



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024

8:30 and 10:00 am

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Choir Festival



P = Pastor, R = Reader, **A = All**

* Stand = Stand as you are able

PRELUDE

Processional for a Joyful Day

by D. Wood

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN ~ Stand * *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*
verses 1- 4

Green Book #363

GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

R: Let us pray together... O God,

A: you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ANTHEM ~ Sit

Somebody's Knockin'

arr. Page



FIRST READING

R: A reading based on Matthew 14, verses 22 and 23...

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the mystery, in oceans deep my faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace.
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start now.

So I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace.
For I am Yours and You are mine.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters.
Wherever You would call me take me deeper than my feet could ever wander.
And my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

R: The Word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

arr. Bettcher

SECOND READING

R: A reading from Second Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter...

This is the third time I am coming to you. 'Any charge must be sustained by the evidence of two or three witnesses.' I warned those who sinned previously and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again, I will not be lenient - since you desire proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful in you. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

R: The Word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

arr. Raney

PSALM

R: A reading from Psalm 23, please read responsively.

R: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want is my shepherd, I shall not want.

A: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

R: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**A: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff - they comfort me**

R: The Word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Cherwien



GOSPEL ~ Stand *

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter...

A: (Spoken) Glory to you, O Lord.

P: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: (Spoken) Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION ~ Sit

Pastor Sara

ANTHEM

Bound For the Promised Land

arr. Hakes

APOSTLES' CREED ~ Stand *

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

TITHES & OFFERINGS ~ Sit

Intercession

arr. by C. Berry

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray together...Merciful Father,

A: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ANTHEM

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. Larson

THE PRAYERS ~ Stand *

P: Let us pray...In Jesus' name.

A: Amen



LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and hear us as we pray...

**A: 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

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Lutkin

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Tune: *Ode to Joy*, Beethoven

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!**

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SENDING FORTH

P: Go in Peace! Serve the Lord! **A: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Festal Piece

by Handel/Blake



Choir Festival

Everything you need to worship this morning is found in the bulletin, the **Green Lutheran Book of Worship**. There are Large Print Hymnals available on a shelf at the Information Center.

Are you a **guest** today? We are glad you are here! Please fill out a **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Check out the Information Center and take home a **welcome gift bag**.

Today...

- ✦ The Easter celebration continues with a **Spring Choir Festival**. Thank you to all the members of the FLC Choir and Alleluia Bells for their vocal and bell selections!
- ✦ **Reminder to the 56ers** to please go to their class after the Prayer of the Day.

Special Thanks To Our Musicians!



Alleluia Bells & FLC Choir Director ~ Mary Nelson
Organist & Accompanist ~ Stewart McElroy



FLC Choir

Soprano

*Rebekah Ehle
Karen Gilbert
Gay Jackson
Julie Nygaard
Marcia Seybold
Amy Steinmetz*

Alto

*Sheila Beatty
Cheryl Ginther
Mickey Jensen
Lydia Klassy
Karen Spilde*

Tenor

*Bob Dent
Gaye Lehman
Helen Leikness
Robin Robertson*

Bass

*Doug Bar
Brian Gjermo
Greg Gilbert
Jerry Jackson
Phil Jensen
Steve Stokstad*

Alleluia Bells

*Todd Kohrt
Maddie Beck
Trina Kiefer*

*Linda
Christofferson
Julie Nygaard
Stephanie Gilbert*

*Jodi Gray
Stephanie Spilde
Lori Moll
Cheryl Ginther*

*Gaye Lehman
Karen Spilde
Beth Lehman
Lani Kohrt*

Coming Up...!

- ✚ Help keep the church looking great! **FLC Spring Clean-Up** is on **Saturday, May 4, at 8:00 am!** *Rain Date will be Saturday, May 11, at 8:00 am. Sign up in the Information Center.
- ✚ The **Blessing of the Quilts** service will be next **Sunday, May 5!**
- ✚ FLC is in need of volunteers to **Mow the Church Grounds** throughout the summer. Sign up in the Information Center. Thank you!
- ✚ **First Kids Sunday School**, sing on **Sunday, May 12** at both Services.
- ✚ **May 12 is Mother's Day!** To celebrate the special women in our lives, FLC is giving a flower to each woman who attends worship.
- ✚ Sign up to work a parking lot shift during **Syttende Mai on Saturday or Sunday, May 18 or 19.** The sign-up sheet is in the Information Center.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	8:30	10:00
Acolytes	Grady Gallagher Jackson Nicoll	Andrew Case Riley Hansen
Bible Bearer	Jacob Gallagher	Hunter Lee
Crucifer	Lydia Ramsden	Lia Tiede
Greeters	Noah Sedlacek & Family Randall McLaury Elise McLaury	Diane Fossum Josh Woodstock Nicole Woodstock
Music	FLC Choir & Alleluia Bells	
Readers	Joshua Gretebeck	Jason Case
Refreshments	Cam Haskell	
Ushers	Brad Stepp Jeremy Eppler Billy Manson Holly Manson	Eric Olstad Richard Bjordahl Todd Fossum Wayne Kiefer Noah Steinmetz
Worship Tech	Nathan Eppler	David Horneck
April Altar Guild	Tricia Nicoll, Cheryl Erickson	

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY...

Choir Festival

8:30 am	Festival Worship
8:30 am	First Kids
9:30 am	Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Festival Worship
10:00 am	First Kids
11:00 am	Fellowship Time

Monday, April 29

4:45 pm	Girl Scouts
6:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 am	Newsletter Assembly
5:45 pm	Pre CHAOS
6:30 pm	7/8 Confirmation CHAOS
6:30 pm	Alleluia Bells
7:30 pm	FLC Choir
8:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation

Saturday, May 4

8:00 am	Church Yard Clean-up
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Sunday, May 5

Holy Communion

Blessing of the Quilts

8:30 am	Spirited Traditional Worship
8:30 am	First Kids
9:30 am	Fellowship Time
10:00 am	Celebration Worship
10:00 am	First Kids
11:00 am	Fellowship Time



CHURCH STAFF

Ministers

Every First Lutheran Member!

Clergy

Senior Pastor	Bill Lehman
Associate Pastor	Sara Peterson Ehrets
Visitation Pastor	Dick Halom

Music Staff

Music Director	Mary Nelson
Traditional Musician	Stewart McElroy

Program Staff

Program Assistant	Emilee Purcell
Program Assistant	Teresa Sylte
Remote Website Manager	Diane Sparkman
Director of Parish Care *	Ann-Marie Olsen
Homebound Visitation *	Naomi Shep

Support Staff

Office Manager	Gaye Lehman
Office Assistant	Carrie Trail
Support Assistant *	Erlene Bishop Killeen
Bookkeeper (Staff) & Treasurer *	Wayne Kiefer
Custodian	Jim Petrie
Weekend Custodian	Odin Ehrets
IT Technical Support *	Hien Tran

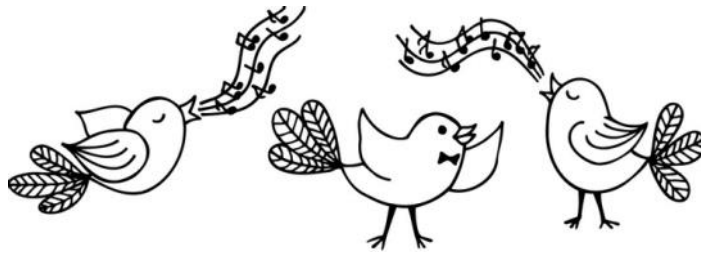
* = Volunteer

African Medical Missionaries

Dr. Steve and Jodi Swanson

Information

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Continued Prayers Are Requested For...



Gene Heise

Al King

Lani Kohrt

David Leikness

Jean Peterson

Lois Petrie

Ron Pieper

Don Steele

Rae Stelzer

Olaf & Kay Stokstad

Emily Vitale

Ellie Weiner

Judy Zillmer