

April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Worship

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PRELUDE AND BELLS

AS WE GATHER

(Often, a person knows he or she is loved by what is done by another. From the words said, actions shown, and even at times gifts given from parents to children, spouses to each other, friends among one another, and more, we can often sense the motivation of love behind many forms of kindness and care. How can we know God's love for us? It's in some ways similar to our earthly relationships, but is from One who always loves perfectly. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us" (1 John 3:1). The Lord speaks His Word of unchanging truth, promise, and hope. He gives the action of sending His one and only Son to this world to live, die, and be raised to life that we may have a new and forgiven life in Him. He gives the gift of His Means of Grace claiming us as His own in Baptism and providing Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Unlike love shown in temporal earthly ways, His love is eternal and everlasting and one we are blessed to see with eyes of faith and know in our hearts as we continue in this Easter season, rejoicing in the fact that Christ is risen!)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 16:11b; 30:1-3

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

C: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4-5; 16:11b

P: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

C: Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.

P: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You’ve shown.

Silence for reflection.

P: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

C: we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

C: and give thanks to His holy name.

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;
C: **at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

P: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

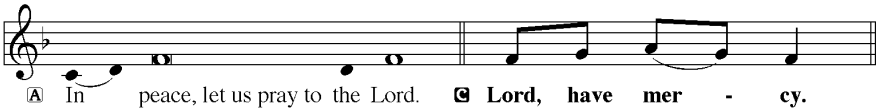
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

HYMN **On last page**
“When Peace Like a River”

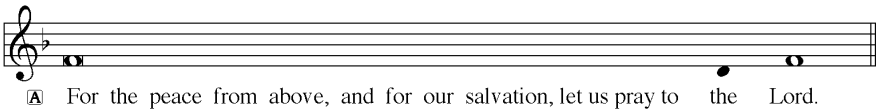
KYRIE

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.**



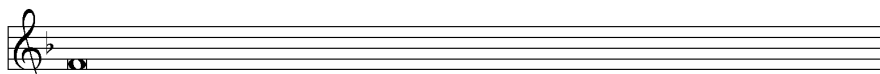
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



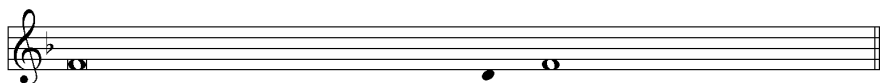
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



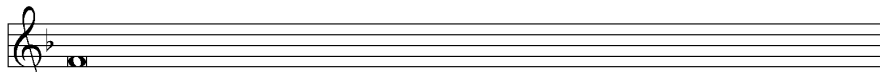
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



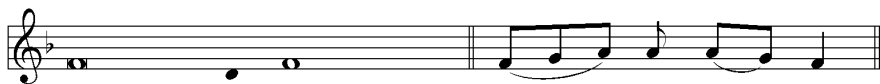
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,




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



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



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



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




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




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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ 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. Ⅱ 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.

SALUTATION



☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: O almighty and eternal God, You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life in You through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love for us in Your only-begotten Son. Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READINGActs 3:11-21

(We become either skeptical or excited when someone testifies to a miracle happening in his life. If we believe the assertion, we may say, "Praise the Lord," but our focus usually remains on the miracle instead of on the God behind the event. All miracles point to the great miracle of the resurrection. They are opportunities to declare the excellencies of God and call people to God, that they should turn back to him and have their sins blotted out. This is the true miracle of God: the resurrected Christ who forgives the sins of the world.)

¹¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through

Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

PSALM (Read responsively)Psalm 4
(The psalmist is annoyed by those who insist on troubling him. He urges them to change their ways, then wonders if they will ever act decently. By the end of the song, he leaves it to God, who has put joy in his heart when he might have only felt shame. He is able to sleep well, instead of laying awake troubled by his concerns. Luther teaches little children to bless themselves each evening with the sign of the cross, kneel in prayer, and entrust themselves to God. He adds this comforting exhortation: “Then quickly lie down and sleep in peace.” No less should be expected of adults. Entrust yourself and all your cares to God, then go to sleep in peace.)

- ¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ² **How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**
- ³ Know that the Lord has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- ⁴ **Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.**
- ⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the Lord.
- ⁶ **Many, Lord, are asking, “Who will bring us prosperity?”
Let the light of your face shine on us.**

⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

**⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, Lord,**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7
(Practicing righteousness is nothing more than making it a point to keep turning back to the one from whom righteousness is given. It is not a religious ritual. It is an admission of being altogether unrighteous unless Jesus cleanses and justifies a life. We are not like Jesus yet; we are not without fault. That is why we must practice righteousness by continually asking his forgiveness. But when we see him on that last day, we shall become just like him, fit for heaven. What has taken a lifetime and not been realized will be done by God in an instant. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:52).)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

BELL CHOIR..... "Lift High the Cross"

ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:36-49

(We see two things foreshadowed in this reading. First, Jesus simply appears among the disciples in the same manner as he had disappeared in verse 31. He did not walk through a door; he simply was where he had not been the moment before. This is an example of the human body having been glorified. One day, when days are no more, “we shall all be changed,” and the earthly existence may seem like an effortless dream as we live forever in glory.

Second, Jesus, who was just crucified and buried for our sins and the sins of his own disciples, says to them, “Peace to you.” He is not angry. Nor is this a 1960s way of greeting his followers. Instead, he shows us by coming among them again and by his word “peace” that through his death and resurrection, concord has been restored between God and man.)

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”
³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a

piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter). Below the staff, the lyrics "Praise to you, O Christ." are aligned with the notes.

SERMON Pastor Chuck Mann

CHOIR "River in Judea"

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 THE CHURCH

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)

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerous to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives. Amen.


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. As Your children, You have given us a perfect love to see Your Son, Jesus Christ, in His humble birth, perfect life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection, by which You give us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are You, almighty God, for You sent Your Son into this world to rescue us and make for Yourself an everlasting kingdom and through Your perfect love have given us all we need through the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. In Him, Your love is complete and applied to us as Your children. Enable and equip us with faithful hearts to follow in faith, and grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28;

Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Merciful Lord, as Your children, keep us amid all the temptation to doubt and fear that we not lose sight of the goal before us. Grant us every aid and blessing that we may hold fast to the hope that is ours in Christ and be prepared when He comes again to bring to completion all things. To You be all glory and honor, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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)

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in, with, and under bread and wine with the body and blood of Your dear Son. Strengthen our faith in You and in our love for others in Your kingdom and throughout our community, country, and world, as we strive not only to see Your love, but also continue to grow in it and be nourished through faith as Your children and rejoice in the grace You give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Psalm 32:10*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace

Numbers 6:24–26

In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN **On next page**
“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

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Refrain

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain

so when you call your fam - ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7)

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Leaders & Volunteers – Thank You!

- PASTOR..... Pastor Chuck Mann
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- COMMUNION ASSISTANTWendy Miller
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- ALTAR GUILDMaybell Job & Claudette Ness
- COFFEE HOUR..... Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
- 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.

Friends, we welcome you in the name of the one God who has defeated death forever by raising Jesus from the tomb. We too now walk in new life.

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

Sunday, April 11th, Attendance – 99

Facebook Online Viewing - 143

General Fund & Plate Giving - \$7,965.00

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Mac & Judy Beaudry and family on the death of Mac's brother, Haley Beaudry from Butte, MT. Funeral arrangements are pending. May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.

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

Family of Haley Beaudry on his death, Donna Gunderson, Mary Ann Monsebroten – Sister to Jackie Olson, Weldon Wagner – Brother to Arden Wagner, Cindy Thiel, Kathy Solomonson, Josiah Johnson – Brother to Steph Mann, Shauntaye Kopecky – Kurl 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, 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, John Krebsbach – Brother to Peggy Wollmuth, Arlo Omoth – Brother to Jeneen Loe, Bob Miller, Rodney Jaeger

Quilting

Women! Join us for quilting this Thursday, April 22nd, beginning at 9:00 am.

FLY Variety Market

FLY will have their Variety Market this Saturday, April 24th, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall here at First Lutheran. If you have items you would like to donate for their rummage sale, please bring them to the church this week and leave them in the youth room (stage). They will also be serving sloppy joe's and hot dogs plus have a bake sale. Please help support our youth! Questions, talk to Laura Gardner or text or call her at 315-0212.

Next Sunday Worship

Next Sunday, April 25th, all Sunday School students will be active in the worship service, presenting "The Names of Jesus".

Mother's Day Tea

Women, young and old at heart! Join us on Sunday, April 25th, at 2:00 pm for our Mother's Day Tea. The program is "Once Upon an Apron". If you have a favorite apron, we would love for you to bring it to the tea to wear and share your story behind the apron. Bring a friend or more with you. Jill Wiese will be our guest. ***Please RSVP to Jeannette in the church office if you plan to attend and how many will be coming. You are still welcome to come even if you do not RSVP.***

Lilies

If you purchased a lily and would like to take it home, please do so by Tuesday. They will be thrown away on Wednesday. If you don't find yours it may be in the secretary's hall way with no flowers on.

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.

Pie With Pastor

Going through today, 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!

Prayer Shawl Crocheting Class

If you would like to learn how to crochet to make the prayer shawl's, Steph will be having a class at the parsonage on Monday, May 3rd, at 10:00 am and also on Saturday, May 8th, at 2:00 pm. Please bring a skein of yarn and crochet needle. Talk to Steph or give her a call at 891-9413 with questions.

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.

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.

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 42 more LBW at a cost of \$32 per book and approximately 32 WOV at a cost of \$15.75 per book or a total of \$1,834.00. 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.***

Cultivating Kindness



Kind hearts are the gardens.
Kind thoughts are the roots.
Kind words are the flowers.
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
and keep out the weeds.
Fill it with sunshine,
kind words and kind deeds.

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

TODAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
		Al-Anon Meeting
TUES.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Mommy's Group
WED.	9:30 AM	Friendship Bible Study
	6:15 PM	Confirmation
	7:15 PM	FLY
	7:30 PM	Choir
THURS.	9:00 AM	Quilting
SAT.	9 am – 3 pm	FLY Variety Market
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Bible Study Led by Cathy Sheldon
	9:30 AM	Worship w/Sunday School Students
	10:45 AM	Sunday School
		Bible Study Led by Alexis Solomonson
	2:00 PM	Mother's Day Tea
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

April 18, 2021 - Easter 3

“You are witnesses of these things.”

-Luke 24:48 -

Have you ever thought about being an Easter witness? That’s a strange question to ask. There were no actual eye witnesses to the raising of the crucified Jesus from the dead just like there were witnesses in the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Unlike Lazarus, nobody actually saw Jesus stroll out of the open tomb. Yet, Jesus tells his disciples then, and his disciples today, that we are witnesses. We can sit alone and quiet for hours. We can take long walks alone in the forest or along the beach. We can delve into our own ego, but never, ever would we conceive and then come to the conclusion that God Almighty came to earth, was tortured, hung on a cross, and then rise from the dead and return to the very people who betrayed him.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is not a human idea. The death and resurrection of Jesus is a cataclysmic world event, something that happened outside of us and for us rather than within us. That’s why we have to speak up and speak out. We have to tell the world that something has happened in the world, an event we did not devise: God has raised Jesus from the dead. That glorious event of the resurrection doesn’t need anything from us to prove it. All that is needed now is to be a witness.

If we don’t step up and become witnesses to the resurrection, how will people know the truth? How will they get the knowledge that death is not the last word, that evil is not the last word, and that there is hope in a hopeless situation, unless there is a witness to tell them?

The Easter message is not “natural.” What is natural though is death, defeat, and hopelessness that comes when you think your future is over. Therefore, somebody has got to do something. Someone has got to love people enough to give them the good news that Jesus is alive, he is risen from the grave, never to die again!

Will you be a witness to what you have seen and heard on Easter? Will you testify to and point to the great victory that Jesus has won for us? There are people out there who are literally dying to get the good news. Will you be a witness?

Amen.

When Peace, like a River

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

When sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What -
 Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The

ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more.
 trum - pet shall sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;

It is well, it is well with my soul.
 And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 E - ven so it is well with my soul.