



Sunday, April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00am Worship

First Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement...

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving, equipping, and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

SUNDAY, April 28- Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am –Christian Education-Lakeview

10:30am – Worship-Sunday School Singers

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

Altar Guild

Sally Pouliot & Lisa Thomas

Reader

8:00am 10:30am

Ellen Swenson Dennis Landwehr

Communion Assistant

8:00am 10:30am

Ellen Swenson Carolyn Nelson

Usher

8:00am 10:30am

TBD Chuck Strom

Acolyte

Ethan LaCrosse

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated this morning. *All are welcome at Christ's table. Please come forward as the ushers direct to receive communion.* Those not receiving the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. All who seek the benefits of this sacrament are invited. *We use **disposable cups of wine around the outer tray and grape juice in the center.** Gluten-free communion wafers are available. If you would like one, please let us know! Members, please complete a communion card located in the pews and hand it to the Usher as you approach communion. You can use one card per family but list all first names. Thank you for helping us to keep accurate church records to determine active membership. Children regardless of age are welcome to commune if their parents are comfortable. Parents may whisper "God loves you, and sent Jesus to be our Savior," as they take communion.* *

*ELCA Use of the Means of Grace pp 37-40



GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

****THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

****GATHERING HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



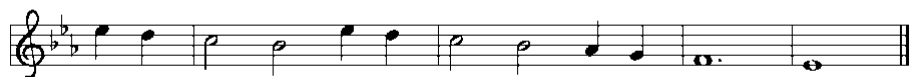
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERERBEUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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****GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray

C: **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water,

the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN THE MIDDLE

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

****GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jim Duehring

****HYMN OF THE DAY "We Know that Christ is Raised"**

ELW 449

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him his Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

**** NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

****PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen

****THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC

Paul Rajala, Organist

OFFERING SONG

"We Give Thee By Thine Own"

ELW 686 v. 1-2



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Risen One,**
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

****GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

****THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

****INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION SONG

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

TFF 84



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess.



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray,

C: Shepherding God,

**you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.**

Send us forth from this banquet

to proclaim your goodness

**and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.**

Amen.

SENDING

****BLESSING:**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

****SENDING SONG**

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the
still guides us the on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "to
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light,
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

****DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, April 29

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

Tuesday, April 30

9:00am – Sewing

Wednesday, May 1

8:00am – Kiwanis

8:30am – All Staff Meeting

9:30am – Bible Study

Thursday, May 2

1:00pm – Bulletin Folding

5:15pm – T.O.P.S

NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, May 5

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Readings will be Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98,

1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am – Christian Education-Lakeview

10:30am – Worship-Sunday School Singers

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: April 28th join us during the coffee fellowship in celebration of Lloyd and Mary Tuskan's 60th wedding anniversary.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: 30TH Annual Candlelight Dinner, Saturday, April 27th at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available for \$20 at the Library or from a friend of the Library.

BOOK CLUB: Book club will meet on Friday, April 26th at 1:00 pm in the Kitchen.

BAY COLLEGE MEAL: First Lutheran will be helping with the Bay College Meal on Monday, April 29th. A sign-up sheet to help with the meal is on the bulletin board. Contact Connie Salmi for more information, 906-428-1696.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Due to short hospital stays and privacy laws, we often don't know when members are hospitalized. If you or a loved one is in the hospital for a procedure or treatment, please notify the church office (428-4565) so that we may offer a prayer.

PRAYER LIST

Please be in prayer for the following people this week:

Alex

Andy

Angela

Ardie

Brad	Karsyn	Carol	Chad
Cindy	Dan	David	Krista
Julie	Di	Diane	Don
Everett	Gail	Gina	Gunner
Irene	Jason	Joanne	Julie
Lisa	Londyn	Lori	Lori
Mercedes	Nancy	Ollie	Pat
Pebbles	Peggy	Ron	Roy
Sandy	Sophie	Svea	Tabitha
Vicki	Vincent	Zack	
Brown Family	Deann & Chris	Kevin & Mary	Dennis & Marilyn

Kyle, Kelsey & Kaylin	Pam & Family	Paul & Christa
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Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:

Jamie	Bryan	Danielle	Christopher
Jesse	Jacob	Jason	Charlie



Do you have a prayer request? *Please let us know.*

Prayer requests are lifted up each Sunday during the “Prayers of the People.” Prayer Ministry sheets are on the prayer board located by the office door.

The office will contact you quarterly to get updates on your requests.

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