

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Easter

April 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements *(Please pass the attendance pad along the pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address.)*

Sharing the Peace

Opening Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Arisen” (ELW 377) (on back page)

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Look, here is water!

People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia

Pastor: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom’s land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

People: Here is our water of life! Alleluia

People: Amen.

*Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: Let us pray

People: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children.
Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.
Amen

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism
of Jace Alan Gormley &
Wade Thomas Gormley**

Pastor: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

**Presentation: I present Jace Alan Gormley to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
I present Wade Thomas Gormley to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.**

Pastor: In Christian love you have presented Jace and Wade for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Jace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastor: Wade, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Pastor: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon these children: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. **Amen**

Pastor: Jace, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Pastor: Wade, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

(A lighted candle is be given to the sponsor of the child)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pastor: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Allison and Tom, parents of Jace and Wade. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for these children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so you may share eternally with these children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Pastor: Through Baptism God has made Jace and Wade members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

People: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.



*Gospel Announcement

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly is seated.

Sermon- **“Eating is Believing”**

Pastor Hans Anderson



Seven Similarities

This is the **second resurrection appearance in Luke** -- both in the Jerusalem area on the day of resurrection. There are many **similarities** between the first appearance on the road to Emmaus (24:13-35) and in Jerusalem/Bethany (24:36-53).

EMMAUS	JERUSALEM/Bethany
Jesus appears on the road disciples fail to recognize him Jesus scolds them for not believing Jesus instructs them from scripture Food is shared disciples' eyes are opened Jesus disappears	Jesus appears in their midst disciples assume it is a ghost Jesus scolds them for doubting Food is shared Jesus instructs them disciples' minds are opened Jesus ascends into heaven
MOVEMENT	MOVEMENT
"blindness" to sight	doubting to worship

Song of the Day: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382)

1 Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous 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-turns to life once more;
 now has found a glo-ri-ous 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-ri-ous head!

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

*Prayers of Intercession:

Pastor: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Pastor: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

People: Amen.

Offering

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***Offertory Prayer**

**People: Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

***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;
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 †

All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.

Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.

Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the communion server upon request.

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

**People: Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

**Pastor: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.**

People: Amen.

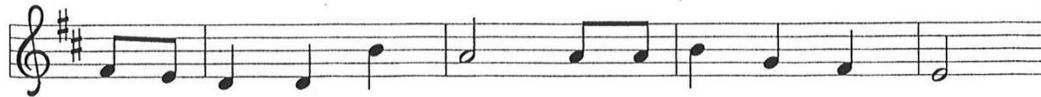
***Sending Hymn: "Baptized and Set Free" (ELW 453)**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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***Dismissal:**

Pastor: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Counter:

Irene Gearey

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday in Easter

Worship Service (<i>in-person & Zoom</i>)	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship,	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM
New Member Classes	10:15AM

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Chosen Video

Supper	5:00 PM
Video	6:00 PM

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
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Sunday, April 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Easter

Worship Service (<i>in-person & Zoom</i>)	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship,	10:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM
Church Council	10:15 AM

Announcements

To view **Sunday Services** via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. Type in the following Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID 818 0653 9643 Passcode 428158.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. This week’s bulletin is sponsored by Leonard Nelson, in memory of Nellie Cargill, his great granddaughter, twin of Clifford who is still hospitalized. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

New Member Class meets today, with New Member Sunday on April 28. For **New Member Sunday** we will be having a potluck following the service to welcome our new members! And please wear your nametags.

Julie Lipisto, Mission Interpreter Ministry from the NE MN Synod will be here next Sunday, April 21 to deliver the sermon, and share about this program.

Quiet Activity Bags” are available for children’s use during worship. They are at the back of the sanctuary on the right-hand side.



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth

Cleone Hoplin

Barb Richards

Lars Larson

Clifford, great grandson of Leonard and Jan Nelson

Bonnie Bandy, sister of Shirley Schmidt

Andy Anderson

Denny Aleckson

Harvey and Marion Kelley

Penny Siewert

Gordon Greenwald, friend of Cora Hohnstadt

Those in the service...

SMSgt Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Captain A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Attendance: 73

Offering:

Apr. 7, 2024	\$2,469.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,132.40
Direct Deposit:	\$ 325.00		
Apr. Off. Xfer	\$2,116.00		
Total Offering:	\$4,910.00		

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

Giving: \$90,677.05 Expenses: \$77,336.94

Income less Expenses for March:

\$16,203.00 - \$12,267.13 = \$3,935.87

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-2969 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

The Chosen

April 17, 2024

5:00 PM Meal

6:00 PM Video

Season 2

Episode 1 “Thunder”



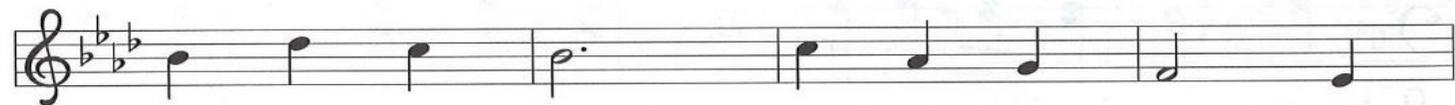
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Arisen” (ELW 377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

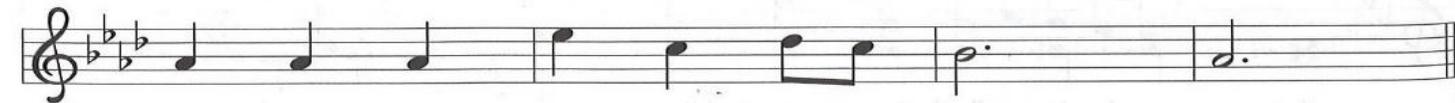


Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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