



First Lutheran Church & Little Lambs Preschool

"Joyfully Proclaim God's Word and Enthusiastically Share Christ's Love!"

Our Worship Services

(In-person/Online / Communion every Sunday)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Traditional Service	8:00 am
Contemporary Service	10:45 am
Sunday School	9:30 am
<i>Adult Bible Study, Children's Sunday School</i>	
<i>Confirmation Class</i>	

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Monthly Communion	1:15 pm
<i>Second Wed. of the Month</i>	
Wednesday Evening Lenten Service	6:30 pm

Reading for worship this
Sunday, February 25th are
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16;
Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38



Message from our Pastor...

Dear Children of God,

I remember an old advertisement for ketchup. The tagline, "**Anticipation**", was accompanied by the early 1970's Carly Simon hit by the same name. The ad showed a juicy burger, but it wouldn't be complete without the thick, rich ketchup – which took forever to pour. As you waited, you anticipated the deliciousness to come! But you had to be patient!

"Patience is a virtue" that's often in short supply. Even the heroes of the Bible – like the Old Testament members of the Hall of Faith, Abraham and Sarah – lacked it! God came to Abraham when he was 75-years old, Sarah was 65, and promised the elderly, yet still childless couple, they'd have a child and start a great nation – more numerous than the stars in the sky and sand on the beach. The decades passed and still, no children. Abraham and Sarah anticipated the birth of a son, the fulfillment of God's promise, but ran out of patience. So, they turned to Sarah's servant girl Hagar to

help God out. Abraham got Hagar pregnant. She bore a son, Ishmael.

But God reminded Abraham that His covenant was with him and Sarah, "And God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her... and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.'" (**Genesis 17:15-16,19**) And then, more anticipation – another year passed. Isaac was born to Abraham and Sarah as promised.

Forty-two generations later, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham was born – *Jesus of Nazareth, Son of God* (**Matthew 1**). Today, as we go through the lives God has given us to live here on earth, our anticipation continues – patiently awaiting Jesus' return. As we wait, let's heed God's call to serve Him in joyful anticipation, showing His love to others that they too will join us in eternity on that day.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jim

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Little Lambs Preschool Fundraiser at LEDO PIZZA

Feb. 26, 2024 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**** Chesapeake Location Only! ****



For Details see our ad under Outreach & Fellowship!

Worship Information



for **ONLINE**



First Lutheran LIVE!

First Lutheran Live offers live access to worship services, Bible Studies, classes, and small groups through Zoom. The livestream opens 15 minutes before services start to enable you to catch up with others in virtual fellowship. Please submit prayer requests and any questions you may have about the readings, message, or other areas through Zoom's chat feature.

ZOOM LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993441481>

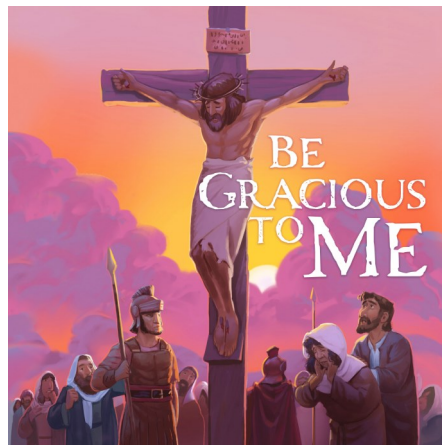
Please call the church office for passcode

Joining the Service by Phone?

Call 301-715-8592 and enter the following code:
88993441481

SUNDAY Bible Classes

Join us Sunday Mornings: Children's Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth & Adult classes from 9:30 am—10:30 am.



Lenten Adult Bible

(February 18th—March 24th)

"Be Gracious to Me"

Join Pastor Jim and the Deacons for our Lenten Bible Study centered on King David's Psalm 41 where God's grace wells up and overflows into His people. In addition, this study will set the table for our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services which also centers on God's grace found in Psalm 41. Discover how Christ's sufferings are your sufferings, and more importantly, how David's words in Psalm 41 have become your reality through Christ. In the day of trouble, the Lord delivers you. The Lord protects you and keeps you alive. You are called blessed in the land.

Sunday Evening Ladies Bible Study

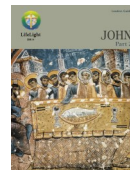


Ladies, join us on Sunday nights via Zoom from through March 17 as we take a look at 'Navigating Gospel Truth' by Rebecca McLaughlin. You can purchase the book at Lifeway.com or on Amazon. Please let Shawn Maassel know that you plan to participate so she can send you the link to join. Email her at smaas-

sel@comcast.net.

Monday Evening

"Beautiful Feet" Bible Study



How frequently do we turn to the book of Psalms to find comfort? What the book of Psalms is to the Old Testament the Gospel of John is to the New Testament in the opinion of many. It is a refuge, a harbor. Come dig deeply into the Gospel of John (Part II) in an online study group meeting on Monday evenings. Contact the Church Office at flc@firstlutheranchurch.org for information on how to receive a Zoom link from Dawn Boyd. The group meets at 7:30 PM Eastern time on a weekly basis. Purchase the needed study guide from *Concordia Publishing House*.

Wednesday

Lunch Bunch Bible Study

Lunch Bunch meets in person and via Zoom on the *2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month*. We'll gather at 11:30 am for fellowship and bag lunch followed by the study at 12 Noon. This time around we're immersing ourselves in the Gospel of John. If interested in attending, please let Pastor Jim know so we can have books available for you.

Saturday

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Bible Study for All!



Our Saturday morning Bible study is now open to all—men, women, young, old, anyone who has an interest in understanding the Word of God. The Saturday morning study meets every week via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/339451332>) from **10:00am-12:00pm**. Our study usually revolves around the Sunday scriptures of the week so it's a great way to prepare for Sunday worship! The study isn't a verse-by-verse lecture, but a discussion guided by the study leader. This type of study allows us to get to know each other better. After all, how can we love one another if we don't know each other? Why not join us?

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Ministry Assistants Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Acolyte	Sophia Sigmon	Lillian Heisler
Readers	Sabrina Sigmon	Lisa Kennedy
Usher	Keith Sainsbury	Paul & Susan Eastwood
Altar Guild	Stephanie Sainsbury	Tricia Smeltzer
SS Setup	Dillons	
Takedown	AHG	

Outreach & Fellowship



Little Lambs Preschool Fundraiser
LEDO PIZZA
****Chesapeake Beach Location Only****



Take a break from cooking and support our preschool! Join us for a delicious dinner where 10% of all proceeds will go directly towards improvements to our preschool program!

February 26, 2024
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

8416 Bayside Rd., Chesapeake Beach
 410-257-1705
 Carry-Out-Dine-In-Online Ordering

Little Lambs Preschool is a ministry of First Lutheran Church - nonprofit 501(c)(3) charity organization. If you wish to make a monetary donation to support our preschool, please scan our QR code today!




Holy Week Choir!

All are welcome to sing for Holy Week services including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

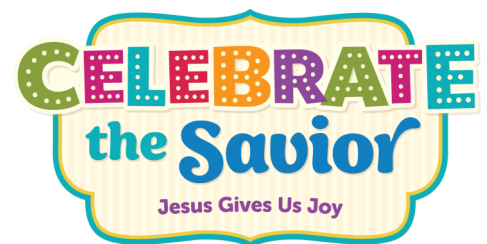
Please join us for rehearsals on

Wednesdays
 at **7:30 PM - 8:00 PM**
 in the Sanctuary. Contact Rob Beeson at music@firstlutheran.org for more information.

Upcoming Events at First Lutheran Church for Sun. Feb. 25—Sun. Mar. 3

SUN 25	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship American Heritage Girls Ladies Bible Study	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 3:00 pm 6:30 pm
MON 26	LLPS Ledo's Fundraiser	4-9 pm
TUE 27	Body & Soul Deacon's Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
WED 28	Lunch Bunch Bible Study Lenten Evening Worship Praise Team Rehearsal	11:30 am 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THUR 29	Body & Soul	9:30 am
FRI 01	OFFICE CLOSED	
SUN 03	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship Ladies Bible Study	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 6:30 pm

VBS 2024



Dates: July 8-12, 2024

Ages Pre-K (age 4) thru 5th Grade

Fee: \$35 per person

For registration please visit

[https://](https://vbsmate.comfirstlutheranhuntingtownmd)

vbsmate.comfirstlutheranhuntingtownmd

or click on our "Vacation Bible School"

tab on the menu on our website.

You're invited to join us for Holy Week



RISEN



Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024
 Service at 7:00 pm



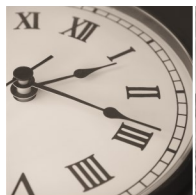
Good Friday, Mar. 29, 2024
 Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

Sonrise Service at 6:30 am
 Easter Breakfast at 7:15 am
 Traditional Service at 8:00 am
 Contemporary Service at 10:45 am



Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am



Stewardship

GIVE...BECAUSE HE FIRST GAVE

God calls us to work in His vineyard using the gifts He has given us all – the time associated with our lives; the talents of knowledge, skills, and abilities to be His hands, feet, eyes, ears, and lips in the world; and our treasure. He calls us to use these gifts generously, trusting Him to replenish them as needed, to serve His church and the world. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve Him with the gifts He has given you.

TIME

Feed the Homeless

FLC feeds Calvert County's homeless at Project Echo the **2nd Saturday of each month (Mar. 9)**. Please see signups and recipes at www.firstlutheranchurch.org/outreach.

TREASURE

You can continue your support of First Lutheran Church by:

1. **On-line** (via the website)
www.firstlutheranchurch.org/donate-now.
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 Secretary's mail slot in the church hallway

Your Treasure Supports Worship Ministries

God calls us to worship for two reasons. First, so we can hear His word gladly and receive His grace found in that word. Second, so we can thank and praise Him for His infinite grace and bring our requests to Him. We do this each day of the week, but especially as we gather together as the Body of Christ in worship each Sunday and Wednesday. To glorify God in worship and joyfully proclaim His word God provides through His people the means to worship Him each week. In our current fiscal year, the administration budget includes:

- ♦ Salaries for Musicians, Accompanists, and Guest

Musicians: \$55,700

- ♦ Operations of Sound and Video Systems: \$11,549
- ♦ Licenses for Music, Graphics, Bulletins: \$1,799
- ♦ Supplies (Communion, Oil, Candles, Cleaning): \$900

Little Lambs, Youth, Worship Ministry Addition Progress

As the inside of the building has a lot of unseen progress (wires, pipes, and vents) the outside LLPS Patio is completed. Next up on the outside will be the new deck off the Youth Room.



Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

As the season of Lent unfolds, you call us to return again and again.

As you invite us to reflect on your love made visible in the person of Jesus, align our lives more closely with you through prayer, fasting and generous giving.

Bless our desire to accompany Jesus' suffering here and now in the crucified people of our world.

With your grace, may we live Lent fully and move with transformed hearts into the abundant life of Easter morning.



Amen.

