



**April 26, 2020**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

**JOINT WORSHIP TO BE THE CHURCH TOGETHER**

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**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

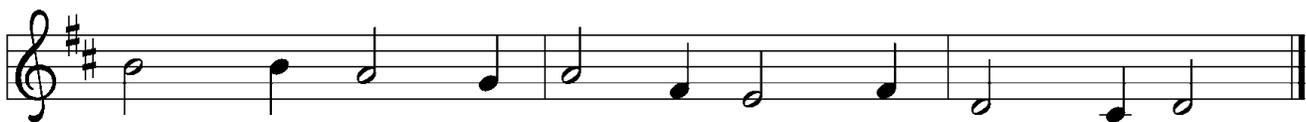
**HYMN #384**



1	That	Eas - ter	day	with	joy	was	bright;	the
2	O	Je - sus,	king	of	gen -	tle -	ness,	with
3	O	Christ,	you	are	the	Lord	of	all
4	All	praise,	O	ris -	en	Lord,	we	give
								to



sun	shone	out	with	fair -	er	light	when,	to	their	long -	ing
con -	stant	love	our	hearts	pos -	sess;	to	you	our	lips	will
this	our	Eas -	ter	fes -	ti -	val,	for	you	will	be	our
you,	once	dead,	but	now	a -	live!	To	God	the	Fa -	ther



eyes	re -	stored,	the	a -	pos -	tes	saw	their	ris -	en	Lord!
ev -	er	raise	the	trib -	ute	of	our	grate -	ful	praise.	
strength	and	shield	from	ev -	'ry	weap -	on	death	can	wield.	
e -	qual	praise,	and	God	the	Spir -	it,	now	we	raise!	

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**A READING FROM PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

*I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)*

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called. <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow. <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me? <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD. <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people. <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants. <sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people, <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!  
**Here ends the reading of the Psalm.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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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.

**GOSPEL READING FROM LUKE 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his

body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

**HYMN #389, 1,3,5**



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.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## 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.

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

**HYMN #369**



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



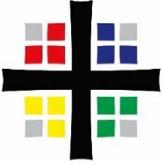
of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

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



## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY APRIL 26, 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](mailto:office@flcff.org).*

**The radio broadcast is sponsored by** Neil and Madeline Herman with thanks to the church staff and council for the early decisions made during this time of so many unknowns, and in celebration of joining First Lutheran Church, which is 50 years ago this May.

**Radio Broadcasts are available for sponsorship.** Cost: \$100.00. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast to note a special occasion, 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.

**COVID 19 Update** – The church building will remain locked through the end of May. We will not be able to accommodate public meetings during this time. We will continue with worship services closed to the public through the month of May. 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](mailto:office@flcff.org), or check our website [firstlutheranchurchff.org](http://firstlutheranchurchff.org) for further updates. The church office will be staffed from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Thursday, as we are able.

**First Lutheran, Hope & Augustana** will continue 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 KJK AM 1020 or Channel 977 FM97.7 at 9:30 am. **Services are also being aired on PEG Access Channel 8.** The schedule can be found on the website: <http://pegaccess.com/channel8programming.html>

**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](http://firstlutheranchurchff.org) and click donate on the upper right corner and set up your donation plan. Any questions, please call the office 739-3348.

**Homemade masks for 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran** - Pastor Gretchen would like to have a supply of homemade masks on hand for the day we do return to worship in person! Our goal is 300 masks. We can use both adult size and children's size. If you are able to help by sewing masks, please do! There are many patterns available on-line, or if you need a pattern, please contact the church office. If you have masks ready to deliver to church, please give us a call at 739-3348 and we will arrange a drop-off time. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Gretchen at 218 321-0995. Thanks SO much!

**Many, many thanks for those who sent donations to cover needs at the Salvation Army.** Your generosity will help so many!

**Otter Tail County needs quality foster homes** for children. Children in foster care need stable, loving care until they can either safely reunite with their families or establish other lifelong relationships with a nurturing adult/family. Foster parents play an essential role in children's lives and have the ability to provide structure, stability, and nurturing. Please contact Jody Dahlen at 218-998-8191 with any questions related to foster care or to start the process. More information can be found at <https://ottertailcountymn.us/content-page/foster-care-adoption/>

**Red Cross Blood Drive** at First Lutheran Church has been **cancelled**. Their needs are down significantly with postponement of elective surgeries and less accidents.

**Breathing Under Water**, Bible Study based on the book by Richard Rohr is being postponed.

**LutherCrest has cancelled** all of their on-site camps for the summer.

**VBS Day Camp with Luther Crest and Butterflies** are both cancelled for July. Watch for VBS to-go packs filled with fun activities and links to songs & stories, and the possibility of a one-day VBS get together in August!!