

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

Welcome and Announcements (*Guests please sign the visitor's book in the narthex*)
Sharing the Peace

Opening Song: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" (ELW 392)(*printed on back page*)

***Confession & Forgiveness**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,**

upon those who are noble among the people.

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,**

never take their names upon my lips.

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

***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), 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 to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon-“Peace!”

Pastor Hans Anderson



***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:**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.



Hymn of the Day: "Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing (ELW 389) (Offering will be taken during the hymn)

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.

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Music: T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789
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***Offertory Prayer**

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,
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 apple juice are available from the communion server upon request.

You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

**Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,
Amen.**

***Blessing:**

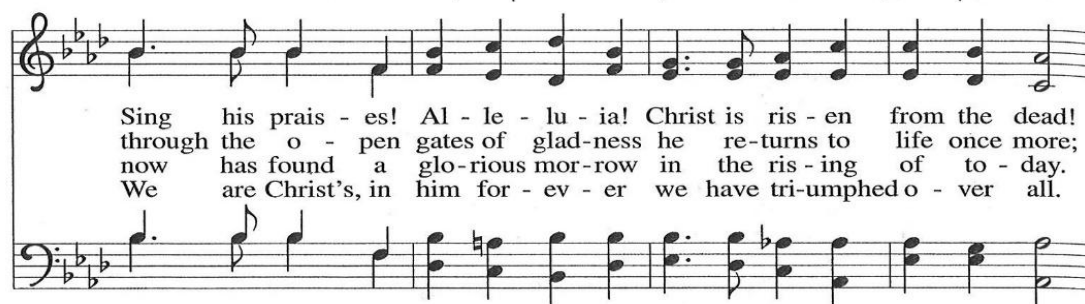
God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.



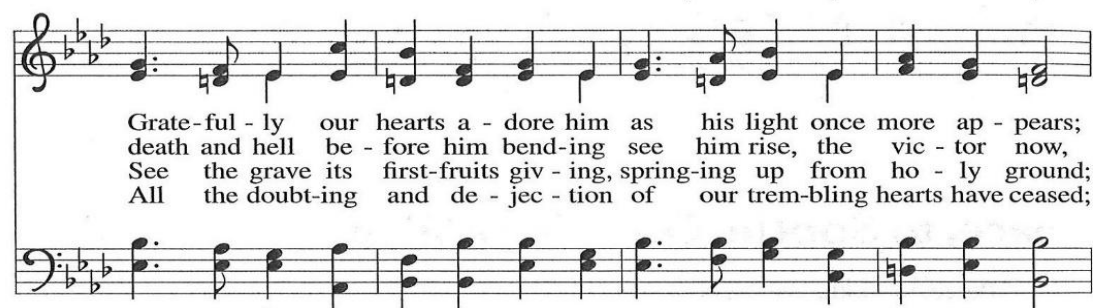
Sending Song- "Christ is Risen, Alleluia" (ELW 382)



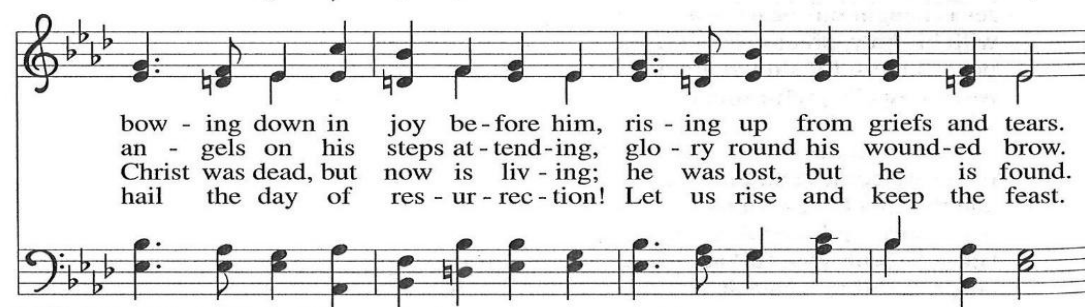
1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



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- turns 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!

***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Reader:

Penny Siewert

Communion Assistants:

Zoom:

Bill Schroeder

Sound:

Denice Smith

Ushers:

Paul Pearson & Sanchez Guerrero

Altar Guild:

Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson

Counter:

Irene Gearey

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

New Member Class

10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

WOW

3:30 PM

Meal

5:00 PM

Bible Study

5:45 PM

Confirmation

5:45 PM

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Dorcas Circle

9:00 AM

Naomi Circle

1:30 PM

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Congregational Care Commission

10:00 AM

New Member Class

10:00 AM



Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue “Join a Meeting” link at the top center of your screen. (You won’t need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue “Join” button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 882 7501 6398 Passcode is 753902.

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

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

Thank you to **Penny Siewert** and all the volunteers for the wonderful egg bake breakfast we had after our Easter Sunday service last week.

Current College students and any members planning on being in a post- secondary program next year are encouraged to apply for Church scholarships. If you have received a scholarship in the past you can apply again, but you must submit a new application to be considered. If you are a college student who has not applied previously you can apply for next year. Application forms can be picked up at the church office. We can also mail a form to you if you call the church office (587-2316) with a request.

The Scholarship Committee administers two scholarship programs that have been established by the Church. These are: The John Gearey Memorial Scholarship, which is earmarked for two-year college students, and the First Lutheran Terry Olin Fund Scholarship which may support members involved in college programs, technical school programs, special single event courses, and also encourages applications from non- traditional students. The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in April to consider applications for the 2026-2027 school year. To ensure that your application receives equal consideration for the available funds, it is important that it be returned to the church office by April 19th. **Remember, the only way to receive a scholarship is to apply.**

On April 7th, the **Pine River Backus Food Shelf** received the First Lutheran Church donation of **229 pump bottles and bars of soap**. **THANK YOU** to everyone who made generous donations to this stewardship project. God’s Work, Your Hands!!

Long time First Lutheran Member, **Jeanette Anderson** is celebrating her 90th birthday on April 17th. Jeanette is largely homebound due to some recent medical issues. We are asking you to consider sending her a card with prayers, well-wishes, memories and/or celebrations to brighten her spirits.

Cards may be sent to J. Anderson c/o Isaak Anderson PO Box 355, Pine River, Minnesota 56474.

Thanks, Jen, Isaak, and Olivia.

New Member Classes are starting today!

April 12, 2026, New Member Class after worship

April 19, 2026, New Member Class after worship

April 26, 2026, New Members received with potluck following worship.

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter, recovering from surgery

Leonard Nelson

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 & Chief Amanda Mitchell, nephew of
Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Attendance: 188

Offering April 5, 2026 \$4,399.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,803.77

Direct Deposit: \$ 305.00

Vanco: \$ 352.94

Total Offerings: \$5,056.94

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

2025-2026 Giving: \$100,831.59 Expenses: \$103,559.20

Income less Expenses for March:

\$16,155.96 - \$15,062.59 = \$1,093.37

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



Vanco provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our church online.



“Prime Electric replaced our ceiling fans and lightbulbs. They were a great group of guys and we thank them for the neat work they did.”

Picture and caption by Art Schmidt



Until All Are Fed—Creating Generosity and Hope

For 50 years we have joined together as Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty around the world through ELCA World Hunger. One of the synod’s largest fundraisers for world hunger has been the Quilt and Marketplace auction at the Synod Assembly. Quilts and other handmade items are available in an online auction. You can view and bid on items using the QR codes below. Bidding is open from **April 12th until 11:00 am on April 26th. Quilts and Marketplace items will be on display at Breezy Point Resort starting at 4:00 pm Friday, April 24th through Sunday April 26th at 11:00am.** The display and auction are open to the public.

New items are continuously being added to the auction sites, so check back often. If your bid is the highest you will be notified by text or email. Items can be pickup at Breezy Point Resort after 1:00 pm on April 26. If you cannot pick up your item at that time, you will be contacted by a member of our team to make arrangements to get you your item.



Just open the camera on your phone, point at the QR, click on the website and bid generously.

QR Code for Quilts



QR Code for Marketplace

Opening Song: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great, high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."