

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 2, 2021 A.D.



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Today's Light

**Read through the Bible
in two years.**

Scripture readings
for this week:

May 3 – Jonah 3-4
May 4 – Micah 1-2
May 5 – Micah 3-4
May 6 – Micah 5
May 7 – Micah 6
May 8/9 – Micah 7

"I Am the Vine, You are the Branches!" ~ Jesus tells us today, in our Holy Gospel! Today, He will strengthen us in our faith and life through His Word and Sacrament! Blessings!

Guests ~ *a special welcome to you!* If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to consider First Lutheran! We love to share the Good News of our Savior and the help that God's Word gives for our everyday lives! We would love to tell you more about our congregation. Please join us again!

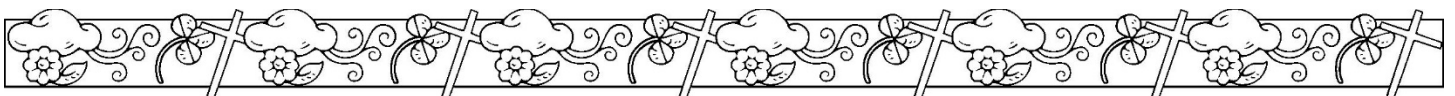
Our Current Trial Seating-Plan for Worship ~ provides for: open-seating (with no "closed" pews in the front half of the Sanctuary) / distance-seating (with "closed" pews in the back half). Our goal is to work toward the old normal seating carefully and soon.

Our Annual Voters' Meeting ~ will begin after the Late Service today! The Agenda for the day includes election of Elders, Officers, and MMC Board members, and consideration of the proposed Spending Plan for our 2021-22 fiscal year!

Study the New Testament Book "Titus" with Us ~ as we continue our walk through Paul's letter to his valuable and trusted associate in spreading the Good News of the crucified and risen Savior! We'll begin at 9:30 a.m. today in the Fellowship Centre.

The Board of Trustees ~ will meet Tuesday, May 4 at 12 noon.

The Growing in Faith Tuesday Bible Study ~ group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 4.



Teacher Appreciation Week ~ is this week (May 3-7). We want to ensure that Lori knows how much First Lutheran Church appreciates her as our finest teacher. Please do not hesitate to make her a card and submit it to Susan Haran in the Church Office. Also, please feel free to reach out to Sue Taylor with other great ideas on how we can show Lori our appreciation. During the week of May 3-7, we will shower her with our cards, gifts and demonstration of our true appreciation for what she does.

A Midweek Supper ~ will be served Wednesday, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Thanks to Roger and Loretta Schultz for our supper last Wednesday! If you would like to prepare (and serve, and help clean up after) a Midweek Supper and / or desserts for the meal, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen!

Could You Use a Midweek Break? ~ Join us on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for an ample serving of God's Word and the forgiveness, life, and salvation He gives through the Sacrament of Holy Communion!

Lutheran World Relief-Dorcas Quilters ~ The Quilters are wrapping up their work for this season. Today we worship in a sanctuary decorated with quilts pieced together by members of our congregation and our sister group at Touchmark. School Kits have also been assembled and will be included with the quilts going to Lutheran World Relief. The quilts will be boxed this Wednesday, May 5, and picked up on Thursday. Many thanks to all who helped, whether it was donating fabric, sewing tops or assembling kits. If you would like to sew tops during the summer, please contact Bridget Michel at (406) 449-2079.

"All You Need Is Love!" ~ sounds like a great theme for a worship service on Mother's Day (May 9). Check out our Scripture lessons for next Sunday (1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17) then join us for our in-person services beginning at 8:15 and 11 a.m. People with mothers (and with children) are always welcome!

Sunday School ~ "A Whirlwind Ascent" is the theme for next Sunday's (May 9) lesson. Elijah takes Elisha along as they travel from place to place. Join us at 9:30 a.m. to learn how God takes Elijah to heaven in a whirlwind!

Save the Dates ~ Our Confirmation Presentation Service (especially for kids, confirmands, and families) will be Wednesday evening, May 12 and Confirmation Sunday Worship is planned for the Later service on Sunday, May 16!

First Lutheran School News ~ First Lutheran School is growing! We are looking to hire 2 positions for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested in providing care in the role of a preschool teacher or after school care provider, please see Sue Taylor for further information. We are excited to see our school grow and would love for you to be a part of our school staff.

Our Live Worship Services ~ can be viewed online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org on the weekend after we hold them in our Sanctuary! Our many thanks to Tempest Technology (Shawn and Lisa Peterson) and Brian Buhr for the hours they give to make this available week after week after week!

Give Your Gifts and Tithes and Offerings ~ to Your Lord and His Church in person in our worship services, online at www.firstlutheranhelena.org, by mail, by dropping it off in the office, or by placing it in our safe and secure mailbox on the parking lot side of the building. Your good stewardship continues to enable us to minister to our congregation and communities in response to God's love!

On the Lutheran Hour Next Sunday ~ Listen to "Seriously?" by speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A preacher who gets upset when people take his message seriously—that's the story of Jonah. (Jonah 1-4). The Lutheran Hour may be heard Sundays on Christian Satellite Network, 91.1 FM at 8 a.m.

A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life ~ "We pray in our services for 'the race of man' not the races of man. There is only one race. All else are ethnic, national, cultural, or other differences. We've past histories to trouble us to be sure—like the Irish and the English, the Jew and the Christian, the Greek and the Ottoman Turk, and the slave and the slave owner—but there is no place from which a genuine reconciliation can emerge today, except in Christ. The goal is fellowship, brotherhood in Christ." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Please Pray For ~

+ **Those Needing God's Help and Healing** ~ Thelma Gossett, Marge Bouldin, Marty Baumann, Sue Taylor, Thom Warsinski, Nancy Kraft, Bruce Nachtsheim, Sandee Riemann, Dave Tudor, Alice Anderberg, Martha Janes, Gretta O'Rourke, Vi Erdman, Mary Ann (friend of Kris Basinger), Ruth Baker (daughter of Marilyn and Wally Smith), Jeff Jorgensen (son of Rich Jorgensen) and members and friends of our congregation and school dealing with struggles of body and soul!

+ **God's Direction and Blessing** ~ for our Montana Legislature as they make choices and decisions that will impact every Montanan's life;

+ **Continued Growth in Faith** ~ for we branches (the people of God) who are connected to the Vine (our living Lord Jesus Christ) by His Word and Sacraments!

And Praise God For ~

+ **The Unique Opportunities He Gives Us** ~ to share His love in all sorts of ways during these interesting times, in the family of God and beyond, in word and deed to share God's care and cures!

+ **Helping Us** ~ to get through the challenging days and times gone by!

+ **His Strong Connection to Us** ~ by faith in Jesus, His Son, our Savior, as He speaks to our hearts through His Word and listens to our prayers and answers according to His merciful and gracious will!

Thank God For ~ those who respond to God’s great love in service to our Lord this Sunday, May 2:

Musicians	Shari Miller	
Elders/Communion Assistants	Allen Keim	Brian Buhr
Lectors	Kris Basinger	
Ushers	Cliff Ulmer	Wally Smith
	Larry Laposky	Tom Smith
Children’s Message	Bridget Michel	
Financial Aides	Tammy Anderson	Danyeil Wagner
Altar Guild	Lisa Tullis	



Let’s do good to all people.

Galatians 6:10, NASB

