The deplorable, wretched deprivation that I recently encountered while I was a visitor (Luther made visits to congregations in Saxony and Meissen from October 1528 through January 1529) has constrained and compelled me to prepare this catechism, or Christian instruction, in such a brief, plain, and simple version. Dear God, what misery I beheld! The ordinary person, especially in the villages, knows absolutely nothing about the Christian faith, and unfortunately many pastors are completely unskilled and incompetent teachers.” (The Preface of Dr. Martin Luther, to The Small Catechism, Book of Concord, The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, copyright 2000, Augsburg Fortress, page 347).

Luther’s preface to The Small Catechism, a small portion of which I included above, isn’t usually included in the editions we use in our affirmation of baptism curriculum. I included it in this article to provide a brief context to the circumstances that compelled Luther to write this teaching resource, a resource we use some 500+ years later.

It’s been a while since Luther nailed his now infamous 95 theses on the chapel door at Wittenberg and the church has been moving forward. There isn’t an organizational structure as we might know it, with synods, seminaries, etc. in place. Instead, each congregation worked relatively independently as a community of faith. And obviously, there were teachings that Luther found problematic as he made his visits.

The Small Catechism (and its counterpart, The Large Catechism which Luther authored for use by pastors in his time), itself is a “reformed” version of instructional tools given to new Christians, tools that had been in use as early as the year 400 CE. Luther broaden what had been a past practice of catechetical books, which focused on what believers must do to avoid God’s anger and earn God’s favor, and focused instead on God’s gifts to God’s people.

Luther intentionally began with instruction on the Ten Commandments, which reveal God’s commands and expectations as well as our inability to live completely into these expectations. (We’ll spend time next month reviewing Luther’s teaching on the Ten Commandments.) He then moved to The Apostles’ Creed, which tells us what God has already done for God’s people before concluding with the Lord’s Prayer, which reveals to God’s people where we turn for help.

Throughout The Small Catechism, Luther asks a repeating question: “What is this?” (Some versions ask, “What does this mean?”). In doing so, Luther invites God’s people to dialogue,
to discern and to put into language we can understand, not only the words included in the Ten Commandments, Apostles’ Creed, and Lord’s Prayer, but also the practical meaning behind those words lived out in the lives of God’s people.

Next month, we’ll focus on the Ten Commandments, God’s covenantal words written by God’s very finger (Exodus 31:18). Until then, let’s wonder together: What does it mean to spend time, in this year, returning to ancient teachings and discerning how they apply in this particular season of our lives together?

Peace,
Pastor Mike

NOTE: If you need a copy of Luther’s Small Catechism, we have a small supply in the office. You can also access an online version at: [Luther’s Small Catechism (augsburgfortress.org)]

Dr. Wayne Wold, Director of Music Ministry
wayne@firstlutheranec.org

May every instrument be tuned for praise; let all rejoice who have a voice to raise; and may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!
F. Pratt Green, ELW 850/851, st. 5

People of most faiths agree that the human voice is the greatest tool for proclaiming good news to others, for narrating stories that express our deepest thoughts, and for giving praise to the God who created us and our voices. It is the only “instrument” that can combine two languages—the language of words and the language of music. Luther and all who share his legacy are adamant in the belief that words and the Word are intimately intertwined. So we Lutherans place great emphasis on singing in worship; we sing the liturgy itself, we sing hymns, we have choirs sing for us, and we have solo singers, too. Singing is so prized in some faith traditions that they forbid any other type of music. Although many of the Reformation-era protestant groups that banished all music except the human voice have changed their tune (pun intended), there are still numerous groups that insist that only the human voice—the instrument created by God—is allowed in worship, and all human-made instruments are forbidden and even considered sinful. I am grateful that Lutherans from the very beginning did not take that stance as they reformed the church. In fact, Lutherans not only allowed instruments in worship, they affirmed them.

During the summer months we will hear solo voices and numerous other instruments that will vary from week to week. On the schedule so far are flute, guitar, double bass, handbells, and piano, and I have hopes of adding viola, saxophone, and clarinet to that list. In addition, watch for a return of our very own FLC Brass Ensemble. Many thanks to Jared English for not only playing in the group but also for leading it, setting up rehearsals, writing
arrangements, and working with Mark and me to schedule them for worship services. We are blessed at FLC to have so many musicians who are willing to share their gifts with the congregation.

Our choirs are off for the summer, but I describe their status not as “absent” but rather as “deployed” into the congregation where they continue to lead with their voices and use their ears and eyes to identify new singers we might encourage to join us when choirs reconvene in September. For any questions you might have about music at First Lutheran you can always contact me at wayne@firstlutheranec.org; or Jenne Burnham, director of our bell choir Jubilate at fenris1954@yahoo.com; or Mark Helms, Assistant Director of Music, who leads First Lutheran Choir for adult and teen singers, serves as cantor, and assists me with our Children’s Choir program at mark@firstlutheranec.org. Even over the summer, we welcome your inquiries about being a part of our music ministry team.

How oft, in making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!
F. Pratt Green, ELW 850/851, st. 2

Keep singing—and playing other instruments, too!
Wayne

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths
Bertha Ann Martin
April 7, 1930 - May 22, 2023

Earl Bernard Heim
August 4, 1933 - June 14, 2023

Baptisms
Emme Blake Mendell
May 7, 2023

Finley Grace Bailey
May 21, 2023

Johanna Rose Milner
Jakob Randolph Milner
Joshua Robert Milner
May 27, 2023

Peri Happel
Summer Happel
May 28, 2023

General Memorial Fund
In memory of Elwood Wallich
by: James Andersen
Paul Miller

In memory of Lauren Mueller
by: Ron and Nancy Galloway
The Rebecca Circle
Rich and Sandy Funke

In memory of Bertha Martin
by: Paul and Frankie Miller

In memory of Carole Heim
by: Sandy and Rich Funke

Music Fund
In memory of Elwood Wallich
by: Lily Sanner

In memory of Lauren Mueller
by: Anna Marie Houser
Tom Brzezinski
DeDe and Glenn Severn

as of June 21, 2023

as of May 28, 2023
UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSION SYSTEM

We're excited to roll out our new online announcement submission form! It's now easier than ever to submit information about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, general announcements, and more!

The form will ask you for all the information we need - you just need to fill in the blanks!

The form can be accessed at: tinyurl.com/FELCannouncements

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please reach out to Sarah Smit by email at sarah@firstlutheranec.org.

WATERING OUR NEWEST GARDENS

Our newest garden needs regular watering this summer while the plants are getting established!

The Property Landscaping and Creation Care Teams just finished a large project which includes a new garden. With summer approaching, we could use a few folks to stop by and water. The watering takes about 1 1/2 hours.

Sign up using the link below, where you will also find detailed instructions. If you have questions, feel free to call/text Cathy Rice at 410-913-5382 or Diane Schwarzman at 410-440-0217.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CAAAA2CAB9-watering

ONLINE WORSHIP CONNECTION

Going forward, we'll be continuing our online worship connection time on the first Sunday of the month.

You are also invited to celebrate Holy Communion with your fellow worshipers by joining our ZOOM link after the announcements.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89684304559?pwd=NFVGYWM4c0pTdGVjVlIN2bVliWFpzUT09
PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT OPEN

First Lutheran Preschool has openings for 3-4 year olds. We offer weekly chapel and the best nature and play-based learning environment for this age group. Our caring teachers are credentialed through the Maryland credential program for early childhood professionals. Scholarships are available, and church members receive a 10% discount. Please call Jenny to set up a tour.

Additional information may be found on the preschool's website: www.firstlutheranpreschoolec.com

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

“Created to Be”
July 16th-20th, 2024 | New Orleans, Louisiana
8th-12th graders (during fall of 2023)

Do you have a youth, currently in 7th-11th grade that is interested in attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering or learning more about the ELCA Youth Gathering? Please fill out this initial interest form. Are you an adult that would like to be considered to serve on the Youth Gathering Planning Committee? Please email the Director of Children and Youth Ministry, alyssa@firstlutheranec.org, if you are interested or with any questions.

WOMEN & CHILDREN’S CENTER SOUP KITCHEN

Help support our ministry with the Women and Children's Shelter.

Please bring your food donations to the Social Hall kitchen Saturday, May 20th, between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

We need meat sauce, italian bread, tossed salad, and cookies. Recipes can be found on theSignUpGenius.
FEEDING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Veteran’s Elementary has identified several families who would benefit from our providing food on a weekly basis. You are invited to assist with that ministry opportunity by:

1) **donating non-perishable items** such as pasta, rice, beans, cereal, pasta sauce, canned vegetables
2) **making a donation to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund** (either online via our website or mobile app or via check) which will be used to provide fresh produce, meats and other food items.

One family does have a nut allergy, so we are asking that all donations be nut-free.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and response as we live into our call to love God and neighbor. There will be a bin on the Narthex to drop off your donations.

Please feel free to contact a member of our LEAD team (Joanna Casto, Kim Kearns, Cathy Rice, Tom James, Malia Schlichting) or Pastor Tamika or Pastor Mike with questions.

LATEST HOOO WISHLIST

- pizza cutters
- can openers (not electric)
- kitchen shears
- chip clips
- pasta servers
- ice cream scoops
- serving platters and bowls
- serving spoons and forks
- cake/pie servers
- tall drinking glasses
- hot pads/pot holders
- oven mitts
- dish cloths for kitchen
- trivets
- measuring cup sets
- measuring spoon sets
- whisks
- cutting boards
- kitchen trash cans
- cookie sheets
- vacuum cleaners
- laundry baskets
- NEW toilet plungers & toilet brushes
- wash cloths for bathroom
- hand towels for bathroom
- queen size blankets
- queen size mattress pads
- crock pots
- microwaves
- electric skillets/griddles
- TVs

Contact Bill Harkin or Jay Zumbrun with questions or for help arranging donation pick-up.
STEWARDSHIP

SAVING SOME PAPER & POSTAGE

Please note that we will not be mailing Quarterly Giving Statements in July with giving and commitment details through June 30. The next Giving Statements will be mailed in October and provide details of our giving and commitment completion through September 30.

Your continued faithful giving, particularly during the summer months, supports our ongoing mission and many ministries. Please continue to give abundantly in response to the great abundance with which God blesses us. Anyone who wants/needs a Giving Statement can request one from our Financial Secretary (finsec@firstlutheranec.org), and it will be sent to you. Also, you can check your total giving status at any time through our Servant Keeper web portal (www.ServantKeeper.com/member-portal/FELCFamilyFacts). Thank you for your continued faithful support of God’s work through First Lutheran.
Delaware-Maryland Synod

“‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.” -2 Corinthians 12:9

The 36th annual Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly was held June 9-10, 2023 at Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster, Maryland. The more than 360 voting members gathered to conduct business crucial to our life and ministry together. In addition to approving reports and measures such as the minutes from last year’s Assembly, the financial audit, the 2024 Faith Spending Plan, and more, the Assembly considered and passed the following actions:

- The election of Jada Wright (Jerusalem, Baltimore) as our new Synod Vice President.
- The election of members of the Consultation Committee [David Magoon (Grace, Hockessin) and the Rev. Zachary Wright (Bethel, North East)] and the Discipline Committee [April Parvizian (Epiphany, Baltimore) and the Rev. Kelley Ketcham (St. Mark’s Wilmington)].
- The ratification of the Rev. Christopher Schaefer (Divinity, Towson) as Team Leader for the Communications Team, fulfilling the term of Daniel Mambu (transferred to the Lower Susquehanna Synod, with thanks for his ministry).
- The adoption of three resolutions:
  - Resolution 2023-1: Global Church Sunday.
  - Resolution 2023-2: Compensation Guidelines.
  - Resolution 2023-3: Promoting Transgender Competency in the Delaware-Maryland Synod.

The Assembly was able to offer its gratitude, on behalf of our entire synod, to outgoing Vice President John Auger (Grace, Hockessin). Just a few highlights of his two terms include our successful Forward in Faith capital campaign and the establishment of the Synod Local Ministry Fund; implementation of the Vision 2018 plan and its accompanying restructuring effort; frequent road trips with Bishop Gohl to visit and engage with each conference; an increased focus on adaptive leadership; and a commitment to the development of lay leaders, especially throughout the pandemic. In his final report to the Assembly, John reflected, “As I look back over the past 40 years of leadership that I’ve been involved in, both in congregations and in business, I can say without a doubt that my time serving as Synod Vice President has been the most fun, satisfying, and impactful experience as a leader.” As a synod, we give thanks for the incredible ministry of John Auger, and express our deep gratitude for his work among us.

While reports and action items occupy the bulk of a Synod Assembly agenda, we were reminded throughout the Assembly that we cannot gather to do the work of the church without keeping our faith at the center. Our Bible study leader, the Rev. Dr. Surekha Nelaivala (Global Peace, Frederick), encouraged us to dig into often-uncomfortable texts, examining our privilege alongside the boundlessness of God as we consider how and to whom we might extend grace. The Assembly began and ended in worship, anchoring our work together in the name of the one who calls us to it. Our Synod Worship Team guided us on a marvelous journey through the new Evangelical Lutheran Worship supplement, All Creation Sings (of which each Assembly attendee received a copy!) and the Rev. Harvard Stephens primed the pump for the task ahead, reminding us that “the Spirit is moving among us. We are trusting in the Lord to lead us and guide us as we journey. God is on our side, and is leading this synod.” To close out the Assembly, the people of Grace Lutheran Church capped off their incredible hospitality with spirited worship led by the Grace Praise Singers and Praise Band.

As Bishop Gohl remarked in his report to the Assembly, “While so many siblings across this church are measuring the pandemic by their losses, we come with an embarrassment of riches.” While we have much work to do together in the coming days, we are grounded in our commitment to walk this road together, connected to one another in faith, hope, love, and the God whose grace is sufficient.
CHECK OUT THESE TWO MINISTRIES OF THE DE-MD SYNOD!

Each week, Pastor A.J. Houseman will have conversations with guest speakers who are pastors, deacons, professors, and other rad folks. We will explore the original Biblical languages of Greek or Hebrew, the historical settings, and implications of the speakers (or non-speakers) in the Bible. We will discuss the uncomfortable parts of the Bible with scholarship, grace, and authenticity. Listen wherever you listen to podcasts or on our website!

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www.tenfootpolepodcast.com

Delaware-Maryland Synod

READS TOGETHER

Join our whole Synod for daily Scripture reflections on the Bread for the Day texts! You are invited to interact with those reflections, share your own thoughts on the daily texts in a new post, and be a part of the community that is journeying through our initiative to be immersed daily in God’s Word.

www.facebook.com/groups/demdreads
Our congregation council met on June 20, 2023 in a hybrid fashion (onsite and via ZOOM). Council continued its devotion time using our current devotion resource, Wholehearted Faith, by Rachel Held Evans. This month our reading focused on determining what it is in our lives that might need to die in order to make room for the new thing God is bringing forth in our community.

We also reviewed ministry reports received by various staff and ministry leaders and took the following actions:

**Motions approved:**

Pastors Mike and Tamika
- Approved Motion for new members per constitutional requirements:
  - Carol Weiskittel and Karen Phelps

Mark Helms
- Approved Motion reimbursing Mark Helms for costs of American Choral Directors Association membership dues as part of continuing education funding.

Finance
- Approved Motion using available monies at M&T Bank to invest in a 12 month CD.
- Endowment/Social Ministry
- Approved Motion forwarding $9,800 from our 2023 required distribution from the previous year’s endowment distributable assets as an offering in support of four ministries:
  - Lutheran World Relief
  - North Avenue Mission
  - Dreams and Visions
  - Community of St. Dysmas.

**Congregation Income and Expense Financial Statistics**

May’s treasurer’s report reflected another month with a positive cash flow (revenues exceeded expenses) on our unrestricted Faith Spending Plan. Offerings year-to-date (January through May) were greater than that same timeframe in any of the last five years! Thank you to those who have answered God’s call to living a life anchored in generosity.

Expenses continue to be well-managed and, overall, less than anticipated within the unrestricted Faith Spending Plan. Several property issues will be addressed in the coming months, some of which will be paid from our capital reserve fund account.

From a year-to-date perspective, while our unrestricted Faith Spending Plan continues to show a positive cash flow, we continue to experience a shortfall in terms of restricted offerings. Our stewardship and finance teams continue to monitor expenditures in this section of our finance ministry.

Overall, God’s work continues because of your faithful financial support. As you live into God’s generosity, you enable life-giving ministries to continue in the neighborhood and throughout God’s world.
One financial highlight for the month of May is that we were able to support several ministries as we shared from the distributable earnings of our Endowment Fund. Each year, we distribute a minimum of 10% of the growth our Endowment Fund experiences. This year, we made offerings to North Avenue Mission, Dreams and Visions (both are mission congregations within our Delaware-Maryland Synod), The Community of St. Dysmas (our synod’s prison ministry) and Lutheran World Relief. Each of these ministries received $2,450 from First Lutheran. Thank be to God for the foresight our fellow disciples had several years ago when the Endowment Fund was established. This has become a welcome stream of funds available to support God’s work outside of First Lutheran.

A complete listing of financial figures is included in the chart below.

Our Finance Team, Stewardship Team and Council continues to monitor the financial ministry entrusted to its care, and provides updates through a variety of communications channels.

Unrestricted giving and expenses (Faith Spending Plan)

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God continues to bring forth new and renewed ministries here at First and your faithful support of those ministries is a blessing. Thank you!

We will not be sending everyone a copy of their second quarter giving statement; however, you may request an updated statement either from Wade Wray, our financial secretary (finsec@firstlutheranec.org) or online through our Servant Keeper portal (www.ServantKeeper.com/member-portal/FELCFamilyFacts).
WORSHIP & PRAYER
Find information regarding onsite and online worship services on the website under the Worship With Us tab

Midday Prayer is held at noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We invite you to join your fellow disciples on Facebook live for a time of scripture reading, meditation, song, and prayer with one of the pastors. Recordings of these gatherings are also available on demand for replay on Facebook, YouTube. You are invited to send requests for prayer to Pastor Tamika at tamika@firstlutheranec.org.

Receive healing prayers by phone with Lynn Anderson by calling (443) 562-9690 or onsite during Sunday worship services near the baptismal font.

FELLOWSHIP & ADULT FAITH FORMATION
WELCA Martha Circle | Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 10 am
For more info, contact: Valerie Roth at (410) 456-6733

WELCA Rebecca Circle | Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 1 pm
For more info, contact: Sue Davis (410) 418-4535 or betsysue8@gmail.com

WELCA Lydia Circle | Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 9:30am
For more info, contact Kirsten Boswell kirsten.s.boswell@gmail.com

Small Group Bible Study | Meets Tuesdays at 1 pm
For more info, contact: Sue Davis (410) 418-4535 or betsysue8@gmail.com

Men’s Fellowship Breakfast | Meets monthly on the third Friday at 7:30am
For more info, contact: Jay Zumbrun at (443) 745-0737

Prayer Shawl Ministry | Meets monthly on the first Monday at 10am
For more info, contact: Karen DeWitt (410) 750-9744

Sewing Circle | Meets monthly on the second Monday at 9:30am
For more info, contact: Deb Hardesty (410) 530-9772
(Sewing skills are not required!)

For meeting locations and login details for Zoom meetings, check the church calendar on the website at https://calendar.churchart.com/calendar/738973650 or call the office at (410) 465-2977.

Find these and other opportunities to serve and support our neighbors and our community in our weekly e-news and by visiting the Get Involved tab on our website.
Thanks to the 12 members who participated in the semi-annual cleanup (22 bags of trash) of Frederick Road during the week of 14-20 May 23 (we had to cancel the original pickup due to rain). You have helped make our community a better place in which to live. The next road cleanup will be in Fall 2023.

The family of Lauren Lee Mueller would like to express their gratitude and thanksgiving for the prayers, love and support given to them during her illness and death. Thanks be to God. ~Ron & Nancy Galloway
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Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am – noon.

Please contact Lori Teitelbaum at flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org or (410) 465-2977 to arrange an appointment at another time.

Appointments for visits with Pastor Mike or Pastor Tamika can be arranged by emailing them directly.

As a reminder, the office is staffed by phone or email, Monday – Friday, 9am – 4pm.
PRAYER REQUESTS
Submit prayer requests by calling the church office (410) 465-2977. We kindly ask that when requesting prayer for others to obtain their permission beforehand, include your name, and if possible, the nature of the prayer request. Prayer requests will be included in the congregation’s prayers for two weeks, unless specified otherwise.

For more information about prayer requests, express interest in becoming a part of the First Lutheran Prayer Network or receiving the Intercessory Prayer List, please contact the church office at (410) 465-2977 or flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?
When Jesus called his first disciples, he simply invited them, “Come and see.”

Following Jesus’ example, we invite anyone who would like to become a member of the congregation to contact one of the pastors for a one-on-one orientation. New members are received on the fourth Sunday of every month.

You are welcome to grow, and share in God’s grace with us!

PHOTO USE EXCLUSION FORMS
Members who prefer not to have their personal and/or family photos taken at church and/or church related events/activities used in communications outside of FELC (social media, etc.), can let us know by completing the Photo Use Exclusion Form. To obtain a copy of the form, please contact the church office at flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org.

MOVING OR RELOCATING?
Moving out of the state? Just as you have been a blessing to this congregation and community, we’d love to bless you and your family with a hearty Farewell and Godspeed as you go forth and continue to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in your new home town. So, please be sure to contact the church office by e-mail (flcoffice@firstlutheranec.org) or phone (410) 465-2977 and let us know - before you go!

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES
If you have a medical emergency or death in the family on an evening or weekend & need to speak to a pastor immediately, call (410) 465-6779.

For emergencies during office hours, please continue to call the church office at (410) 465-2977.

STAY IN TOUCH!
Make sure you are signed up to receive church announcements, bulletins, newsletters and more! Sign up for our mailing list by visiting firstlutheranec.org and filling out the signup form at the bottom of the page. It’s that easy!

FIRST LUTHERAN APP
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Text ‘firstlutheranec app’ to (833) 316-5698, or search your mobile device’s App Store for First Lutheran Ellicott City.

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ELECTRONIC GIVING
Did you know that even if you have to miss a service, you don’t have to miss an opportunity to give? There are several easy and convenient ways to consistently give. Simply click the “GIVE” tab on our website OR text* “firstlutheranec” to (833) 316-5698 from any mobile device.

Establishing an online giving profile also allows you to make offerings to a variety of designations. Offerings can be made from a checking account, debit card or credit card over a safe, encrypted connection.

*Msg & Data rates may apply.

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