

Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship: Sundays at 10:00 am

Pastor: Pr. Ryan Rouse

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! We are glad that you are with us today and invite you to join us at the Communion Table where all are welcome.

First Lutheran

*Called to proclaim and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we are nurtured,
prepared, and sent to be the light of Christ in our world.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN ELW HYMN #382 “*Christ Is Risen!*” Alleluia!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: 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.

KYRIE

L: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

L: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Assistant:
 Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:
 A - - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE *Now the Feast"*

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
 all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
 to the God of life and love and
 free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
 er - - - - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
 slain, whose blood has freed and u -
 nit - ed us to be one great
 peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
To refrain
for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
To refrain
all things new.

SALUTATION

Presider: *Congregation:*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God of life, ...

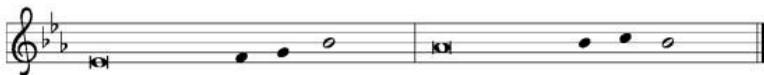
C: you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD SPEAK TO US

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."



PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29

- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength¹ and my song,
and has become¹ my salvation.
- ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents¹ of the righteous:
“The right hand of the¹ LORD acts valiantly!**
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the¹ LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷**I shall not¹ die, but live,
and declare the works¹ of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed pun-¹ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o-¹ver to death.
- ¹⁹**Open for me the¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks¹ to the LORD.**
- ²⁰“This is the gate¹ of the LORD;
here the righ-¹teous may enter.”
- ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have¹ answered me
and you have become¹ my salvation.**
- ²²The stone that the build-¹ers rejected
has become the chief¹ cornerstone.
- ²³**By the LORD has¹ this been done;
it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.**
- ²⁴This is the day that the¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it.
- ²⁵**Hosanna!¹ O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros-¹per our days!**
- ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house¹ of the LORD.
- ²⁷**The LORD is God and has giv-¹en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners¹ of the altar.**
- ²⁸You are my God, and¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I¹ will exalt you.
- ²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the¹ LORD is good;
God’s mercy en-¹dures forever.**

SECOND READING Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Congregation:

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

Repeat optional

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW HYMN #641 “*All are Welcome*”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: God in your mercy, . . . C: **Hear our prayer**

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____

2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW Hymn #469 "*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*"

ELW Hymn #471 "*Let Us Break Bread Together*"

ELW Hymn #472 "*Eat This Bread*" 3x

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

L: Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.
May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be
made known through us.

C: Amen

WE SEND TO SERVE

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn #392 "*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



Friendship House

Our congregation will be providing dinner at the friendship house on April 26th. If you are interested in joining in this outreach Ministry, please take a look at the sign up sheet in the e news & see what is needed for the meal.

This month we are especially in need of batches of sloppy joe recipe.

Friendship House Sloppy Joe Recipe Serves 24

Hamburger - 4 pounds
Onion - 2 cups chopped
Tomato sauce - 3 -15 ounce cans or 2- 29 ounce cans
(add 1-15 ounce can of stewed tomatoes along with 2 cans
tomato sauce if preferred)
Garlic salt - 1 Tablespoon
Chili powder - 1 Tablespoon

Brown hamburger with the onion. Drain off excess fat. Season hamburger with garlic salt and chili powder. Add tomato sauce/stewed tomatoes. Cook over low heat and simmer 30-45 minutes. Chill and freeze flat in gallon sized zip lock bags. Deliver to church.

Each recipe should fill 2 bags.

(Recipe may be halved if it is more convenient.)

Thank You for Serving in Worship

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY: Greeters: _____ Ushers: David Jones, _____,
Reader: Barb Lowery, Prayers of the People: _____, Coffee Hour Host: _____,

SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY: Greeters: _____, Ushers: _____,
Reader: _____, Prayers of the People: _____, Coffee Hour Host: Glenda Hobbs



Book Discussion Group

Our next book discussion book is *The Nightingale: A Novel by Kristin Hannah*. Join us for discussion at the church on May 5th at noon.



Music! Music! Music!

Interested in being a part of a “pick-up” choir? We sure miss that extra richness a choir anthem adds to our services. So, here's our plan. We're hoping to generate enthusiasm for a volunteer "pick-up" choir. We did this years ago during the summer hiatus of our regular choir. Simply put, any and all interested singers will meet with me (Pete) before church to practice an easy/favorite/familiar hymn from one of the hymnals, do a brief practice and sing for the congregation during the service. Easy, simple, no particular skill needed except a desire to enrich our regular Sunday services.

Please contact Pete with your interest!

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