



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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2nd Sunday in Easter

April 27, 2025

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: “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” (ELW 366)*(on back page)*

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit’s power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.
¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;
¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."
¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live**
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.
¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,**
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me**
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD's doing;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ **Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ **The LORD is God,**
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.
²⁹ **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,**
for his steadfast love endures forever.



Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed^[a] us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving^[b] his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[a]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue^[b] to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, ^[c] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

“The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Song of the Day: "In the Garden" (Majesty 270)

Words and Music by
Charles Austin Miles

VERSE

A \flat A \flat ^{2sus} A \flat A \flat /C E \flat A \flat E \flat /B \flat A \flat ⁷/C D \flat B \flat m/D \flat D \flat 

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, _____ while the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice _____ is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him _____ tho' the night a - round me be

4 A \flat E \flat ⁷ D \flat /E \flat E \flat ⁷ D \flat /E \flat E \flat /D \flat A \flat /C E \flat A \flat B \flat ⁷

ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the Son of God dis -
 sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me with - in my heart is
 fall - ing; But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe; His voice to me is

CHORUS

8 E \flat B \flat ⁷/E \flat E \flat ⁷ Cm/E \flat E \flat ⁷ A \flat A \flat maj⁷ Fm/A \flat E \flat ⁷/B \flat E \flat ⁷

-clos - es. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He
 ring - ing.
 call - ing.

11 E \flat ⁹ Cm/E \flat G/E \flat A \flat C⁷

tells me I am His own; _____ And the joy we share as we

14 Fm A \flat ⁷/E \flat D \flat A \flat /E \flat E \flat ⁷ A \flat 

tar - ry there none oth - er has ev - er _____ known. _____

***Statement of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

***Prayers of the People:**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. We pray for the following..... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.



Offering

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, I am strong
Let the poor say, I am rich
Because of what The Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say, I am strong
Let the poor say, I am rich
Because of what The Lord has done for us
Give thanks**

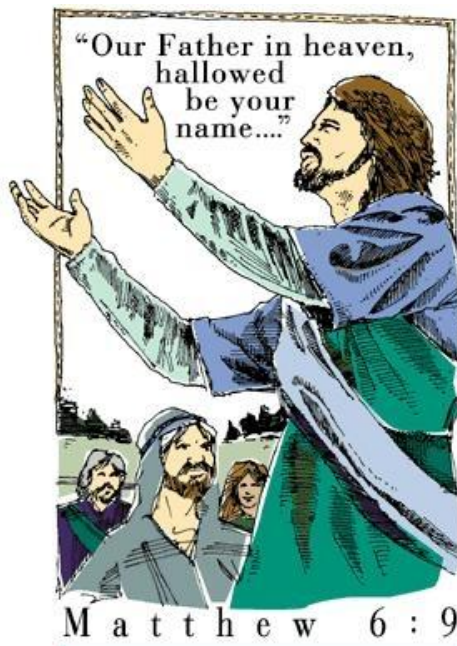
***Offertory Prayer**

**Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.**

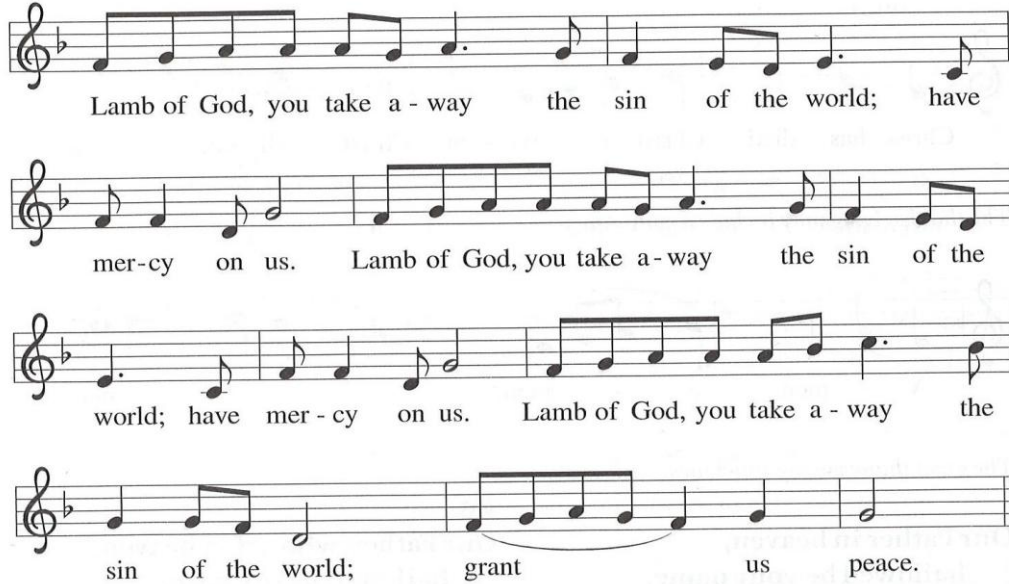
***Words of Institution**

***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 †



Holy Communion Distribution

Babies N Bibles & Club 45 go upstairs to the Nursery

Post Communion Prayer

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

*Blessing:

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

BLESSINGS
FROM
GOD

***Sending Hymn: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (ELW 389)**



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, yet
 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.

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 Music: T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789
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***Dismissal:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Reader:	Jan Otness
Communion Server:	
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Denice Smith
Ushers:	Paul Pearson
Altar Guild:	Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson
Coffee	Annette Newton
Counter:	Irene Gearey

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday in Easter/Noisy Offering

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion	
Fellowship & Coffee Time	10:00 AM
New Member Class	10:00 AM
Art Schmidt 90 th birthday party	10:00AM

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Bible Study	10:00 AM
WOW	3:30 PM
Meal	5:00 PM
Chosen Video	6:00 PM
Confirmation	6:00 PM

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Dorcas Circle	9:00 AM
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Sunday, May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday in Easter/Senior Recognition

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Babies N Bibles and Club 45 following communion	
Fellowship & Coffee Time	10:00 AM

Easter Sunday's Children's Sermon



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 893 3233 9261 Passcode: 053380

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

333 bars of soap were given to the Tiger’s Den Food Shelf, First Lutheran My Little Church, and the Pine River Backus Area Food Shelf. Thank you to everyone who gave bars of soap to this Lenten FLCW Project.

God’s Work, Your Hands!

Today’s **Noisy Offering** is going to Lutheran Disaster Response. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God’s hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

This morning following the worship service, there will be a 90th Birthday celebration for **Art Schmidt**.
ALL ARE INVITED!

The **Emmaus Fund Gala is on Saturday, May 3rd at Synod Assembly!** The doors open at 6:30pm, with dinner beginning at 7:00pm. The Gala will take place in the Minnesota Room at Breezy Point Resort, following the Opening of Assembly. The attire is business casual. We are excited to welcome father-daughter duo Steve and Sunday Saari as our musical guests, Pastor Laura Mills Anderson and Rosie Loeffler-Kemp as our guest speakers, and Rusty Kath with Fladeboe Advancement as our auctioneer. For more information see Pastor Hans.

After 15 faithful years, the **First Lutheran Church refrigerator** was beyond repair. A new refrigerator was purchased, which was \$2,846.61. A generous memorial donation for kitchen use covered \$1,522.90 of this cost. Some donations have been given, but the FLCW budget would welcome any donations to cover the remaining **\$525.00**. Donations will allow budgeted benevolence giving of First Lutheran Women to continue. Donations should be to FLCW. Any questions, please contact Denice Smith, Kitchen Committee Chair.
THANK YOU!

Dear Families with younger children: we enthusiastically welcome you and your growing family to celebrate the worship service with us. *Please relax.* We understand that God put the wiggle in children and we want them to feel welcome -- it’s their church, too! Be sure to participate in the service as kids learn how to “do” church by watching you. Quiet activity bags are available in the back of the church. Talk about church at home and in the car and address any curiosities children have.

Finally, **THANK YOU** for joining us -- we know it takes a lot of hard work and effort to get here.!

New Member Classes start this morning at 10:00 AM and continue May 4th, with New Member Sunday on **May 11th**. **Current Members** please bring an item to share for the potluck following the service, on May 11.



Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Caleb Prushek, great nephew of Jane Orth
Cleone Hoplin
Grace Anderson
Jan Otness, as she prepares for heart surgery
Rene Frigaard, as she prepares for heart surgery
Neil Smith, as he prepares for back surgery
Gloria Johnson



Those in the service...

Senior Master Sergeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder
Major A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder
Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau
E-6 Nathaniel & E-6 Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Maunday Thursday, Apr. 17, 2025	Attendance: 40
Good Friday, Apr. 18, 2025	Attendance: 48
Easter Apr. 20, 2025	Attendance: 251

Offering

Apr. 17, 2025	\$ 762.00	Weekly Budget:	\$3,301.40
Apr. 18, 2025	- no offering		
Apr. 20, 2025	\$3,967.00		
Direct Deposit:	\$ 475.00		
Total Offerings:	\$5,204.00		

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

2024-2025 Giving:	\$108,866.42	Expenses:	\$99,358.18
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Income less Expenses for March:

\$14,961.26 - \$15,119.07 = (-\$157.81)

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

Opening Hymn: "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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