

Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



April 4, 2021
Easter Sunrise w/Holy Communion
The Resurrection of our Lord
7:00 AM Worship

First Lutheran Church
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PRELUDE & GATHERING

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P This is the day:

**C when tears are wiped away;
fears are replaced with joy.**

P This is the day the Lord:

**C rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

P This is the day the Lord has made:

**C death has no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

P This is the day – Easter Day!

C Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

**HYMNOn back page
“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY FOR EASTER

P People of God, you have come seeking the Christ, the son of the living God.

C We have set our doubt aside and come. We have lived with our fear too long and we come. We have heard Jesus has conquered death and we want to hear the Good News again.

P Do not be afraid, for he is risen from the dead. He has broken the tomb wide open. He has come back to life and is living together with us right here--right now.

C We have felt his loneliness, we have prayed his prayers, and we have deserted him. We feel guilty.

P There is no need for your guilt, for he has taken it with him to the cross and has paid the ultimate price for your sin. This is good news--he is alive--so we can be alive.

C This is good news--he is alive.

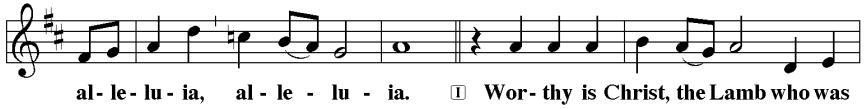
P He has risen!

C He has risen!

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"



☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



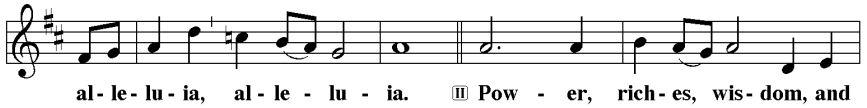
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



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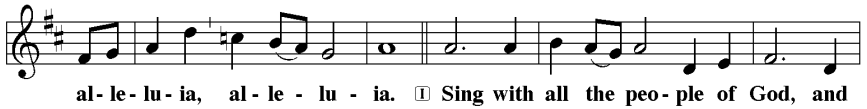
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.




☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 ☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Read in unison)

God of all mercy and grace, your only Son’s death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may no longer look for the living among the dead and instead daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 15:1-11
(Like the people of old, let us recount the glorious story. Tell it in hymns of praise. God has conquered the oppressor! Sin and death are now destroyed. The enemy can no longer pursue us. The Lord has become our salvation. He is our strength and the reason to sing.)

¹Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying, “I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ²The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s

God, and I will exalt him. ³The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

PSALM (Read responsively)..... Psalm 118:15-29
(Death has threatened its worst, but God has won the day. We shall not die but sing of the Lord. What else can faithful people do but sing of God's wondrous deeds? "For faith cannot be silent but must say and teach what it believes and knows about God, to the glory of God and the instruction of man" (Luther's Works, Vol. 14, p. 81).)

- ¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
¹⁶ **the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"**
¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
¹⁸ **The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
²⁰ **This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

²³ This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O Lord!
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

²⁷ The Lord is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 5:6b-9

(There is no leaven in Christ; he is "leavenless." His body is unleavened bread, as he said in the Passover meal that he shared with his disciples. He lifted the traditional unleavened bread and said, "Take; this is my body" (Mark 14:22). He was sinless (unleavened) but took upon himself our sin (2 Corinthians 5:21). Therefore, we are new, righteous lumps of dough. We have been made unleavened, so we should act like it by getting the leaven out.)

^{6b}Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL John 20:1-18
(There is great movement in this passage — mostly running and stooping, but some clinging too. The disciples were active that Easter morning. No one was as active as the disciple we suppose was young John. After he stooped to look into the tomb, seeing it empty, he believed. This is the greatest thing one does: believing in the Lord of the empty tomb. Though we do not see the evidence, we believe.)

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the

gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

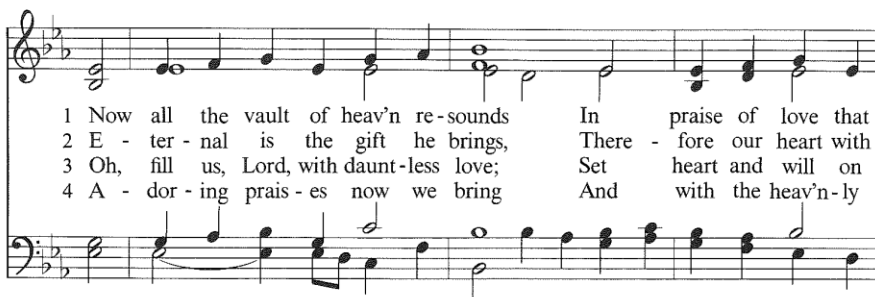
C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE EASTER MESSAGE.....Pastor Chuck Mann

HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

EASTER

143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS

Congregation Response:

P Because He is risen....

C He is Risen indeed

SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Place your hand over your heart and turn to your neighbor sharing the peace in this manner. No hand shaking.)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C And also with you

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Said in unison)

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

The 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 God.

C It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

P Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to you; creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity. Even when we turned away from you, you never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

P Holy God, this meal which we share today is indeed the celebration that death has been defeated forever. We celebrate also how the language of your love became audible through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, our beloved Lord; and how the nature of your love became visible through his life and sacrificial love. He graced lives with healing and hope, with compassion and power and as if that were not enough, he gave his very life for us.

On the night of his betrayal, as he sat at the table and broke bread with his friends, he said: 'Take and eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Remember me each time you do this.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup, and said: 'Remember me as you drink from this, for it is my life, poured out for you - the beginning of a new relationship with God.'

God of all power, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make that life visible through our faithful witness to him. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen

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, for ever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(Single Aisle Station – one side at a time, social distancing)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Children by the grace of God, one in Christ, and inspired by the Holy Spirit, rejoice in the resurrection and live in hope, peace, and joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMNOn next page
"Thine Is the Glory"

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Where thy bod - y lay.
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

PASTOR	Pastor Chuck Mann
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Jeff Schmidt
READER.....	Jeff Schmidt
ORGANIST	Theresa Petersen
USHERS/GREETERS	Randy & Gwen Hall
EASTER BREAKFAST SERVERS.....	Volunteers
ALTAR GUILD.....	Maybell Job & Claudette Ness
SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS	Randy & Gwen Hall

Our Mission

“Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service.”

Welcome to all who have come to worship.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Welcome to worship – and to resurrection life – on this most joyous day.

Visitors

We welcome all visitors to First Lutheran today.

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Receive the bread into your open, flat palm. Ask if you wish to receive grape juice or a gluten free wafer. Alert an usher if you, or someone you know, needs communion served in the pew.

Nursery

The nursery, located beside the narthex, is available for use for any parent feeling the need to use it during worship services with their child.

Thank you for your giving

Wednesday, March 24th, Attendance – 85

Facebook Online Viewing – 95

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$382.00

Sunday, March 28th, Attendance – 167

Facebook Online Viewing - 255

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$2,562.00

Pastoral Care

Please call Pastor Chuck if you or a loved one are in the hospital or know you will be going to the hospital. The church does not usually get informed of your stay by any of the hospitals even if you are registered under our congregation's name. We want to make sure you get pastoral care. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Donna Gunderson, Pastor Erik Johnson, Alice Richard, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Weldon Wagner – Brother to Arden Wagner, Cindy Thiel, George Sheldon, Haley Beaudry – Brother to Mac Beaudry, Kathy Solomonson, Mary Ann Beeks, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Shauntaye Kopecky – Kurle family member, Mary Schulz, Ross Lorentzen, Gwen DeMontigny, Kayla Boger – Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth, Keith Hammerbeck – Family friend of the Kugler's, Deborah Davenport – Mother of Laura Gardner's friend, Virgie Emineth, Cindy Delmonico – Mother to Melissa Kugler, Glenn Weist, Ruby from Pine Ridge, Claire Boucher – Friends of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn, Jamie Baumann, James Tolbert, Brad Taylor – Friend of Pastor Chuck, Taylor Gardner, Harold Holtz, Elaine Renfrow – Mother to Lynette Sondrol, Sandi Femling – Cousin to Melanie Beckman, Laren Holznagel, Harlow Tatum – Daughter to Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum, Ruth Lund – Mother to Doddie Kuntz, Derek Laning, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Easter Breakfast

Join us for the Easter breakfast following the worship service. Volunteers will be serving Biscuits & Gravy, Muffins, Fruit, Coffee & Juice. Free-will offering for Community Outreach

Easter Celebration Worship

You are welcome to join us for our Easter celebration worship service w/Holy Communion and Holy Baptism at 9:30 this morning.

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee will meet this Tuesday, April 6th, at 7:00 pm.

Goodies From the Heart

Please have all items for Goodies From the Heart to the church kitchen by 6:00 pm this Friday, April 9th. Packaging of items will be done at that time and delivered the next day. Please remember our shut-in's, homebound, sick, etc. and don't forget items for the diabetics. If you know of people that we should be distributing to, please let Alli Sheldon know (name and address) by texting her at 701-880-8802 or email allisheldon3@gmail.com.

Bible Study

Bible Study led by Cathy Sheldon will begin a new study next Sunday, April 11th, at 8:30 am. This will be a three-week study on "The Attitude of the Beatitudes – How to Live Like Kings" by Michael Youssef. More information is in the April newsletter.

Hearing Assist

First Lutheran is in the process of getting a hearing assist system to be used during the worship services. If you feel you could benefit from this, please let Jeannette know in the church office so we have an idea of how many units to order.

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for the following:

1. People to serve on the Endowment Committee. If interested please talk to Matt Gardner.
2. Anyone interested in serving on the Evangelism Committee. If interested contact Melanie Beckman.
3. Preschool VBS director needed. You would be provided with curriculum and volunteers. We just need someone to organize the details. Dates and times are June 1-4 from 9:00-10:30.
4. Preschool VBS volunteers. This program is during the work day, so if you are available to help please let us know!
5. Elementary VBS. I am sad to report that Camp of the Cross will not be coming to do VBS this year. Thank you to Melissa Rothe for stepping up and taking charge. We will need music people, craft people, game people and more. Please contact me if you would be interested in hopping on board! Dates and times are June 1-4 from 6:00-8:30. Thanks in advance! Stacy Boeshans 701-240-8012

Pie With Pastor

Going through April 18th, the Sunday School classes will be collecting supplies for the Lutheran World Relief Kits. The class that collects the most supplies will win a pie party with Pastor Chuck! Here's what they are collecting:

- * Light-weight bath towels (Between 20x40" & 52x27")
Dark colors are recommended
- * Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz.
- * Adult size toothbrushes
- * Metal nail clippers

Donations can be placed in the box in their Sunday School room.

Christ in Our Home and Our Daily Bread

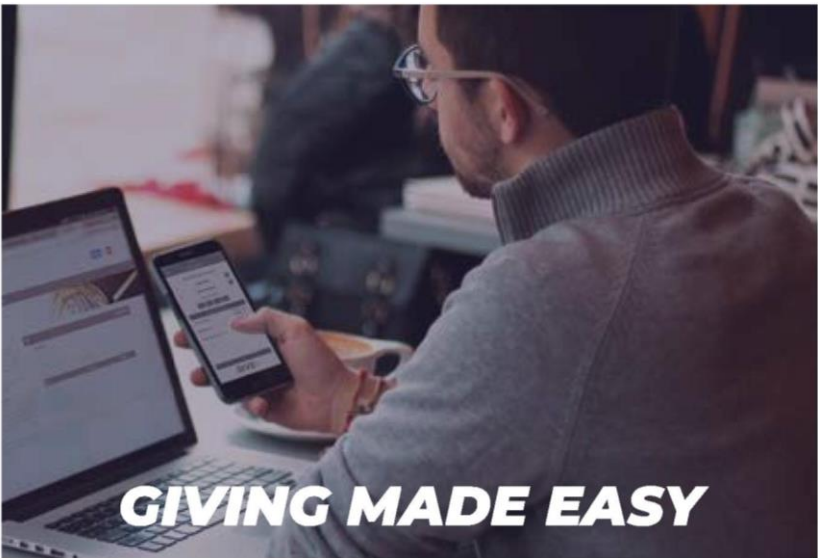
The April/May/June edition of *Christ in Our Home* and the March/April/May edition of *Our Daily Bread* are in the magazine racks in the narthex. Pick up a copy of each today to use with your daily devotions.

LBW & WOV Hymnals

We will be ordering more LBW (green) and WOV (blue) hymnals. As of the printing of this bulletin we are looking at approximately 46 more LBW at a cost of \$32 per book and approximately 33 WOV at a cost of \$15.75 per book or a total of \$1,981.75. If you would like to help purchase any of these hymnals please talk to Jeannette in the church office. We may have a chance to purchase some from another church but how many and price is yet to be determined. ***LBW books on the cart in the narthex are free for the taking.***

Thank You

THANKS to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee, Men's Bible Study group, and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for FLC campers to Camp of the Cross Ministries this summer. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 24, 2021, if you have campers registered so the funds can be sent to the camp before the camp season begins.



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COMMUNITY AND AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Washburn United Methodist Church will be hosting a **Ladies' Night Out** on Friday, April 9th. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Christian Comedienne, Dorie McLemore will be your entertainment. Baked potato bar supper will be served at 6:00 pm. Dessert and socializing following the comedy. Join them for some laughs and door prizes.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	7:00 AM	Easter Sunrise Worship w/Holy Communion
	7:45 – 9:15 AM	Easter Breakfast
	9:30 AM	Easter Celebration Worship w/Holy Communion & Holy Baptism
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting AI-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
	7:00 PM	Technology Committee Meeting
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	6:45 PM	Bell Choir
	7:15 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
FRI.	6:00 PM	Goodies From the Heart Packaging
SAT.		Deliver Goodies From the Heart
	1:00 PM	Private Baptism
	6:00 PM	Marriage Course
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Sunday School Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	1:00 PM	4-H
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	AI-Anon Meeting

2021 Easter Lilies

Thank you to the following who gave Easter Lilies or Hydrangeas this year:

Given by

Mardella Aanderud
Brian & Janet Lazier family
Kris & Melanie Beckman family
Clark & Jayne Pochant family
Keith & Marsha Schneider family

In Loving Memory of

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In Thanksgiving for Our Families

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In Thanksgiving for Family
To the Glory of God

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Cassandra Borlaug

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In Thanksgiving for All Our
Children: Hannah, Hunter,
Easton & Ever

Ardee Kurle & Shawn Kurle

Terry Kurle

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Clark Ness

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Our Parents & Brothers
Dale Petersen
Jim Johnson

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Art & Esther Bender

Elmer & Arlene Schwarz

Esther Bauer

George & Val Swanson

In Thanksgiving for Our Precious
Children & Grandchildren

Gary & Cindy Thiel

Amanda Thiel

Arden & Sande Wagner

Elmo & Bernie Larson
Rudolph & Bertha Wagner



When you look for your lily to take home your paper with your name
will be stapled on the inside of the foil.

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

April 4, 2021 — Easter Sunrise

“This is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”

- Exodus: 15:2 -

Have you ever been backed into a corner and could see no way of escape? Maybe it was just to endure a browbeating by someone who was angry with you, or maybe you got stuck in a crowd and had to wait for folks to vacate the area. Perhaps it was something worse and you were truly trapped, in danger, and fearing for your life.

As Israel fled Egypt after the last of ten plagues God inflicted on Pharaoh in the Passover, it looked like they would finally be free of the king of Egypt. But alas, the king changed his mind and decided to pursue the Israelites after he recognized what he was giving up by letting them go to the wilderness to worship God. When the Israelites realized that they were being pursued by an angry army, they began to fear for their lives. As they headed east, they became trapped between the Red Sea and the pursuing troops. They were backed into the proverbial corner with zero viable options.

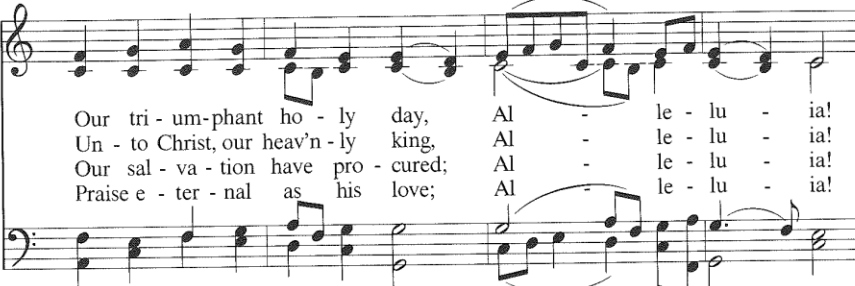
We know how this story unfolds: God tells Moses to strike the water and it perfectly divides into two parallel walls of water, and Israel walks through on dry ground. As the Egyptians follow, Moses was commanded by the Lord to stretch out his hand over the sea and the entire army was drowned: chariots, horses, and soldiers! When the Israelites arrive at the other side, catch their breath, and settle down a bit, Moses and the whole congregation sing a song that is recorded in Exodus 15, “The Lord has triumphed gloriously... he is my strength and my song.”

This story prefigures God’s final victory over death. As Jesus was backed into a deadly corner on the cross of Calvary, it seemed there would be no last-minute miracle for him. But Jesus had been telling his disciples and any one else who would listen, that he had to suffer at the hands of the religious leaders, die, and on the third day rise. His disciples, and even his own mother, watched him suffer the torture of execution on a cross. There was no way out of it! They hadn’t put things together about what he’d said previously, and in their grief they certainly weren’t doing a lot of puzzle solving. But just as God saved Israel as they faced certain death, so he enacted his greatest miracle ever: Jesus’ resurrection from the dead. The Lord has triumphed! Let all who believe sing his praises! Amen.

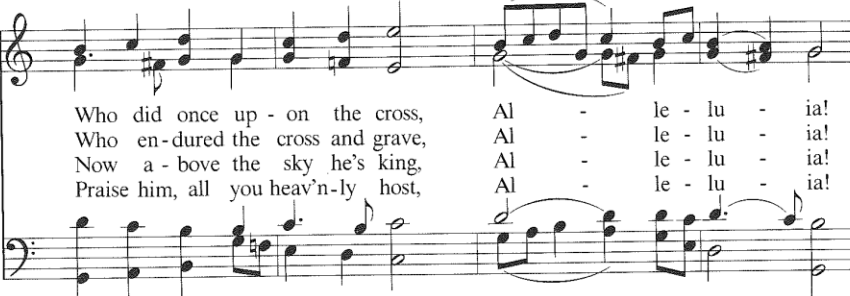
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



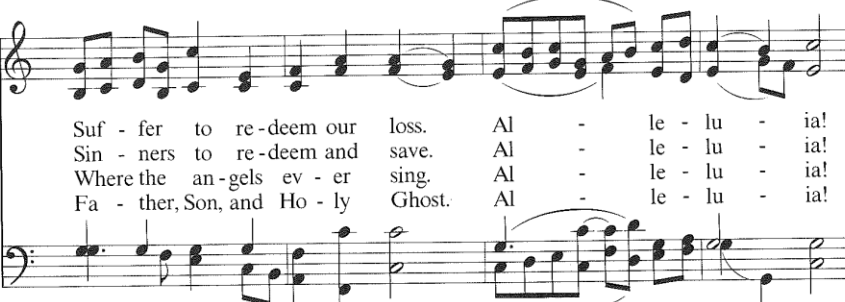
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!