

MAY 3, 2026

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*He is Risen!*

E A S T E R



**CHILDCARE** Available for children 5 and under in the nursery.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Meets at 9:30am. Contact Renee at [rengen@flcj.org](mailto:rengen@flcj.org) for more information. To register, print form from [flcj.orgsreg](http://flcj.orgsreg).

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for graciously welcoming us into their space and allowing us to worship together.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

Amy Palmer, flute

WELCOMING WORDS

*stand*

GATHERING HYMN 556

Morning Has Broken

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*sit*

## WORD

FIRST READING

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*



*You can give your offering by scanning the QR code above with your phone camera or place it in the offering basket by the entrance way. You can also bring it to the church office or send it by mail.*

## GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

## SERMON

Pr. Michael Mueller

*stand*

## HYMN OF THE DAY 816

Come My Way

## APOSTLES CREED

ELW p. 105.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray by petition. At the end of each petition, the leader says, "Merciful God," and the assembly responds, "**receive our prayer**"*

## PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We turn to one another and with a wave or nod and offer a gesture of Christ's peace. We may say these words: "Peace be with you."*

# MEAL

## OFFERING TIME

*A story of our ministry...*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, you have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

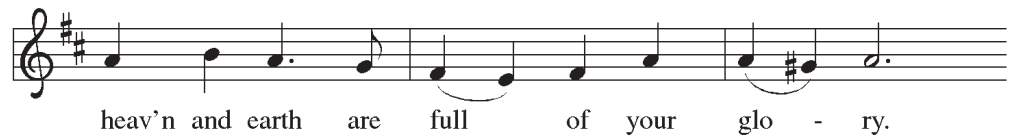
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*sit*

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### COMMUNION

Little Things With Great Love

Worship Team

*When all have communed:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

*stand*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and you are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## SENDING WORD

### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God of resurrection power, the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Communion is open to  
all who wish to receive it.  
Individual, sealed communion  
kits available inside the  
center sanctuary doors, for  
those who prefer them.*

*If you would like to receive  
Communion at your seat,  
please notify an usher.*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are a new creation.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

## WHERE TO FIND UPDATES

## STAYING CONNECTED

## WAYS TO STAY UPDATED

Weekly updates will be sent via email on Wednesdays and shared on our website ([flcj.org/rebuilding](http://flcj.org/rebuilding)), Facebook ([facebook.com/flcjvl](https://facebook.com/flcjvl)), and Instagram ([instagram.com/flcjanesville](https://instagram.com/flcjanesville)). To be added to the email list, contact Office Assistant Nan Bandt at 608.752.7434 x15 or [NBandt@flcj.org](mailto:NBandt@flcj.org), or sign up at the bottom of our homepage under the “Staying Connected” section at [flcj.org](http://flcj.org).

## STAYING CONNECTED WITHOUT INTERNET

## ACCESS

If you don't use the internet or aren't receiving our updates, please contact Office Assistant Nan Bandt at 608.752.7434 x15, or speak with her when you see her at Good Shepherd. We will make sure you stay informed. If you know of members who may not see this message in the bulletin, please reach out to Nan on their behalf.



## SIGN UP TODAY!

## 4-H FAIR PARKING LOT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for volunteers to help out in the parking lot during Fair Week, July 28–August 2! Shifts are just 3 hours long, and we have 205 time slots available in a variety of roles, including:

- **Cashiers:** Collect parking fees and monitor various parking passes.
- **Parking Assistants:** Direct cars in and out of the lot, keep lanes clear, and guide guests to parking stalls.
- **Point Person:** Direct cars to Parking Assistants and direct cars to the exit

If you enjoy being outdoors and meeting people, this is a fun and rewarding way to support First Lutheran Church. We'd love to have you join us!

**Online sign-ups:** [tinyurl.com/yd99nswx](https://tinyurl.com/yd99nswx)

**Contact:** Mike Drinkwater, 608.359.1626



## PRAYING FOR YOU

# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

**Prayers:** Nathan & Heather Barlass, Damen Boehlke, Rick Cleasby, Renee Comstock, Karen Curry, Lynn Dhein, Violette Eichman, Connie Evans, Leon Freeburg, Linda Fronczak, Christine Genz, Jane Gesteland, JoAnn Haeberlin, Kathy Hendricks, Myra Jensen, Janet Klawitter, Marcia Kelleher, Kip, Robert Kjendlie, Gary Kleinhans, Audrey Kvistad, Jackie, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock, Eli Martin, Naomi Martin, Joan

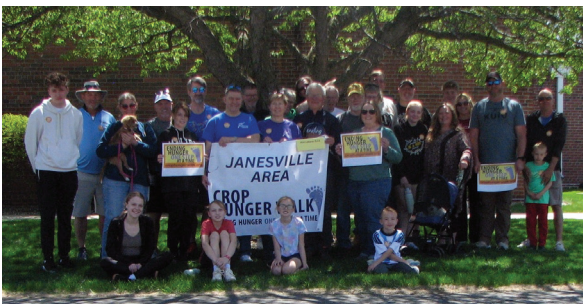
Meister, Duane Meister, Janis Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, DeeDee Miller, Samantha Mulderick, Curt Nodolf, Shirley Pate, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Alex Rockman, Elaine Schilling, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Kamron Schwartz, Jan Wathke

**Nursing Home Care:** Marlys Carlson, Ardith Eddy, Bill Foss, Kathy Foss, Nancy Guse, Rose Jensen, Judy Mowris, Bruce Pearson, Tilford “Paul” Paulsrud, Doris Roehl, Bill Sampson, Mary Sather, Jerry Wells

**Homebound:** Evelyn Dahl, George Dallman, Ray & Liz Decker, Bea Hanson, Harriet Hanson, Wayne Koste, Shirley Mooney, Lynn Reddel, Jan Sampson

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- The **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN CLOSET** is closed until further notice. We cannot accept donations at this time.
- **MEETINGS:** Please enter Good Shepherd at the south office door for meetings (small parking lot).
- **HYMNALS IN SANCTUARY:** When replacing hymnals between seats, please set them in with the spine down, to prevent damage. Take good care of Good Shepherd’s church that they are generously sharing with us.
- **JOIN US!** Members of Good Shepherd and visitors, you are invited to take part in any of First Lutheran’s activities. Check the calendar. There’s a knitting group, Mission Sewing, Wednesday Bible Study, Men of Iron (Bible study for men of all ages), Centering Prayer (meets by Zoom, online), men’s softball, bike rides, and more.
- **COFFEE HOUR:** First Lutheran hosts coffee hour at 9am. Good Shepherd hosts theirs after second service. Enjoy both and meet new friends!
- **POTLUCK MAY 17:** Good Shepherd has kindly invited us to participate in their potluck meals, held after second service every 3rd Sunday of the month. Can you imagine the spread of Lutheran hot dishes that we’d have?



## THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

# CROP WALK RESULTS

What a beautiful day (April 26) for the 49th annual Janesville CROP Hunger Walk! Over 100 people came together to raise awareness for hunger locally and around the world. First Lutheran set goals of 35 walkers and \$6,000—while we had 26 walkers, the church exceeded its goal by raising \$7,047! Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this meaningful effort. —*Mat Haeger*



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

### MON, MAY 4 / 6:30PM / GOOD SHEPHERD SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The FLC Council has called a special congregation meeting on Monday, May 4, at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 700 N Wright Road. This meeting will provide updates and ask the congregation to approve a not-to-exceed spending limit for the initial recovery plan. Childcare will be provided on site.



### MONDAY NIGHTS / DAWSON'S COMPLEX 920 BELOIT AVE, JANESVILLE MEN'S SOFTBALL

Come and cheer on the First Lutheran men's softball team this summer! Contact: Eric at [eengen@flcj.org](mailto:eengen@flcj.org).

**May 4** - 6pm

**May 11** - 8pm

**May 18** - 9pm

**May 25** - Memorial Day



### SAT, MAY 16 / 8AM / FLC PARKING LOT BIKE RIDING GROUP

Join us on the 3rd Sat of each month for a bike ride. For all rides, except the Pie Ride, meet at FLC at 8am.

- **May 16:** Take bike trail south through Monterey Park follow the Rock River to the Hwy 11 bypass.
- **June 20 Pie Ride:** Meet on Festival Street.

Register: [www.pieride.org](http://www.pieride.org)

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

**MAY 17**

Join us for a cake reception at 9am, followed by graduate recognition during the 9:30am worship.



**SUN, MAY 17 / 9AM**

## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate our 2026 graduates! A cake reception begins at 9am, followed by recognition of our graduates during the 9:30am worship service. Come help us congratulate these wonderful graduates!

# WEEK OF MAY 3

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## SUN, MAY 3 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am	Worship	Good Shepherd
9:30am	Sunday School	Good Shepherd
9:30am	Worship	Good Shepherd
5:30pm	Practicing the Way	Good Shepherd

## MON, MAY 4

6:30pm	Congregational Mtg	Good Shepherd
8:00pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom

## TUES, MAY 5

8:00am	BG's	FLC
9:00am	Knitters	TBD
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Good Shepherd
5:00pm	Page Turners	Karen Grimsrud's Home
6:00pm	Men of Iron	TBD

## WED, MAY 6

10:00am	Bible Study	Good Shepherd
6:00pm	Worship Team	Good Shepherd
7:00pm	Youth Group	Good Shepherd

## THURS, MAY 7

10:00am	Practicing the Way	Good Shepherd
3:00pm	Communication Team	Zoom
6:30pm	Young Adults	Backyard



## NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

### MAY 10: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- + Acts 17:22-31
- + Psalm 66:8-20
- + 1 Peter 3:13-22
- + John 14:15-21



## STEWARDSHIP

### WEEK IN REVIEW

Last Week's Giving:  
**\$15,274.47** *Thank You!*  
Avg Weekly Giving YTD: **\$16,468**  
Weekly Need: **\$18,198**

The weekly need is calculated by taking the budgeted expenses and dividing by the number of weeks in the year. This budget year, the expected expenses are part of a growth strategy based on insights from members under the direction and oversight of the Church Council. With your support, we are looking forward to the future that is growing at FLC.



## ATTENDANCE

8am: 80      9:30am: 83      SS: 28

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## GREETERS

**8:00** Jim & Kathy Meier

## READER

**8:00** Stephanie Schlueter

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**8:00** Doug & Sue Goike

## COFFEE HOSTS

Foundation Board

## STAFF

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