

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday; Leviticus 8:1-36, Luke 9:1-17
Monday; Leviticus 9:1-24, Luke 9:18-36
Tuesday; Leviticus 10:1-20, (Lev.11:1—15:33) Luke 9:37-62
Wednesday; Leviticus 16:1-24, Luke 10:1-22
Thursday; Leviticus 17:1-16, Luke 10:23-42
Friday; Leviticus 18:1—19:8, Luke 11:1-13
Saturday; Leviticus 19:1-37 Luke 11:14-36
Sunday; Leviticus 20:1-27, Luke 11:37-54

(Jesus said) "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me. And the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me." Luke 10:16 ESV.

Business Manager Hours

Business Manager, Jaylene Miller, will be in the office this week Monday – Wednesday.

Please feel free to leave Jaylene a message by calling the church office or emailing her at business@1stglencoe.org or emailing her personal email account at gsus1st@live.com.

ATTENDANCE 04/19

Worship Total	255
Communed	122
Visitors	1
Adult Bible Study	33
Sunday School	19

S.S. offering \$1 – for Heifer, Int.



Stewardship Message about Our Giving

from Lutheran Service Book #781
 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

(Stanza 1)

**We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**



E-Giving for Members and Visitors

We thank all givers for supporting our mission with your gifts. For those who choose to give electronically, in just seconds you can make a donation. It allows you to give anytime and anywhere, donate to your favorite funds, Ways to e-Give: and make your gifts recurring.

1. Give on-line via: www.firstglencoe.org
2. Vanco Mobile Faith – Download from the app store and search for First Ev. Lutheran.
3. Text \$ (your \$ amount) and "Give" to 855-976-9619.
4. Use the QR Code. It is provided to the left.

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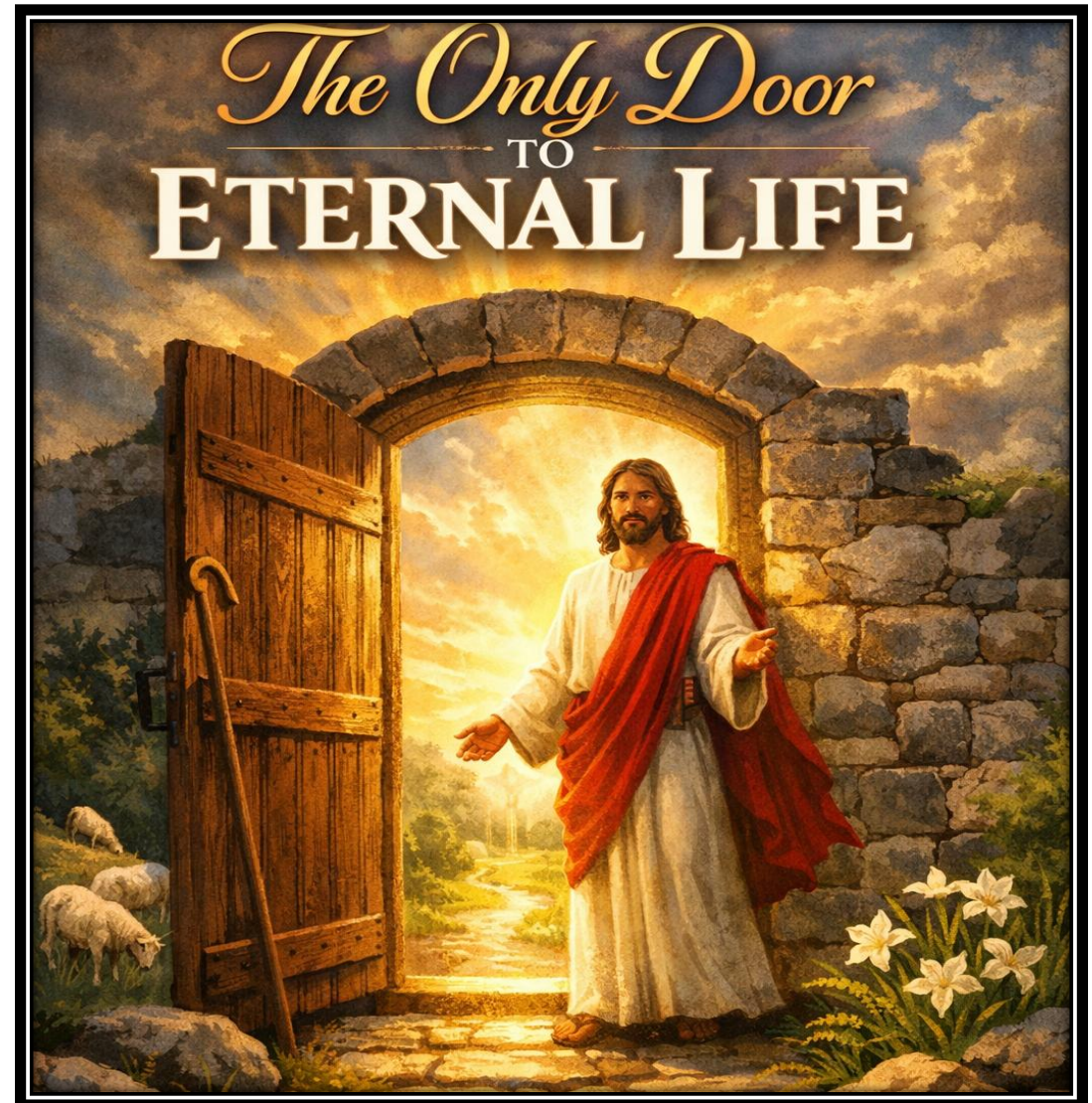
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26, 2026
 8:00 a.m. and 10: 30 a.m.

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Divine Service: Setting 4, Page 203

AS WE GATHER Believers saturate themselves in fervent prayer and the breaking of bread. Believers empty themselves of possessions, giving belongings to the underprivileged. Suffering is endured, and this is the very nature of Christ. By His wounds, we are healed. He is the one true Shepherd without blemish, fault, or sin. Yet, He was unjustly threatened, despised, and condemned. But, He is also the One who opens the door, unbars the gates, and welcomes His sheep eternally.

HYMNS:

8:00 AM #709, 710, 740, 711
10:30 AM #709, 710, 740, [637, 689, 549, 735], 711

BIBLE READINGS: First Reading ~ Acts 2: 42 - 47
Epistle Reading ~ 1 Peter 2: 19 - 25
Gospel Reading ~ John 10: 1 - 10
Psalm 23

SERMON: Pastor Dan Welch
"The Only Door to Eternal Life" ~John 10: 1 - 10

SPECIAL MUSIC: 8:00 AM
~ Senior Choir "Air for Brother James"

CABLE TV, CHANNEL 10:
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. & Fridays, 5:30 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Christian Education

SPECIAL SERVICE NOTES: Communion is at the 10:30 AM service. Confirmands and their families will have kneel down Communion. The rest of the congregation will have Continuous Line.

ORGANIST: Mr. Rick Grieger

DEACONS: 8:00 AM ~ David Polzin, Dean Scheele
10:30 AM ~ Jason Oelfke, Justin Petterson

ACOLYTES: 8:00 AM ~ Autumn Gruber
10:30 AM ~ Jada Neid

SOUND SYSTEM: 8:00 AM ~ Lynn Exsted
10:30 AM ~ Tyler Schauer

CAMERA: (either) ~ Linda Ranzau

FACEBOOK LIVE: Isaiah Nikolaisen

SCREENS: 8:00 AM ~ Gemma Goff
10:30 AM ~ Amy Welch

CHRISTIAN ED. ASSISTANCE: OPEN

GREETERS: 8:00 AM ~ Dave & Betty Witthus
10:30 AM ~ Savannah Mathews

*Thank you for sharing your Time, Talents,
and Treasures for service today in God's House!*

INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

-- Our 2026 Confirmands: Sam Betsinger, Nolan Dammann, Connor Donnay, Oscar Freberg, Claire Geib, Ruby Graf, Cambel Lang, Blake Mathews, Harper Neubarth, Ayla Pokornowski, Maci Stradtman, Bennett Vinkemeier, Caylee Weidendorf, Clara Willcox, Priya Wisch, Mitchell Zajicek
-- Elaine Becker, for successful back surgery
-- Lee & Randall Carrigan, Marcia Dummer, Arlyce Grack, Joel Grack (Brother of Norma Mathews), Willis Herrmann, Bob Hallowell (Father of Megan Polzin) who has cancer, Howard Hoেকে, Brenda Ide (Wife of Lars Ide), Shirley Krienke, Kali Marshall (11-year-old daughter of Angela Templin-Marshall and Tony Marshall) who is undergoing chemo for leukemia and lives in Panama City, FL; Pastor Ronald Mathison, Laurie Meyer (Twin Sister of Linda Donnay), Randee Petterson (Mother of Justin Petterson), Judy Rickheim, Sally Schmulke, Braelynn Schrunck (Great-Granddaughter of Gayle Schwarze) who has leukemia, Ashley Smith (Cousin of Danielle Petterson) who has cancer, Matt Solmonson (Son-in-law of DeLue & Mary Grams) who has Stage 4 Melanoma, Earl VonBerge, Charlotte Wolter

Please Note: At 1:50 p.m. each day,
we have "Congregation in Prayer."

Sunday, April 26 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – Divine Service, Senior Choir Sings
9:00 AM – Fellowship Hour: Christian Ed.
9:15 AM – Education Hour
10:30 AM – Divine Service with Communion
Confirmation at 10:30 AM Service
11:30 AM – Private Rentals in Fellowship
Center and downstairs Music Room

Monday, April 27

1:00 PM – Quilt Tying
6:30 PM – Endowment
6:30 PM – Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, April 28

1:15 PM – Staff Meeting
1:30 PM – Mat Makers
7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study Done for Spring
Common Cup Ministry Diaper Distribution at City Center

Wednesday, April 29

5:00 PM – Handbell Choir
6:15 PM – Senior Choir
6:30 PM – First Lutheran School
Fine Arts Festival

Thursday, April 30 8:15 AM – Chapel

Friday, May 1

First Lutheran School Track and Field Day
6:30 PM – FLS Dance for Grades 5 to 8

Saturday, May 2

First Lutheran Church Cemetery Clean-Up
(Please note the change in date.)

Next Sunday, May 3 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – Divine Service with Communion
Senior Choir Sings
9:00 AM – Fellowship Hour: Evangelism
9:15 AM – Education Hour:
Special Mission Presentation
10:30 AM – Divine Service
6:30 PM – Last I.M.P.A.C.T. for school year

Special Thank you's!

* We say a very special thank you to our Volunteers who wiped down the pews in the sanctuary this past Monday! We greatly appreciate your hard work in caring for the Lord's House, to the benefit of our parishioners and guests!
* Special thank you is extended to Dennis Wolter, Mark Schmidt, and others who have worked hard on our church's landscaping!

General Church Announcements

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for being with us here today! For our Visitors, please stop by one of the Welcome Centers on your way out. Evangelism Board has gift bags for all ages!

CHILDREN IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Located at the sanctuary entrances, there are English and Spanish Children's Bibles, Noah's Ark busy bags (actually, backpacks), and a sensory bag (puzzle backpack). You are invited to use these during the Divine Service, as well as the Children's Bulletins, Children's Devotional Books, and Children's Pew Cards.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

1 Peter 2:21 – "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps." Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure."

PASTORAL VISITS

Pastor Ewert makes monthly visits to our Senior Care facilities and brings Word and Sacrament to our members there. If you or your family members wish for an additional visit, please contact the church office so that we may schedule a visit with one of our pastors. (If you don't contact the church office, we don't know that you or your loved one wishes to have a visit, **that is in addition to those regularly scheduled. Please call us.**)

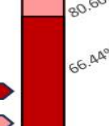

JUST A COUPLE OF FRIENDLY REMINDERS

When you leave the church building, please make sure all of the lights are turned off and the water faucets are turned all the way off. Thank you for helping us to be conservation aware. 😊

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE

There are free devotional materials available for the edification and strengthening of your faith and spiritual life! There are devotion books for children and adults. Additionally, the new *Strength for the Day* booklets are set out. Please pick up a copy today.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
(April 13-19)

Last Week Giving **	\$20,155	
Weekly Budget Need	\$28,301	
YTD Giving	\$979,718	
YTD Budget Need	\$1,188,642	



** Includes Offerings, School Tuition, & Registration

LERT Presentation on Monday, May 4



LERT

Lutheran Early Response Teams

What is LERT?

LERT "Lutheran Early Response Teams" are trained LCMS volunteers that provide immediate, compassionate and practical support to communities affected by disasters. These teams focus on safety, debris clean-up and disaster assessment. They are often deployed within 72 hours of a natural disaster. Other times they come later for on-going disaster help.

- Mission: to provide "Mercy in Action" through a mission of presence and practical help.
- Services: debris clean-up, roof tarping, chain saw work, flood clean-up.
- Volunteers receive training in disaster response, safety and spiritual care.
- Deployment: LERT operates under "LCMS Disaster Response," usually in cooperation with local congregations.
- Eligibility: anyone can be trained. Official LERT certification is for LCMS congregation members age 14 and older.
- Chain saw work: requires additional training and certification.









LERT volunteers often deploy to help with hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and fires.

Would you like to learn more about LERT? Rev. Kristian Bjornstad will be speaking about LERT

Monday, May 4, NOON
at the Lutheran Women in Mission meeting.

A meal will be served. ALL MEMBERS high-school age and older are welcome to come that day to learn about LERT.

Time, Talents, & Treasure Opportunities

	NEW: <u>First Lutheran Cemetery Clean-up Day</u> The First Lutheran Cemetery Clean-up Day has been changed to Saturday, May 2. Please have the plot for your loved one cleaned up in accordance with grounds regulations. Thank you.
	NEW: <u>Grass Clippings for the School Garden</u> We can use your clean grass clippings for the school garden. Please drop-off next to the school garden fence. Please see Mr. Scheele for questions. Thank you!
	150th Anniversary Event Looking ahead – we are in need of around 40 volunteers to assist with the German-style meal on July 12 th . There are a variety of positions available, and even if you only contribute for just 1 or 2 hours, it is greatly appreciated and it will help ensure that everything runs smoothly. "Many hands make light work." Thank you for considering! Please contact the church office if willing to help at 864 – 5522 or office@1stglencoe.org .
	<u>Silent Stories Cemetery Tour</u> We're looking for volunteers to help read scripts at our upcoming Sunday, May 17th Silent Stories Cemetery Tour. Stop by the table at the south entrance to browse the available roles. If you're interested in taking part, please reach out to Cindy E. at 612-840-6308. We're in need of both readers and tour guides. It's simple to do—and should be fun and very interesting!
	<u>April Abundant Blessings Drive</u> For April, we are asking for donations for the Lutheran Social Services Mankato Crisis Nursery PJ Drive. New or gently-worn pajamas may be dropped off at church. Thank you for your generosity!
	<u>Handcrafted Crosses</u> So far, almost 700 crosses have been donated! We would like to have one cross for each member for the 150 th Anniversary. Thank you, Everyone, who is helping with this project! Reminder, please drop-off your crosses so we can keep track of how many we have for our 150 th Celebration.
	<u>Handbell Donations</u> With the revival of the Handbell Choir, we are in need of funds for the refurbishing of the bells and for new music. You may designate your offerings for this cause, or you may bring a donation to the church office. Thank you in advance! We look forward to our debut at the Anniversary Service on July 12!
	NEW: <u>Church Landscaping</u> As part of the 150 th Anniversary celebration, plans are being made to "freshen up" the church landscaping. Part of these plans include fresh mulch. If you would like to help, we are asking for donations, please, to help with the cost. Or, if you would like to help with manual part of the landscaping, your time is appreciated as well. To assist or for questions, please contact Dennis Wolter.

Celebrating
150 Years

1876
–
2026

JOIN US!
SUNDAY, JULY 12 - 10 AM
ANNIVERSARY
WORSHIP SERVICE & MEAL

Miscellaneous Announcements

For ONLY the 10:30 a.m. Church Service, Today: The Offering Plates will be passed during the Divine Service. For Communion, Confirmands and their Families will observe Kneel Down. The rest of the Congregation will observe Continuous Line.



New Display in the Main Church Entrance by the Church Office: The Board of Christian Education has set up a new display! The theme is "Miraculous Mission: Jesus Saves the World!" Information about the event can be found on the table. **It is on Sun., June 14 through Wed., June 17.** If you would like to help donate items, or lend items to be borrowed and returned, supply lists are available on the display board. There also is a QR code to register. Please check it out! For questions, please see Deaconess Megan Polzin or inquire in the church office.



Honoring Our Veterans To help honor the sacrifice our veterans have given, we're giving our brave men and women "Quilts of Valor." Our veterans deserve recognition! If you or a loved one at First Lutheran has served, please contact Beverly at (612) 578-1713, RaNay at (320) 510-0804, or the church office.

Church Directory Update



Church Directory Update The Church Directory Committee has been diligently working on the First Lutheran Church directory. We have been striving for accuracy and completeness and are finishing up the end of April. The next step is to submit the directory and then the company will be sending back a proof for us to edit. Once the process of editing and correcting is finished, the directory will be ready to go to print. The goal is to have the finished product available by the July 12th Anniversary Celebration. Those who did not have a picture taken will have an opportunity to purchase a book for \$15.

We will keep you updated!

YOUTUBE PAGE

Here is the link to the YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@1stGlencoe/videos>



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- *White Envelopes available in entryways
- *Drop off in collection plates for church services

*Online – so easy!

Go to www.firstglencoe.org, click "Giving" on top line, then "Electronic Giving". *Credit card payments.*

*Text just the dollar amount you want to give to 855-976-9619 and follow the prompts. *Credit card payments.*

*Or...drop off in the church office during business hours.

First Lutheran Events



Mat - Makers

Mat-Makers will meet **Tuesday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m.**

DEVOTIONS: "Clear Direction" Psalm 35:4.

DISCUSSION TOPIC: What is your opinion of round-a-bouts?

New Mat-Makers and guests are always welcome to join. We'll show you how. It's easy.



McBride Funeral Chapels invites you to a **complimentary funeral preplanning seminar on Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 PM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.** Join Pastor Daniel Welch, Preplanning Specialist Ali Willard, along with our experienced funeral directors, Kelly Roberts, Derek Zebell, and Mackenzie Horstmann for an informative discussion on the importance and benefits of planning ahead. This seminar offers a thoughtful opportunity to gain clarity, ask questions, and make informed decisions for the future. *No RSVP is required—simply attend at your convenience. Coffee and desserts will be provided.*



Important Youth Dates in May

- The last IMPACT is on Sunday, May 3 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Gertens Flower Pick-up is Mon., May 11 from 3 – 6:00 p.m.**
- The last IGNITE is Tuesday, May 19 from 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.
- Youth Scholarships are due May 28.



Funeral Services for Lorraine Krumm Services for Lorraine will be on Thursday, May 7, here at First Lutheran, at 11:00 AM. Visitation will be 9:30 – 11:00 AM, prior to the funeral service.



Retirement Party You are invited to the Retirement Party for Mrs. Sheila Scheele. Mrs. Scheele has been the 3rd Grade Teacher at First Lutheran School and she is now retiring. The retirement party for Mrs. Scheele will be on **Sun., May 31st between church services.**



150th Anniversary German-style Meal Join us as we celebrate our church's 150th anniversary with a German-style meal served following our service on **Sunday, July 12, in the fellowship room.** This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to share in fellowship and give thanks for God's blessings through the years. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meaningful celebration. We look forward to celebrating together with you.

Ignite

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Tuesday, May 19th

3-4:45pm

Note: This is our last Ignite of the 2025-26 school year. Look for 26-27 Youth Calendar for upcoming dates starting again in the fall.

Don't Forget to Register Your Child Here. All government-issued IDs must be scanned in to check out their children.

Ascension Service

Thursday, May 17

7:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Communion

Confirmation Class of 2026

Samuel Ferris Betsinger

"But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."
Psalms 86: 15

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"My son, do not forget my teaching,
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Isaiah 60: 1

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