying for safety and wellness to all our faithful members and families. ~ Jeff Lauer, Financial Secretary

**We have begun holding one in-person worship service on Sunday mornings at 8:30am and one on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm**, in addition to our normal online worship service on Sundays at 10am. No sign-up is needed for the online worship service.

**Pre-registration is required for each in-person service** so we can ensure we do not go over the capacity of our limited, socially-distanced seating, which will accommodate roughly 30 worshipers.

You can sign up by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080544afa723abff2-inperson>, contacting the church office, or contacting Susan Fogleman. Sign ups close 3 days prior to each service.

## **First Lutheran Live!**

**First Lutheran Live offers live access to worship services, Bible Studies and classes, and small groups through Zoom.**

## **+++ Worship +++**

The **livestream will open 15 minutes before services** start to enable you to catch up with others in virtual fellowship.

Please **submit your prayer requests and any questions** you may have about the readings, message, or other areas through Zoom's chat feature.

Sunday Worship at 10am: -  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993441481>  
(Call Church Office for instructions on access)

**Wednesday Evening In-Person Worship at 6:30pm**

Join Services by phone by calling (301)715-8592 and entering the following code:

Sunday Worship at 10am: **88993441481**

**+++ Bible Studies and Classes +++**  
**(Waiting Room enabled. Please wait for Host to welcome you.)**

**Sunday**

Sunday Adult Bible Class at 11:15am  
 (find study guide on church website):  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/693123954>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **693123954**

Youth Group on Sundays and Wednesdays at  
 4pm: <https://zoom.us/j/881186873>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **881186873**

Armor of God Study 6:30pm  
 (meets again on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
 Meeting ID: **89307199095**

**Sunday Adult Bible Study**  
**(July 19 – August 30)**  
**In Pursuit of Jesus**

Jesus is one of the most talked about figures in history. Some love Him. Some hate Him. Many are simply indifferent. No matter where people stand on that spectrum, He's notable enough that it's worth finding out more about Him and His impact on this world.

At a time when you may have had to give up your travel plans, you can 'pick up your passport' for this study as we look through the lens of global cultures in our pursuit of Jesus.

"Even when someone doesn't agree about who Jesus is . . . even if we believe differently . . . the reality is because they're made in His image there's something that everybody in the world can teach me about Jesus." — Rasool Berry

**Monday**

**"Beautiful Feet"**

The Gospel According to Matthew includes thirty references to the kingdom of heaven. The "Kingdom" was something for which Jewish people were hoping and waiting. It would be the culmination of all their needs, their desires, and their dreams. This study is meant to enhance the Gospel readings from Lectionary Year A so that by the season of Pentecost the entire book of Matthew has been studied in depth.

Join our Beautiful Feet on a journey to study the Gospel of Matthew on Monday evenings, **at 7:30 PM (EST)** using the platform Zoom via smart phones or iPads or desktop computers, we will study Part 2 of the Matthew Lifelight series. Contact Dawn Boyd ([dawn\\_boyd@me.com](mailto:dawn_boyd@me.com)) for information on how to use your email address to receive an invitational link. Get your email address registered with Dawn. The class study book can be obtained from Concordia Publishing House (cph.org) or 1-800-325-3040. The item is from Concordia's Lifelight series and is item # 203311(Matthew Part 2 student's guide and enrichment magazine) and it sells for \$9.99. Behold! A light in the darkness! Our King is the answer!

**Wednesday**

Lunch Bunch Bible Study  
 (every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month)  
<https://zoom.us/j/397280685>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **397280685**

**+++ Youth Group and Small Groups +++**  
**(Waiting Room enabled. Please wait for Host to welcome you.)**

**Sunday and Wednesday**

Youth Group at 4:00 p.m.  
<https://zoom.us/j/881186873>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **881186873**

**Saturday**

**Men's Fellowship - 10:00am – Noon**

Please join us this Saturday for fellowship from the comfort of your home. If time allows we will be discussing this week's podcast of "Speaking of Jesus" from the Lutheran hour. The title of this week is focused on the "Filters" we use in our daily life.  
 Love in Christ ~ Todd & David

<https://zoom.us/j/339451332>  
 Phone Meeting ID: **339451332**

**(See our website for the links to the podcasts)**

**Contact the church office for information on all church meetings and events.**

<i>This Week at FLC</i>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	In-Person Worship Service Worship Service (on-line) Adult Bible Study (on-line) Youth Group (on line) Armor of God (on line)	8:30a 10:00a 11:15a 4:00p 6:30p
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27</b>	UFO (on-line) Beautiful Feet Bible Study	7:00p 7:30p
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>29</b>	Youth Group (on line) In-Person Worship Service	4:00p 6:30p
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b>	Men's Bible Study (on-line)	10:00a
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2</b>	In-Person Worship Service Worship Service (on line) Adult Bible Study (on line) Youth Group (on line)	8:00a 10:00a 11:15a 4:00p

**FLC office Hours: Monday - Thursday – 9:00a - 4:00p**



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*Prayer Ministry*  
*of First Lutheran Church*

Prayer is the privilege of every Christian. Through Jesus' death and resurrection God brings forgiveness of sins and makes every believing person part of His family, the church. At the initiative of His grace, the Holy Spirit empowers faith for eternal life as well as faith for answered prayer. Prayer is conversation between a child of God and their heavenly Father.

*Pray continually; give thanks*  
*in all circumstances... ” 1 Thess. 5:17-18a*

**Our Country:** President, Vice President, Congress, Leaders Local, National, & International.

**For Those Currently serving in the Military.**

*Our God is compassionate... Psalm 116:5*

*"I am the Lord who heals you..." Exodus 15:26*

Prayer requests may be submitted to the church's email address, through the website, or by calling the church office (410-257-3030). Prayer requests may be removed after 3 weeks pending updates.



## Food Pantry News

We are in need of donations of **canned tuna and canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce and diced tomatoes** at this time. Also, Giant or Safeway gift cards would be helpful.

FLC Members and friends...remember that the Food Pantry is available for you also, as needed.

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## Confirmation Registration

Anyone who has a child who is entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or who has not already begun Confirmation instruction) and would like to register them for our two-year Confirmation program, please email Christine at [receptionist@firstlutheranchurch.org](mailto:receptionist@firstlutheranchurch.org) to request a registration form or find the form on our church website at [www.firstlutheranchurch.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurch.org). An orientation meeting for ALL confirmation students will be held at 12:30pm on Rally Day, September 13 via Zoom.

You may contact Shawn Maassel at 301-332-9801 with any questions about our Confirmation program.



### BUILDING COMMITTEE:

On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Voters authorized the Building Committee to spend up to \$57K toward the next steps of securing a building design and site design, pending county approval of a Concept Site Plan which is underway. The Building Committee virtually reconvened on Wednesday, June 24, to discuss progress and the next steps.

*Dave Anderson, Chair*

**SANCTUARY UPGRADE COMMITTEE:** The AV installation is mostly complete. Some minor updates needed but the system works as advertised. Training will take place once restrictions are lifted. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

**SIGNAGE COMMITTEE:** The new building lettering has been installed! The foundation has begun to be laid for the roadside sign that will proclaim God's good news to all passersby. Stay tuned via Facebook as progress continues.



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*DCE Shawn Maassel*



## We Are Here to Serve You...

James E. Kent, Pastor

DCE Shawn Maassel, Family Life Ministry

DCE Susan Fogleman, Youth Director

Dr. Robert Beeson, Music Director

Marilyn Beeson, Accompanist

Nancy Pope, Administrative Church Secretary

Christine Marcus, Receptionist / Secretary

Tom Spragg, Property Management

## Little Lambs Preschool

Angie Hohl, LLPS Program Director

Laura Zeruto, Administrative Assistant

