

May they be  
**one,**  
as we are  
**one**

JOHN 17:11



## Welcome Milestone

May 17, 2026

Radio ministry is given in honor of our new and renewing members by the congregation of First Lutheran Church.

Sunday 5/17	9:00am 10:00am	Worship w/HC & Welcome Milestone & on Radio & Video Welcome Milestone Reception
Monday 5/18	1:30pm	Brayside Bible Study
Tuesday 5/19	4:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm) Deacons Meeting Trustees Meeting Council Meeting
Wednesday 5/20	8:00am 9:30am	Bible Study Women's Bible Circle
Friday 5/22		Vacation Bible School Registration Deadline
Sunday 5/24	9:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video
Monday 5/25		Memorial Day – Building Closed

**Acolytes:** Meredith Prestegard, Tucker Schneider

**Lector:** Ruth Earl

**Ushers:** Jeff Kramer, Kurt Blome, Dean Naatz

**May's Children's Offering** is a noisy offering for Good Earth Village Camperships.

**Weekend help wanted for watering shrubs in the courtyard.** Time commitment – 1 hour/month. Looking for 2-4 people – partners would be ideal. Please contact Karla Iacovino or the church office for more information.

Our mission as The Welcome Place grows deeper each day. Thank you for your prayers, participation, offerings and tithes to keep our ministry strong.

**Sunday, May 10 – Offering \$4,199.77**  
Attendance – 164



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<b>Welcome Milestone</b> Mission Statement - As God's people gathering for worship, study and service, we seek to be a "Welcome Place" for all people. This we do out of love for and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.	<b>May 17, 2026</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**GATHERING**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Full us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* **#123 WT**

**\*Apostolic Greeting** **page 138**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. **Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Special Music** *God of Wonders* **Worship Team**

**WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:6-14

**Psalm:** Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Children's Message**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** *Calypso Doxology* **see insert**

P. The Gospel according to John. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel Reading:** John 17:1-11

P. The Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** *How Great is Our God* **#111 WT**

**RESPONDING**

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**Welcome Milestone** **see insert**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**\*Offering**

**\*Offertory Music** *This Little Light of Mine* **#145 WT**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**MEAL**

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**\*Lord's Prayer** **page 145**

**Communion Distribution** *Lamb of God* **page 146**

*All baptized believers, including visitors and friends, are welcome to come forward down the center aisle, at the ushers' direction, and depart by the side aisles. Children who do not yet commune will be blessed at the rail. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available; indicate this preference to your server. For mobility challenges or personal preference, please notify an usher; communion will be served to you in your pew.*

**Communion Hymns** **see insert**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**\*Blessing** **#106 WT**

**\*Sending Song** *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

**\*Dismissal** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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# Today's Readings

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 17, 2026

## Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus,] "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who

has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; tone 3



Let God arise,  
and let God's ene-<sup>1</sup>mies be scattered;  
let those who <sup>1</sup>hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away,  
so you should drive <sup>1</sup>them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire,  
so let the wicked perish  
at the pres-<sup>1</sup>ence of God.

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad  
and rejoice <sup>1</sup>before God;  
let them also be mer-<sup>1</sup>ry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;  
exalt the one who <sup>1</sup>rides the clouds;

**I AM is that name, rejoice <sup>1</sup>before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habita-<sup>1</sup>tion, O God,  
you are a father to orphans,  
defend-<sup>1</sup>er of widows;

<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home  
and bring forth prisoners  
<sup>1</sup>into freedom;

but the rebels shall live  
in <sup>1</sup>desert places.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth  
be-<sup>1</sup>fore your people,  
when you marched  
<sup>1</sup>through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked,  
and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God,  
the <sup>1</sup>God of Sinai,

at the presence of God,  
the <sup>1</sup>God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful <sup>1</sup>rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance  
<sup>1</sup>when it languished.

*continued*

*Psalm, continued*

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their <sup>1</sup>home in it;  
in your goodness, O God,  
you have made provision <sup>1</sup>for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms <sup>1</sup>of the earth;  
sing praises <sup>1</sup>to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God,  
in the <sup>1</sup>ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice,  
your <sup>1</sup>mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe pow-<sup>1</sup>er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel;  
whose strength is <sup>1</sup>in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are  
in your holy places,  
O <sup>1</sup>God of Israel,  
giving strength and power  
to your people! **Blessed be God!**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your

anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel

John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and

they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.

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**Gathering Hymn**                      **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**                      **#123 WT**

**Chorus:** Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are, to worship. Come, just as you are, before your God. Come

**1** One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those. Who gladly choose you now. *(Chorus)*

**Gospel Acclamation**                      **Calypso Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all people, let it show. Praise God above, let all heaven sing it, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Well, Amen, Amen, Amen, Oh Amen. Yes, Amen, Amen, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. **(Repeat)**

**Hymn of the Day**                      **How Great is Our God**                      **#111 WT**

**1** The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

**Chorus:** How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

**2** And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands; beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The God head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(Chorus)*

**Bridge:** And name above all names, worthy of all praise. My heart will sing: How great is our God! How great is our God!

**Offering**                      **This Little Light of Mine**                      **#145 WT**

**1** This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**2** Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**3** Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. 3x  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

**Communion Song**                      **Mighty to Save**

**V1:** Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a savior, the hope of nations.

**Chorus:** Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave.

**V2:** So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, everything I believe in. Now I surrender. *(Chorus)*

**Communion Song**                      **Holy Spirit**

**1** There is nothing worth more, that will ever come close. No thing can compare, you're our living hope. Your presence, Lord. I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone in your presence, Lord.

**Chorus:** Holy Spirit you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere. Your Glory God is what our hearts long for to be overcome by your presence Lord. *(Repeat)*

**Communion Song**

**Take Me Jesus**

Take me Jesus as I am, I can come no other way. Draw me closer unto you, teach me how to walk your way. Make me like a precious stone, crystal clear and finely honed, light of Jesus shining through, giving glory back to you.

**Communion Song**

**Our God**

**1** Water that turned into wine; opened the eyes of the blind; there's no one like you, none like you. Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes, we rise; there's no one like you, none like you.

**Chorus:** Our God is greater. Our God is stronger. God, you are higher than any other. Our God healer, awesome in power. Our God. Our God. ***(Repeat all)***

**Sending Song**

**I Could Sing of Your Love Forever #106WT**

**1** Over the mountains and the sea your river runs with love for me, and I will open up my heart, and let the Healer set me free. I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands for I will always sing of when your love came down, yeah.

**Chorus:** I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever, I could sing of your love forever. ***(Repeat all)***

*Welcome Milestone  
for  
New and Renewing Members*

*May 17, 2026*

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship pages 235-236*

With joy, we welcome the following households into the life and ministry of First Lutheran Church:

Shane, Amber, Addison, Nora & Jack Distad

Jay & Leah Jonhs

Steven & Dyana LaMotte

*Welcome Reception has been planned by the Deacons for the Church Leaders and New Families. Reception will be in the Fellowship Room after service.*