



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

Adult Bible Study, Children's Sunday School

Confirmation Class

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Monthly Communion 1:15 pm

Second Wed. of the Month

Wednesday Evening Lenten Service 6:30 pm

Readings for worship this

Sunday, March 10th are

Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

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Message

from our Pastor...

Dear Friends and Family, While I'm on vacation in Arizona this week, I may think I'm in charge, but I'm not. I will make reservations, but not without computers, phones, and agents. Pilots fly the planes. Handlers make sure my bags arrive. GPS will guide me once there. I'll trust many others to have a good vacation.

Our Christian journey to the Kingdom of Heaven is another kind of trip. But, unlike a vacation, where we might control some parts of the journey, there's absolutely nothing we can do to get ourselves to this destination. We only get there by trusting God and His promises.

John 3:16, "The Gospel in a Nutshell," says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." Who loved? God. Whom did He love? The World. How did He love? Through His only Son. Who did all the work? God. All we do is trust and believe in Him who did this work and we'll be saved from death and receive eternal life.

Paul writes, "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (**Ephesians 2:8-9**) Grace – a gift from God. We can't buy it or exchange for it. He does all the work to save us. All we do is

accept His gift in faith.

Once saved by God's grace, we're free to live as He created us to live. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." (**Ephesians 2:10**) God has done all the work to save us so we can be His hands and feet as He continues to save others through us. As we journey together toward eternity, let us love others as God has already loved us by bringing His gospel to all in need through our words and deeds.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Jim

FLC Yard Clean-Up

for Easter



March 16th

9:30 am to 12:00 pm

(Rain Date: March 30th)

Workday "Chores List" will be posted on the posterboard in the Narthex

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?

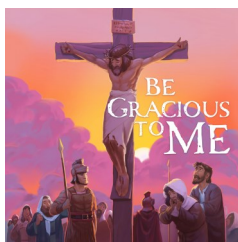
Call 301-715-8592 and enter the following code:
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Bible Classes

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

Lenten Bible Study

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.

The Early Church Starts April 7th

Faith Lessons in the early church takes us through an in-depth video tour of the buried, distant, or otherwise forgotten places where the stories of the Bible actually happened. From this cultural perspective, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan challenges long-held Western assumptions about even the most well-known Scripture passages. The result? You and your family will simply never read the Bible the same way again. Hope to see you on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for this exciting study.
-Deacon David

Sunday Evening

Ladies Bible Study

Watch for our next Study to begin April 14th.

Monday Evening

"Beautiful Feet" Bible Study

From studying the Gospel of John, we will journey on to investigate three letters of John positioned close to the end of the New Testament: 1 John, 2 John, and 3 John. John wrote these at a time when the



thrill of being a Christian was gone and faith was beginning to falter. False prophets within Christianity were arising. John squashes these heresies that still try to rise up today. Join us this spring beginning Monday, April 1, via the Zoom on your smart phone, iPad or desktop computer, starting at 7:30 PM. Contact the Church Office

at fllc@firstlutheranchurch.org for information on how to receive a Zoom link and study questions from Dawn Boyd, the facilitator for the study.

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

Saturday 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, Mar. 10, 2024

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Acolyte	Abigail Cummings	Colt Hanna
Readers	Cindie Brown	Melli Lantz
Usher	Ken Brown	Need Assistance
Altar Guild	Tricia Smeltzer	Melli Lantz
SS Setup	Maassel	
Takedown	AHG	

Outreach & Fellowship



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.

body & soul fitness
presents

Spring

WORKOUT EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD

Location: Grace Lutheran Church,

2503 Belair Dr., Bowie MD

Time: Doors open at 9:30 am,

workout 10 am-11 am *logowear sales to follow

What: Free Body & Soul Fitness workout showcasing various programs, spiritual encouragement, fellowship

Bring: Water bottle, mat, weights, long elastic AND free will offering for our host church AND old (but good condition) sneakers to donate to Sneakers4Good AND 1 or 2 friends.

*Door Prize Giveaways!!

Contact Shawn for more details smaassel@comcast.net

Easter Lilies

It's time for Easter lilies!! We are getting ready to beautify the Sanctuary for Easter. Please consider purchasing an Easter Lily for the Altar.

Cost of Lilies **\$8.00** March 20th is the last day to receive donations!!

Sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex of the church. If you would like to give a lily in memoriam of a loved one, we will list them in First Notes the week of March 31st.



We are hoping to receive 15 lilies but would accept more!

MOD FUNDRAISING MARCH 25, 2024
RAISE SOME DOUGH



Join MOD in supporting Little Lambs Preschool!

Bring the flyer or order online through the MOD app or website using the provided coupon and MOD will donate 25% of your bill to support this great work!

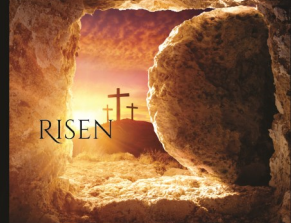
****DUNKIRK Location****

10084 Dunkirk Way, Unit 303
Dunkirk, MD 20754

Fundraiser Code:
MODGIVES25

Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this ad. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered thru the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code MODGIVES25. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in the MOD fund-raising program. MOD will donate 25% of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gift cards and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer void if the flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant. For more information about fund-raising, visit <https://modpizza.com/fundraisers/>

You're invited to join us for Holy Week



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



Teachers Wanted!

Little Lambs Preschool is looking for qualified teachers and assistants for the 2024-2025 school year. To submit an application or for more information please visit our website: www.firstlutheranchurch.org. If you have any questions, please contact our

Director at directorllps@firstlutheranchurch.org or 410-257-3530



Upcoming Events

at First Lutheran Church for
Sun. Mar. 3—Sun. Mar. 10

SUN 10	Traditional Worship	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Contemporary Worship	10:45 am
	American Heritage Girls	3:00 pm
	Ladies Bible Study	6:30 pm
TUE 12	Body & Soul	6:00 pm
	Worship Committee Mtg.	7:00 pm
WED 13	Lunch Bunch Bible Study	11:30 am
	Monthly Communion	1:15 pm
	LL Preschool Board Mtg.	4:30 pm.
	Lenten Evening Worship	6:30 pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 pm
THUR 14	Body & Soul	9:30 am
FRI 15	OFFICE CLOSED	
SAT 16	FLC Work Day (Clean-up for Easter)	9:30 am 12:00 pm
SUN 17	Guest Pastor Rev Terry Naumann	
	Traditional Worship	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Contemporary Worship	10:45 am
	American Heritage Girls	3:00 pm



IN THE SAME WAY,
LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY
TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

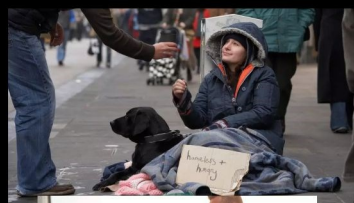
-MATTHEW 5:16



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. Awaiting County Permits to continue electrical and other interior work.



**WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE POOR
LEND TO THE LORD, AND HE WILL REWARD THEM
FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.**

PROVERBS 19:17

