



# First Lutheran Church of Aitkin

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-4:00 PM;  
Fridays 7:30 AM—12:00 PM

Week of May 3, 2026



## Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm



**Mission Statement: With God's love we will embrace one another, our neighbors and all creation.**

### JESUS said,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach:

- Good News to the afflicted, the oppressed, the poor,
- Release to the captives,
- Recovery of sight to the blind,
- Freedom to those who are in prison
- Proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord ...
- And today this has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

*Luke 4:18-21*

### All are welcome at First Lutheran Church! ALL!

You know the burdens you carry, what needs you have for love, acceptance, forgiveness, understanding, comfort, hope and renewal. Come and be welcomed, whether you are a long time member or a visitor who is searching or someone between all of these situations.

**The Lord's Supper** is offered believing that Jesus Christ is truly present in, with and under the form of bread and wine. Jesus offers Himself to us for the forgiveness of sins, renewal of life and strengthening of our faith along with a taste of the feast to come in the fullness of God's Kingdom. Jesus offers Himself so that we may re-experience Him again and again in this Holy Sacrament. **ALLELUIA!**

**Please know that YOU are welcome and invited.** to Coffee Fellowship following the 9 am Service and before the 10:30 am service, in the Fellowship Hall directly north of the Sanctuary. **Come!**

### Gathering

- Welcome & Invocation
- Confession & Forgiveness
- Gathering Song “Rise up, O Saints of God” ELW #669
- Greeting
- Kyrie ELW#157
- Hymn of Praise “Now the Feast and Celebration” ELW#167

Prayer of the Day

### Word

- First Reading: Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10
- Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW p. 172

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

- Time for Children Pastor Glen Bickford
- Sermon Pastor Glen Bickford
- Hymn of the Day “O Jesus, I have Promised” ELW# 810 vs 1 & 4

- Apostles' Creed
- Moments for Mission
- College Scholarship Video
- Prayers of the Church

### Meal

- Sharing of God's Peace
- Offering & Prayer
- Holy Communion
- The Great Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- The Lord's Prayer
- Communion Invitation
- Distribution of Communion
- Hymns “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” ELW# 579 vs. 1, 3, 5
- “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” ELW# 824
- Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer
- Sending Communion

### Sending

- Blessing
- Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church
- Sending Hymn “Go, Make Disciples” ELW# 540
- Dismissal

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00am **Worship Service w/Communion - (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM

**10:30am Worship Service w/Communion**

**Monday, May 4, 2026**

- 8:15am King's Men
- 10:00am Betty Spigarelli Visitation
- 11:00am **Betty Spigarelli Funeral Service**
- 12:00pm Betty Spigarelli Luncheon
- 1:00pm Mission Endowment Meeting
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only
- 6:00pm Cub Scout Troup Meeting

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

- 8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
- 8:00am Pickleball - Tennis Ladies
- 9:30am Renewal Group Meeting
- 11:00am Adult Bible Study
- 12:00pm Community Lunch - Take out only
- 4:00pm Worship & Music Meeting
- 5:00pm Parish Nurse Meeting

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026**

- 8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
- 8:00am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
- 9:00am Second Harvest CSFP Box Distribution
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

- 8:00am Aitkin WIC Clinic
- 8:00am Pickleball - Tennis Ladies
- 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center
- 5:00pm Community Meal - Take out only

**Friday, May 8, 2026**

- 9:00am Quilting Ministry
- 3:30pm Aitkin Youth Center

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 9:00am **Worship Service w/Communion - (Also available via Live stream on YouTube)**
- 10:00am Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00am Sunday School (PK-4th grade)
- 10:00am Radio Broadcast of 9am Worship Service on KKIN 94.3FM
- 10:30am **Worship Service w/Communion**
- 5:30pm Sharon Eder Recital

**KUWAA Mission** —The KUWAA Mission in Liberia is a mission focus for 2026. Weekly sponsorship is \$25. Please consider supporting this important mission for a week or more. Information is in the narthex.

**A very special Thank You to Marge Muscatello for sponsoring the month of May.**

**Radio Ministry**—We invite you to consider sponsoring our weekly Sunday broadcast. FLC's **Sunday worship is aired at 10 am on KKIN FM Radio Station 94.3. The cost is \$40 per week**, but any amount will help. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

**A very special Thank You to Barry and Eileen Foss for sponsoring the month of May in memory of Cully.**

# Name Tags

Name tags are in your mailbox - please wear them so that Pastor Glen can learn your name!

## SPECIAL OFFERING TO SHIP QUILTS OVERSEAS

Our quilters have been working hard all year making beautiful quilts. Please help our quilters send these quilts to those who need them most. Thank you for your kindness.

### Looking for **SOUND BOOTH** Volunteers

#### Join the team!

3 people run the technology portion of worship each week.

- PowerPoint Operator
- Soundboard Technician
- Video Technician

\*Training provided

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. Adults welcome too

Reach out to FLC office for more info. [office@flc-aitkin.com](mailto:office@flc-aitkin.com)



# prayer LIST

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING CANCER

**Dave Paulson**  
Emily Forzani  
Tony Carlstrom  
**Bonnie Mickelson**  
Maria Koslosky  
**Jan Werner**  
**Bill Hakes**  
**Diane Newstrom**  
Peggy & Stan Miller  
Kristi Wetzel

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WITH OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

**Ken Lebens**  
**Dorothy Smeltzer**  
**Michael May**  
Jacob Mehr  
Mark Olson  
**Juanita Nolan**  
Monte Olson  
**Craig Fawley**  
**Herm Newton**  
**Diane Rachey**  
**Kathy Dox**  
Jonathan Mickelson  
**Diane Landstad**  
**Paul Martinsen**  
**Jan Kolodji**  
**Mary Peterson**  
**Mary Webster**  
**Beverly Rueger**  
**Otto Sotnak**  
Don Schend  
Bruce Nelson  
Debbi Yates

\*Nursery is open during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday mornings (8:45-10:15). The nursery is located off of the Fellowship Hall. An usher will be happy to assist you in finding the nursery. Parents who need to leave the service with children can still see the Sunday service on a TV in the nursery.

\*Children are always welcome in worship. "Busy bags" with activities, a book, crayons and scratch paper are available on the wall across from the sanctuary. There is also a *pray ground* at the back of the sanctuary.

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE SURVEY 2026

#### **KNEELING RAILS**

Worship Committee is considering adding two communion kneeling rails at altar. Would you like and use a kneeling rail?

Yes

No

#### **SUNDAY COMMUNION**

Would you like communion offered every Sunday (as it is now) or twice a month?

Every Sunday (as it is now)  Twice a month

COMMENTS:

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### **Complete the Worship Committee Survey 2026 at this updated link:**

<https://forms.gle/yrq8VDpwZQBKFZvZ7>

#### Serving in the Military:



**Silas Berg, Nicholas Bruesewitz, Austin Burton, Nathan Hagestuen, Josh Hagestuen, Luke Oaks, Logan Lueck, Kurt Hagestuen, Wyatt Carlson, Landon Todd, Gregory Wenzel**



#### Next Week's Readings



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

#### Assisted Living Residents

**Diane Landstad, Marlene Tholen; Shirley Hakes; Deloris Kosbau; Jerry Erlandson, Carol Harmon; Elaine Selseth; Marty Swanson, Glen & Dorothy Smeltzer**

**VOYAGEURS**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRY

GET REGISTERED TODAY!  
VLMCAMS.ORG

2026  
**SUMMER CAMP**

--CAMPERSHIPS--  
FIRST TIME CAMPERS = 100% PAID BY FLC  
RETURN CAMPERS = 50% PAID BY FLC

CONTACT FLC CHURCH OFFICE FOR SPECIAL CODES TO USE WHEN REGISTERING

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday: 4/26	9:00 am ....	77
	10:30 am ....	11
Wednesday Evening: 4/22	6:00 pm ...	20

**TOTAL OFFERINGS**

Week of April 26 — General Fund

Offering :	\$ 2,440
Offering YTD :	\$ 111,134
Building Fund: (April)	\$ 1,953
Extra Mile Mission (April)	\$ 0
(Synod EcoFaith Ministry)	

**Silent Auction Items Needed**

Please consider donating items for Silent Auction  
Leave items/baskets in Church office by 5/1

**Silent Auction May 3 - 17**  
in Church narthex

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Benefiting FLC College Scholarship Fund

**May's Extra Mile Mission Focus College Scholarships**

If you would like to donate, please go to our website at [www.flc-aitkin.com](http://www.flc-aitkin.com) or send a check to the church

Assist our FLC graduates further their skills and education

Welcome to Pastor Glen Bickford as he starts his Intentional Interim Ministry here at First Lutheran Church today. "God's Blessing" be upon us all in this important time of ministry.


**Welcome**

**NOT USING YOUR KEY TO THE CHURCH ANYMORE?**

Please turn in your key(s) to the church office if you are no longer using them. We are running very LOW! Thanks for your help!

**QR Code For Easy Giving**

Using your smart phone or device, scan this code and it will take you directly to our online giving.



**Instructions for Worship Services:**

1. Live Broadcast or Recording link at <https://www.youtube.com>, search for First Lutheran Church Aitkin or
2. Facebook Page at First Lutheran Church of Aitkin MN or
3. Check our website for the link at [www.flc-aitkin.com](http://www.flc-aitkin.com) or
4. Listen to FM Radio Station 94.3 at 10:00 AM Sundays for broadcast of the 9am service.

**Prayer Request Cards**

Available in the pews. If you have a special request, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate, or give it to one of the ushers. Thank you for your concern.