



**Sunday, April 21, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**8:00am Worship**

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**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 21- Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am –Christian Education-Lakeview

10:30am – Worship

11:45am – Sloppy Joe Luncheon-Mercedes (Husbye) Teeter Family  
Fundraiser

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**Altar Guild**

Sally Pouliot & Lisa Thomas

**Reader**

8:00am 10:30am

Chris Mineau Lynn Thomas

**Communion Assistant**

8:00am 10:30am

Dotti Ford Lynn Thomas

**Usher**

8:00am 10:30am

Howard Haulotte Chuck Thomas  
Raino Maki

**Acolyte**

Londyn Koski

**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. \**

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## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today we welcome Ralph Peterson with "Temple Talk"*

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### **\*\*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 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!” ELW 369**



1	Christ the Lord is	ris'n to - day;	Al - le - lu - ia!
2	For the sheep the	Lamb has bled.	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	Christ, the vic - tim	un - de - filed.	Al - le - lu - ia!
4	Chris-tians, on this	ho - ly day,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten	on your way;	Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the	sin - ner's stead.	Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners	rec - on - ciled.	Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful	hom - age pay;	Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with	love re - plete.	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing	death and life,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is	ris'n on high;	Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal	vic - tim's feet.	Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no	more to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and	awe - some strife.	Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no	more to die.	Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson. 1807–1882, alt.  
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams. 1781–1821

**\*\*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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE IN THE MIDDLE**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if

our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Elisabeth Daniels



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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**\*\* 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

## "Shepherd Me, O God"

ELW 780

*Refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from



death in-to life. life.

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*

Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent-ly you raise me heal my wea-ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan-der and the val-ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith-ful-ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ-teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e-vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*



walk by the qui-et wa-ters of peace,  
spir-it shall sing the mu-sic of your name,  
rod and your staff, my com-fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev-er-more.

*Final refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-



yond my fears, from death in-to life.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, based on Psalm 23

Music: SHEPHERD ME, Marty Haugen

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*Please Stand*

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

**C: Amen**

P: For those that did not commune: Beloved Children of God, know that you are loved and blessed in the name of the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit. 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**    *"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"*    **ELW 536**



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin. 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

**\*\*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 22**

6:00pm – Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, April 23**

9:00am – Sewing

### **Wednesday, April 24**

8:00am – Kiwanis

8:30am – Office Staff Meeting

9:30am – Bible Study

2:00pm – Newsletter Assembly

### **Thursday, April 25**

1:00pm – Bulletin Folding

5:15pm – T.O.P.S

### **Friday, April 26**

1:00pm – Book Club

## **NEXT SUNDAY – Sunday, April 28**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Readings will be Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31,  
1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

8:00am – Worship

9:00am – Choir Rehearsal

9:15am – Christian Education-Lakeview

10:30am – Worship-Sunday School Singers

11:45am – Coffee Fellowship

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:** April 21<sup>st</sup> Dolly Salmi and Nora Smith are hosting a sloppy joe luncheon fundraiser to help support the family of Mercedes (Husbye) Teeters, who lost their home and belongings in a house fire. Join us following the 10:30 am worship.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** join us during the coffee fellowship in celebration of Lloyd and Mary Tuskan's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

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

**BAY COLLEGE MEAL:** First Lutheran will be helping with the Bay College Meal on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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**PRAYER LIST**

*Please be in prayer for the following people this week:*

Alex	Andy	Angela	Ardie
Brad	Brown Family	Carol	Chad
Cindy	Dan	David	Deann & Chris
Zack	Di	Diane	Elle
Gail	Gina	Gunner	Howard
Jason	Joanne	Julie	Julie
Karsyn	Kevin & Mary	Vincent	Vicki
Lisa	Londyn	Lori	Mercedes
Nancy	Ollie	Pam & Family	Pat
Paul	Pebbles	Peggy	Ron
Ruth	Sandy	Sophie	Svea
Ted	Dennis & Marilyn	Kyle, Kelsey & Kaylin	Laurie & Norbert

*Also continue to be in prayer for those serving our country:*

Jamie	Bryan	Danielle	Christopher
Jesse	Jacob	Jason	Charlie

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**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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