



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Joint Worship to be the church together.

Voices from all congregations –

Hope, Augustana, First Lutheran-Fergus Falls,

First Lutheran-Battle Lake

Worship broadcast via 97.7 FM or firstlutheranchurchff.org

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING LITANY

In the stillness of this Sunday morning, we gather here.

We remember the arrest and trial—the flogging and crucifixion.

Jesus died. He was buried. But wait.

This is not as we left it.

Death has not had the final word here.

Death will not have the final word

EVER!

Where, O Death, is your victory?

Where, O Death, is your sting?

Our Savior is alive. He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

Our story is a resurrection story.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Our story surges with life.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Our story in an invitation to new life.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is alive!

Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF TRIUMPH

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW # 365

(Accompaniment provided by recording from Easter 2019)



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!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

(vs. 1 & 4) ELW # 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O God, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ruth Rondeau

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Amber Krafnick

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia"



GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Ali Haugerud

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine is the Glory"

(vs. 1 & 2) ELW #376



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



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God; **Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: **Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!**

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Easter lesson from Acts we heard, “Everyone who believes in him receives the forgiveness of sins through his name.” As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, it is my distinct privilege on this Easter Sunday to proclaim the entire forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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.

BENEDICTION

Christ is Risen!

The dawn has come.

A new creation has begun.

The world is born anew.

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah Chorus by Handel

Recording from Easter 2019, First Lutheran Church—Fergus Falls

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020:

It is unknown at this time if some of the events scheduled in the upcoming weeks will occur. We will do our best to keep you advised. Be sure to call the church with any questions at 739-3348 or email to office@flcff.org.

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Susan & Gary Clambey; Mark, Paul and Fred Smith in loving memory of Mary Martha Smith.

The altar flowers are given by Peter & Jody Thom in celebration of the birthdays of Dolores Simdorn and Jody Thom, whose birthdays are on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to all who provided Easter plants to decorate the Sanctuary today. If you haven't contacted the office to arrange for pick-up or donation of your plant, please do so next week.

COVID 19 Update - In accordance with the decision of the MN State Governor, the church will remain locked from March 27 – May 3. We will not be able to accommodate public meetings during this time. If you have a pastoral care emergency, you can contact Pastor Gretchen at 218-321-0995. Please continue to call (leave a message) and email with questions or concerns. Phone: 218-739-3348, Email: office@flcff.org, or check our website firstlutheranchurchff.org for further updates. The ELCA churches of Fergus Falls have joined together to provide worship opportunities on Sunday mornings. All worship services are closed to the public, but will be live-streamed on YouTube and on-air on KJJK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30 am. The building is closed to the public, but the church office will be staffed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday as we are able.

We appreciate your on-going support of the ministry of First Lutheran Church. Your gifts may be mailed to the church at 402 South Court Street, or you can visit the website firstlutheranchurchff.org and click donate on the upper right corner and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

Radio Broadcasts are available for sponsorship in the upcoming weeks. Cost: \$100.00. If you would like to cover a broadcast, please call the office at 739-3348 to check on availability. Your support of this ministry is more important than ever, and is greatly appreciated.

Urgent Request: In response to the shortage of personal protective equipment to protect residents and staff from infection, PioneerCare needs 300 home-sewn masks as soon as possible. Completed masks in sets of 25 or more may be packaged and dropped off in PioneerCare Center's front vestibule. For questions, or to request a pattern, please contact Steve Guttormson at 218-770-7274 or email steveg@pioneercare.org. We have also left copies of the pattern in the outdoor Little Lending Library.

Opportunity To Help Salvation Army: We have received several requests for help from the Salvation Army, and would like to invite you to help if you can. The needs include a local couple who are short on rent; a couple behind on their electric bill, who have used all of their energy assistance; a young man who lost his job; a single woman with MS on fixed income, short on rent. If you are able to help, you can **send your check to the church (payable to First Lutheran) with Salvation Army marked in the memo line**. We will make sure it gets to the Salvation Army to help these people in need. Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive at First Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 from 1 to 7 p.m. There is a need for blood at this time, and extra precautions will be taken due to COVID-19. For appointments, call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code: Fergus First Lutheran.

Breathing Under Water, a Spirituality and Twelve Step Bible Study based on the book by Richard Rohr begins May 4 and continues through August 10. Sign-up in the Narthex, or contact Pastor Gretchen.

Christ in Our Home devotional books for April-May-June have arrived. Copies are in our Outdoor Little Lending Library.

VBS Day Camp with Luther Crest "Go Make Disciples" July 6-9 at Hope Lutheran Church from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for ages 4 years old through 6th grade. Sponsored by Augustana, First, Hope and Zion Lutheran Churches. If you would like to contribute toward scholarships to VBS Day Camp you can use a pew envelope and note Luther Crest Day Camp scholarships. Thank you!

VBS Butterflies "Noah's Ark" July 6-9 at First Lutheran Church 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for ages birth through 5 years old. All are welcomed.