



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 (NO SERVICE 4/3) 6:30 pm

Readings for worship this
Easter Sunday, March 31st

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

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Message from our Pastor...

Dear Easter People,
ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

This is the Easter acclamation! Easter is not just a single day. It is in fact a season. But it's really more, it lasts to eternity. When the eggs are gone, the bunnies consumed, the baskets put away, and the photos have been posted – remember – **“CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!”**

Jesus claimed to be “the Son of God.” He taught from the Holy Scriptures. He performed miracles. He raised people from the dead. But many had made similar claims and performed similar deeds. Prophets and rabbis taught from the Holy Scriptures. The Old Testament tells of mighty men of God performing miracles. Jesus’ disciples even raised people from the dead (**Acts 9:40-41**). However, none of these were God. But Jesus is who He claims – God!

Jesus died on the cross. He was dead! A guard drove a spear into His body – the blood and water that had settled in His chest poured out. He was buried in a sealed tomb for three days. “*Three days*” is significant. Many believed bodies weren’t “dead” until they showed no life for three days. Jesus was in fact truly dead! Yet, on the third day, Jesus appeared to His disciples alive.

Jesus’ resurrection proves He is who He says He is – God. As God, His word and

promise are true for all mankind. He says He forgives our sins – they are forgiven – no matter how bad we think they are! He says He will raise us to eternal life – we will be raised to eternal life. As Easter people, we “confess with (our) mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in (our) heart that God raised Him from the dead and (are) saved.” (**Romans 10:9**) One day, we will be raised to new life. We will join all who believe in Jesus and His promises in His eternal kingdom. Why? Because **CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!** We celebrate and shout this fact not just today, but every day! Amen!

In the Love of our Risen Savior,
Pastor Jim

Join us

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

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

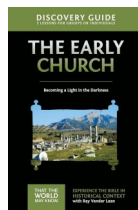
Joining the Service by Phone?

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

**No Sunday School on
Easter Sunday! Join us for
Easter Breakfast and
Easter Egg Hun! Sunday
School returns April 7th.**

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. 31, 2024

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Acolyte	Syler Lester	Need Assistance
Readers	Kristy Lester	Lisa Kennedy
Usher	Scott Lester	Glenn Meier
Altar Guild	Tricia Smeltzer	Tricia Smeltzer
SS Setup Takedown	N/A	

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



Outreach & Fellowship

Join us for Holy Week

This is my body...
This is my **blood**...
....Given for you



Luke 22:19-20

Maundy Thursday
March 28th
Service at 7:00 pm



Good Friday
March 29th
Service at 7:00 pm



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.



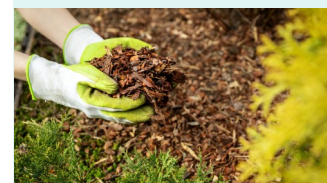
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Sonrise Service at 6:30 am
Easter Breakfast at 7:15 am
Traditional Service at 8:00 am
Contemporary Service at 10:45 am



Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 am

Thank you to all those who assisted with our recent FLC Clean-Up Day on March 16th. Many hands make light work and we truly appreciate all those hands who pitched in one way or another to make the day a success. Our thanks to American Heritage Girls and Families - Laura Hackworth, Sylvia Hackworth, Joy Richwine, Alicia Richwine, Gabriela Carter, and Diane Carter; Susan Eastwood, Scott, Tammie, and JD Salo, Kevin Moore, Shawn Maassel, Andy Zurvalec, Bennett Zurvalec, Colt Hanna, and Cathy Hanna. Your hard work paid off in getting our entire property ready for our Easter celebrations. Thank You! Dave Anderson - FLC Administration Chair

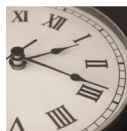


Thank You!

Upcoming Events

at First Lutheran Church for
Sun. Mar. 31—Sun. Apr. 7

SUN 31	Easter Sunday	
	Sonrise Worship	6:30 am
	Traditional Worship	8:00 am
	Easter Breakfast	7:15 am
	Easter Egg Hunt	9:45 am
	Contemporary Worship	10:45 am
TUE 02	Body & Soul	6:00 pm
WED 03	LLPS Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
	Preschool Board Mtg	4:30 pm
	Lenten Evening Worship	6:30 pm
	Praise Team Rehearsal	7:30 pm
THUR 04	LLPS Lifetouch Photos	8:00 am
	Body & Soul	9:30 am
FRI 05	Lifetouch Photos LLPS OFFICE CLOSED	8:00 am
SAT 06	Bible Study for All	10:00 am
SUN 07	Traditional Worship	8:00 am
	Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Confirmation Class	9:30 am
	Contemporary Worship	10:45 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.

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

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

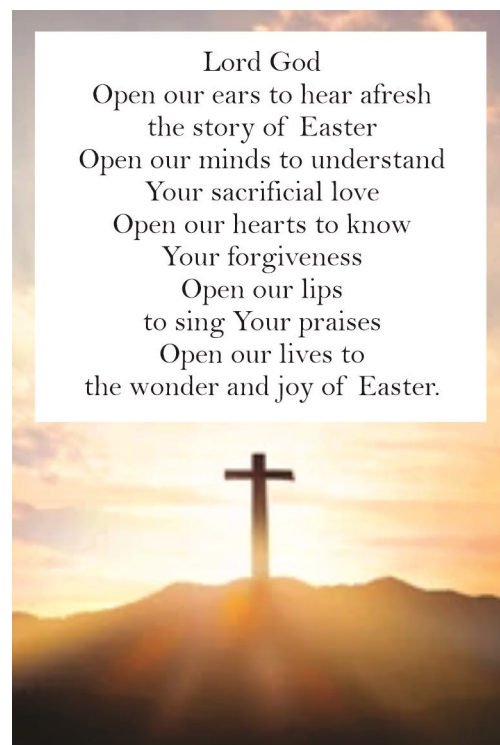
Your Treasure Supports Worship Ministries

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

Little Lambs,
Youth, Worship
Ministry
Addition
Progress



County permits finally received. Progress is picking up ... insulation and walls going up. Deck is complete! Exciting times ahead!



Lord God
Open our ears to hear afresh
the story of Easter
Open our minds to understand
Your sacrificial love
Open our hearts to know
Your forgiveness
Open our lips
to sing Your praises
Open our lives to
the wonder and joy of Easter.