

First Presbyterian Church of Albert Lea

Eastertide

May 10, 2026

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer of Adoration

* Opening Worship

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God,
When adversity comes, we confess that we often rely on
ourselves instead of turning to You.
We rush to fix, to worry, or to control,
rather than humbling ourselves in prayer and seeking Your face.
Like Your people in Esther's day, we are called to fast and pray—
yet we neglect Your presence and trust in our own strength.

Forgive us for our self-reliance, our prayerlessness, and our fear.
Teach us to seek You first,
to humble ourselves before You,
and to trust that You are at work even when we cannot see.

Amen.

Please take a moment to personally confess your sins to God.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader:

Hear the good news:
When we turn to God in humility, He is gracious and
compassionate.
In Esther, though His name is unseen, His hand is never absent
— and in Jesus Christ, His saving grace is made fully known.

If we draw near to Him, He draws near to us.
Our sins are forgiven, our fears are met with His faithfulness,
and we are invited again to trust, to pray, and to stand firm.

In Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn #31 *Great is the Lord (1-2)*

Kids Church

*All kids kindergarten through 5th grade are invited out the
Sanctuary's side door (near the elevator) for Kids Church. Staff and
volunteers will lead them through worship, activities, and age-appropriate
Bible lessons. **They are welcome to make their own offering on their
way downstairs.***

* The Peace of Christ

*Because we have been granted peace with God, we extend that same
peace to those around us with a warm greeting and welcome.*

Choir Anthem *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*

Offering and Musical Offertory

*As an act of worship, we invite you to
give towards God's Kingdom work here.*

* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Readings Esther 4:1-3; 4:15-17; 5:1-8

Next week's Scripture passage: Esther 6

Sermon

Fasting with Impact
Pastor Nancy Overgaard

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn # 38** *I Will Call Upon the Lord (1-2)*

* Benediction and Response

Go Now In Peace

** Please stand if you are able.*

Next Week's Scripture Passage: Esther 6 & 7

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

MONDAY MAY 11

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY MAY 12

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

6:30 pm Session Meeting (*Multipurpose Room*)

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

3:00 pm Kidzone (*Westminster Hall*) **Last Day!**

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30 pm Highlife (*Youth Room*) **Last Day!**

THURSDAY MAY 14

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

SUNDAY MAY 17

9:00 am Faith Cafe (*Multipurpose Room*)

10:00 am Worship Service (*Sanctuary*) **Senior Sunday!**

11:00am Coffee Fellowship (*Westminster Hall*)

MONDAY MAY 18

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

7:00pm Women's Bible Study (*Hearthside Room*)

TUESDAY MAY 19

10:00 am Women's Craft Group (*Library*)

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

9:00 am Prayer Warriors (*Hearthside Room*)

10:00 am Coed Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room*)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

THURSDAY MAY 21

9:00 am Men's Bible Study (*Main Street Cafe*)

9:00 am Days for Girls (*Multipurpose Room*)

Prayer List - Please pray for: Ardelle Knutson, Lyle Paulson, Sandy Maiden, Bryan Cunningham & Family, Robyn Schafer, Goemann family, Dillon Hanson family, Siglinda Kleih and Bill Sievers. **If you have a prayer concern**, fill out a prayer card from your pew-back and put it in the offertory box outside the office.

Summer Events - The 2026 summer events calendar is set to release THIS WEEK! A digital version will be sent out with the weekly news email, and physical copies will be available on the church sanctuary tables.

Mother's Day - Join us for a special coffee fellowship hour, "Muffins with Mom", after worship service TODAY! We will celebrate all the special moms in our lives! Hosted by the PWSC.

Women's Bible Study - There is still time to join the Bible study! For all the women of this church (and guests); ages 16+. The study will meet here at the church every other Monday evening at **7pm in the Hearthside Room until June 15th**. This study is in the book of Ruth and will be a 4 week study series. See you there! (PS - Save the Date! We plan on meeting again in the fall!)

Kidzone & Highlife - The 2025-2026 Kidzone & Highlife season is almost done - **last day is this Wednesday May 13th!** BUT, Highlife Unplugged (an evening of teen fellowship & worship) will be starting up on Wednesday evenings; **beginning June 3rd!** Also, stay tuned for summer VBS info!

Senior Sunday - Join us next Sunday, **May 17th**, as we celebrate our seniors! This is a chance to bless our high school seniors as they take their next steps in life! Our graduating seniors, class of 2026, are Lia Cunningham, McKenzie Fields, Ben Rasmussen & Evan Anfinson.

May Missions - Our May mission partner is Frontiers; an organization that reaches out to unreached Muslims in Northern Africa. More info on this mission can be found at frontiersusa.org

Summer Mission Trip - This summer, the youth mission team will be sticking close to home. They will be doing mission work in the Albert Lea area! Though they are staying local, this mission team still needs your support. Stay tuned for stockholder information!

Happy Birthday - Jenna Steffl & Abi Hendrickson (5/10), Linda Phelps (5/11), Shelley Pederson, Andrea Harves, Liam Paulson & Barb Clarey (5/13), Deb Schilling (5/14) and Hannah Mulder (5/15)!

