



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

Readings for worship this
Sunday, March 17th are

Jeremiah 31:31-34;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

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Message

from our Pastor...



Dear Fellow Servants of Christ,

What comes to mind when you read this description? "A man wearing a black shirt with a small white tab on the collar, a black suit, black shoes, and a cross around his neck." If you think, "a priest," you wouldn't necessarily be wrong. But, since God's word defines "priest" as one who interfaces between people of the world and God, all of us, who believe in Christ, are priests. God calls us to be servants of Christ in the world, bringing God's word to all who don't yet know God as we do.

To be clear, we're not all "high priests." Nor are we all pastors. These are positions, called by God and His church, from among His priests to fulfill specific responsibilities He has set aside for them. Still, as the "priesthood of all believers," we are called by God to serve His creation through our vocations as parents, children, students, workers, friends, and neighbors. (1 Peter 2:9)

We take our lead as priests from our High Priest. "Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten You.'" (Hebrews 5:5) Jesus interceded between us and His Father in His prayers and by His sacrificial death to save us from sin and death. Jesus drew us

into His Father's presence – crossing the gap between man and God – to enable our sins to be forgiven and to join Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. But –

There's still work to be done. Many still haven't heard God's good news. They're "walking dead" so to speak. God calls us – His priests – to humbly serve the "walking dead" by sharing our faith with them in our words and deeds. In faith – we believe His word. In faith – we proclaim His gospel to the "walking dead" so they too may come before our High Priest, Jesus Christ, believe in Him, and be saved by Him. Jesus calls all of us to serve – not be served.

Your Fellow Priest,
Pastor Jim

FLC Yard Clean-Up



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:
88993441481

Bible Classes

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

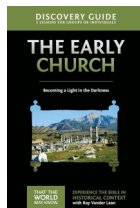
Lenten Bible Study

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

New Ladies Bible Study— Apr. 14th Interruptions. They're aggravating. Sometimes infuriating. But how we handle interruptions actually tell us more about ourselves. What do we do when God interrupts our lives? Many times, like Jonah, we run! Priscilla redefines interruption and shows that interruption is actually God's invitation to do something beyond our wildest dreams. When Jonah was willing to allow God to interrupt his life, the result was revival in an entire



city. Ladies, join us for this 7-week study via Zoom starting April 14. Contact Shawn Maassel at smaassel@comcast.net to join. Purchase the book at Lifeway.com or on Amazon.

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 flc@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. 17, 2024

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Acolyte	Garrett Dillon	Luke Garrison
Readers	Kristy Lester	Tammy Salo
Usher	Scott Lester	Scott Salo
Altar Guild	Kristy Lester	Tricia Smeltzer
SS Setup	Maassels	
Takedown	Salos	

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
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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

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



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!

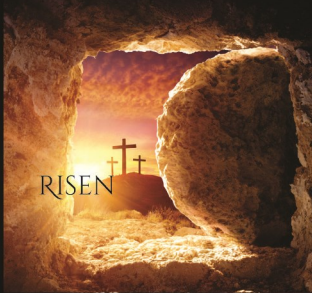
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10084 Dunkirk Way, Unit 303
Dunkirk, MD 20754

Fundraiser Code:
MODGIVES25

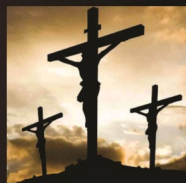
Offer valid only on the date(s) and at the MOD location identified on this ad. Offer valid for dine-in, take out, or delivery when ordered thru the MOD app or website only. For online or in-app orders, please use the code MODGIVES25. For delivery, customer must live within delivery boundary. Only non-profit 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



Please join us

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Starting at 7:15 am the Youth will be serving Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be an Easter
Egg hunt at 9:45 am for the children.



Upcoming Events

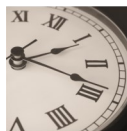
at First Lutheran Church for
Sun. Mar. 3—Sun. Mar. 10

SUN 17	Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship Youth Group Ladies Bible Study	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm
TUE 19	Body & Soul	6:00 pm
WED 20	Staff Meeting Lenten Evening Worship Praise Team Rehearsal	1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
THUR 21	Body & Soul BOD Meeting	9:30 am 7:00 pm
FRI 22	OFFICE CLOSED	
SUN 24	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Traditional Worship Sunday School Contemporary Worship American Heritage Girls	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:45 am 3:00 pm

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY

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.



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



Project ECHO
Hope for the Homeless
www.projectecho.net

FLC feeds Calvert County's homeless at Project Echo the **2nd Saturday of each month** (April 13). Please consider volunteering to show Christ's love to some of Calvert most in need people by providing this meal ... or teaming with others to provide a part of it. Details to include sign-ups and some yummy recipes, are at: <https://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



Lord, I don't know what lay before me today, but I commit it all to You. Please give me strength and courage to get through the joys, challenges and happenings of the day. I thank You for my life and for all that I have; I commit this day to You. No matter what happens, I know You have me in the palm of Your hand. Amen.

*Cast your cares on the
LORD and He will sustain
you; He will never let the
righteous be shaken.*

Psalm 55:22

