



April 4, 2021

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

9:30 am and 11:00 am

In Person Worship -- 50% capacity (220 people for First Lutheran)

With worship broadcast via YouTube. YouTube link found on:

[www.firstlutheranchurchff.org](http://www.firstlutheranchurchff.org)

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! He is Risen! **He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**HYMN #367**

with Hosanna Handbells



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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## **BLESSING OF THE PASCAL CANDLE**

*Paschal means relating to Easter. During the Easter service, the paschal candle is lit and is carried up through the church, reminding the people of the light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of the tomb. Thus, the paschal candle is a symbol of Christ rising from the dead. We also light the paschal candle during baptisms and funerals. The candle is inscribed with a cross, an alpha and omega, and the current year. This reinforces the point that Christ is present among us now and throughout eternity.*



Dear Friends, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, his triumphant victory over sin and death. May this candle shine in our midst to remind us of the paschal mystery in which we share and which is made present in our midst daily.

Let us pray. God our Father, source of all light, bless this candle and make it holy. Through its presence among us may the light of Christ, risen in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new. Leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ, Cleansing our hearts, Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God now and forever. **Amen**

## **KYRIE**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## ANTHEM

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Arr. Sandra Eithun

Hosanna Handbells, Linda Mellon, Director & Keith Melberg, Piano

## 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.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All 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.**

## PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 -read responsively

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>1</sup>When 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]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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." <sup>8</sup>So 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.**

## SERMON

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

HYMN #382



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;  
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

**BAPTISM** (at 11:00 am service)

*Jordyn Claire Pitts*

**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, 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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**

*Give Thanks*

Michael Wicklund, Harriet Wicklund

Joseph M. Martin

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

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

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**Dialogue**



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



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

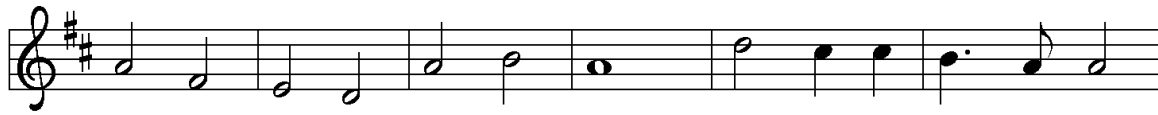


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Holy, Holy Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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



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  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

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



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

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in Peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia! **Thanks Be To God! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**FROM THE STAFF OF FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**



## FIRST LUTHERAN ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY APRIL 4, 2021 -EASTER SUNDAY

Church phone number 739-3348 and email [office@flcff.org](mailto:office@flcff.org)

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Richard & Jennifer Smestad. He is Risen! Alleluia!

There is an opening to provide altar flowers on April 18 (approx. \$45). Please contact the office if you are interested.

Please keep the family and friends of Greg & Joanne Peterson in your prayers on the loss of their son, Ben.

Please keep the family & friends of Evelyn Horton Kenyon in your prayers. Evelyn passed away on March 25.

Please keep the family & friends of Roy Nell Norby in your prayers. Roy Nell passed away on March 31.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the baptism of Jordyn Claire Pitts.

### Coming up this week:

- Monday, April 5 church office is closed.
- Monday, April 5 at 12:00 pm Executive Committee via Zoom.
- Monday, April 5 at 4:45 pm Education Committee meets via Zoom.
- Tuesday, April 6 at 4:00 pm Worship Committee in Narthex.
- Tuesday, April 6 at 5:30 pm Discipleship Committee via Zoom.
- Wednesday, April 7 at 12:15 pm FIT team meets in Kairos Room.
- Wednesday, April 7 -FLY K-6 watch for info.
- Wednesday, April 7 at 3:00 to 5:45 pm drive thru pick-up Sunday School kits. The kits will be available for pickup in the Narthex through April 11.
- Wednesday, April 7 at 4:00 to 5:00 pm FLY 10-12 meet at Applebees.
- Wednesday, April 7 at 5:00 pm Small Group Hosanna Handbells rehearsal.
- Wednesday, April 7 at 6:30 pm 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation in-person in Sanctuary.
- Thursday, April 8 at 10:30 am Senior Book/Bible Study on "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande.

There is still room in the Senior Book/Bible Study Class "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande that starts this Thursday, April 8th. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office.

We are collecting hygiene items for the Lake Region Halfway Home. Items needed include disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, shampoo & conditioner (or combined), soap, soap box, fingernail clipper, toenail clipper and lotion. There is a collection box in the Narthex. Thank YOU!

**NOTICE: A special congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, April 18 after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to approve amendments to the constitution.

**Thank you for providing Easter plants to decorate the Sanctuary!** You are welcome to take them home after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service today, or to pick them up next week, Tuesday – Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

**Sound/Video Operators Needed!** Please contact the church office if you are interested in receiving training to run the sound board or camera during worship! Thank you.

**First Lutheran will be hosting a Blood Drive** on Tuesday, April 20 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) with sponsor code: Fergus First Lutheran to sign-up to donate blood. **We are looking for volunteers to cover 2 shifts--1-3:30 pm and 3:30 to 6:00 pm**, with 2 volunteers per shift. This involves registration and monitoring the snack table. Please contact Jennifer at 701 238-0276 if you are able to help. Thank you.

**Meals by Wheels April 26-30** - Please contact Jennifer by text or phone call (701-238-0276) or via email ([77jennifer@msn.com](mailto:77jennifer@msn.com)) to let me know of your willingness to help/preferred routes/dates of availability.

**Christ in Our Home** Devotional booklets for April – June and the **April Messenger** are available in the Narthex.

**Empty Bowls Fundraiser** sponsored by MN State Community & Technical College is on April 15 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:30 to 6:00 pm at A Center for the Arts (AC4TA). With a \$20 donation, which goes to the Salvation Army, and you can pick out a bowl made by M State pottery students. Enter through back stage doors.

### Coming up in the next few months:

- April 25 at 11:00 am – Confirmation Sunday.
- May 16 at 9:30 am – Senior Recognition Sunday.
- June 11 – Relay for Life. Contact Sue at 218 770-5156 for more information or to join the First Lutheran team.
- June 21 at 5:30 pm – Funeral Planning Workshop. Contact the office if interested.
- June 29 from 9:00 am -3:00 pm - Luther Crest Day Camp Vacation Bible School for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Financial Update:** As of March 29, 2021, year-to-date revenue: \$135,447, year-to-date budget \$132,593, last year: \$106,425.