

Welcome to First Lutheran Church!
We are glad that you are with us today.

You are created uniquely by God and you are welcome here.
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Marital Status· Questions· Race· Sexual Orientation· are welcome here.

Easter Sunday

Drive-up Worship April 4, 2021

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

L = Leader; **C = Congregation**

PRELUDE "O Worship the King" Johann Michael Haydn, with "Hornpipe,"
George Frederick Handel, arranged by Cindy Berry.

L: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia

GATHERING HYMN ELW HYMN #365 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (Bulletin Pg. 8,)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, first born of the dead, and well spring of eternal life,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always!

C: And also with you

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
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

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

SALUTATION

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray, O God,

C: you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW Hymn #379 "*Now the Green Blade Rises*" (Bulletin Pg. 7)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Lord in your mercy, . . .

C: Hear our prayer

WE GATHER AT THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray , God, your heart is wide open to us....

**C: You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have.
Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us.
Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.**

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.**

RECEIVE CHRIST IN BREAD AND WINE

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray...

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love in the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

WE SEND TO SERVE

BLESSING:

L: The tomb is empty and Jesus Christ is alive. What will be our response to that good news? Will we flee in fear, keeping the news to ourselves, or are we ready to give an account of the resurrection hope that is within us? In the power of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may you be emboldened to share the gospel of the empty tomb.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW Hymn #389 "*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*" (Bulletin Pg. 10, vs. 1-5)

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the Good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Katholisches Gesangbuch 1774,
"Thanks Be to Thee,"
George Frederick Handel,
arranged by Cindy Berry.

Lent/Easter Outreach Offering

This year we remember Community Action, Neighbors in Need, and Friendship House with our outreach offering. If you would like to contribute to this outreach you may write a check to First Lutheran, marked Lent/ Easter Special Offering. If you prefer to give online, via the website, you will notice a Lent/Easter special offering item in the Tithely drop down.

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!

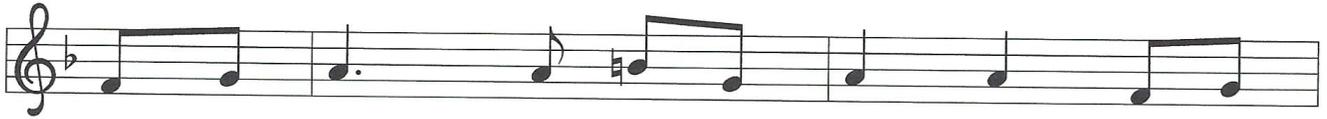
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

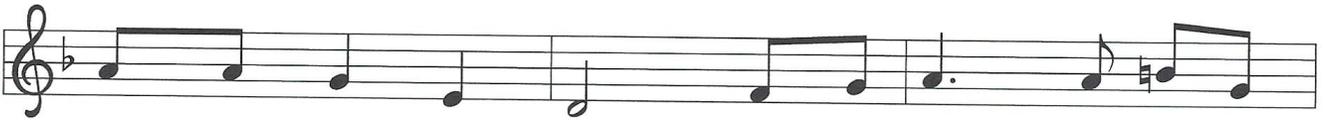
EASTER HYMN
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Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.