



Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Resurrection of our Lord/Easter Day

April 5, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

SHARE THE EASTER PEACE

*Gathering Song: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (ELW 365)

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um-phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Easter Proclamation

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

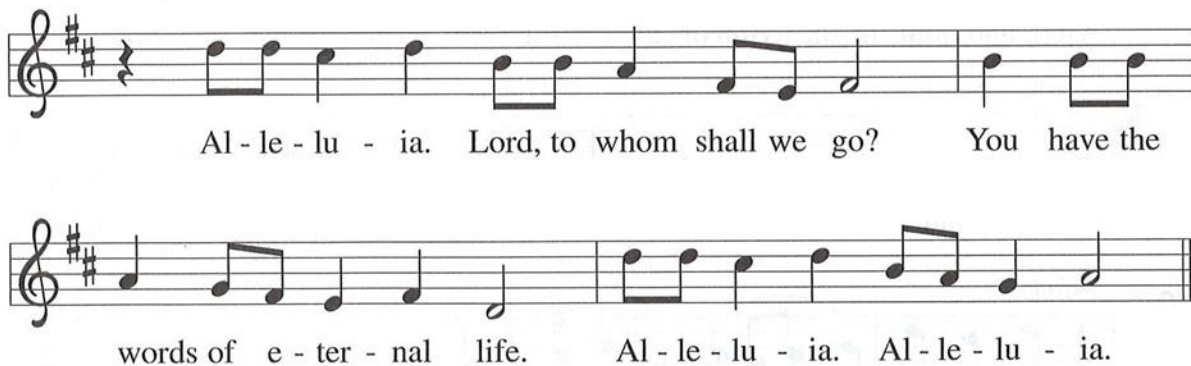
*Prayer of the Day:

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.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel Announcement

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel: John 20:1-18

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Gospel Response:

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Message- "3rd Day!"

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.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. 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: “Now the Green Blade Rises” (ELW 379) *(Offering will be taken at this time)*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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***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.

*Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

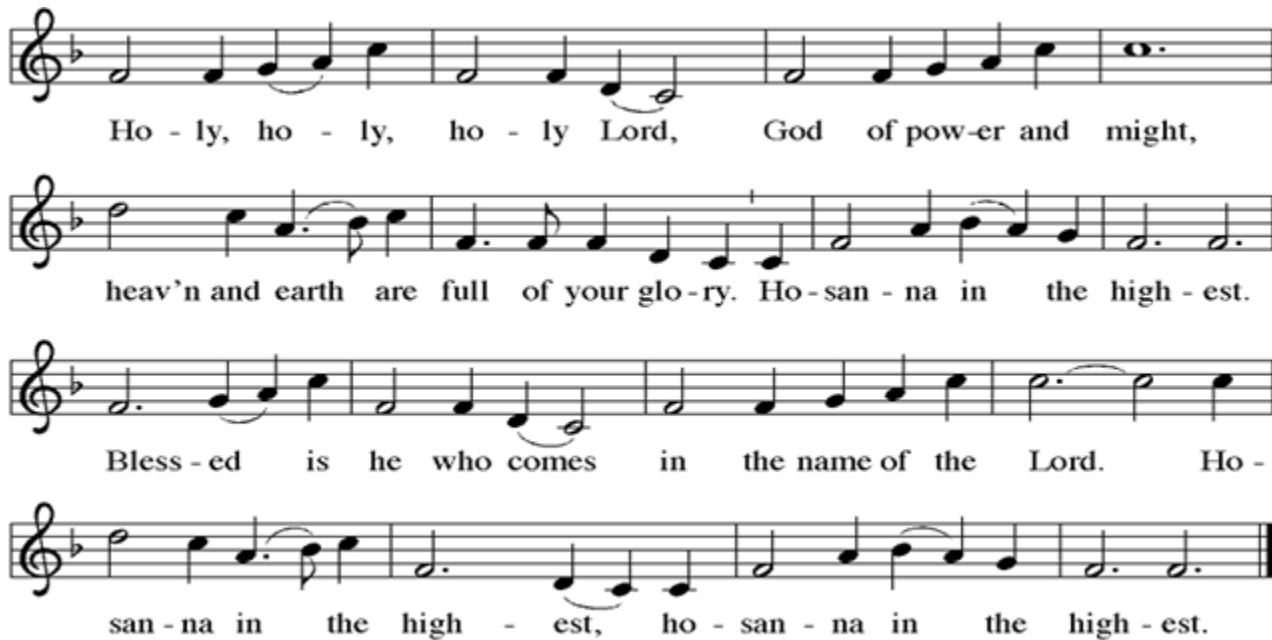
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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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.

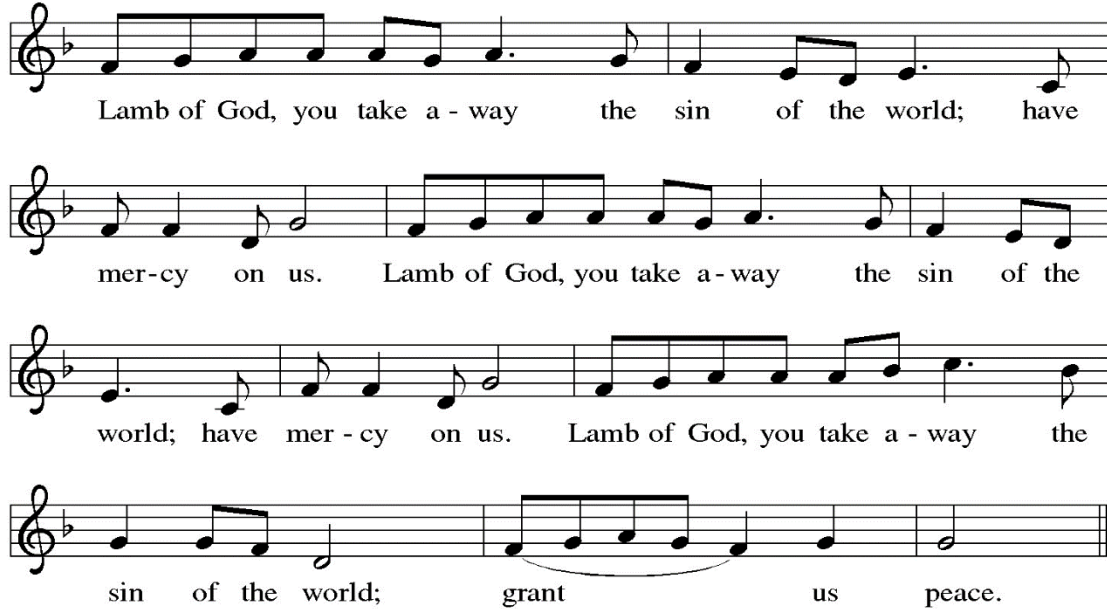
Amen.



† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
If you are unable to come forward, communion can be served in your pew-please let the ushers know.
Gluten free wafers are available from the communion server upon request.*

Holy Communion Distribution **at the rail**



*Post Communion Prayer:

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Blessing:

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



***Sending Hymn: "Thine is the Glory" (LBW 145)**

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 nought 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 Son;
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

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***Sending**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Easter Breakfast

Please join us this morning for Easter Breakfast.



Reader	Rene Frigaard
Communion Assistants:	
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Val Johnson
Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Sanchez Guerrero
Altar Guild:	Annette Newton & Gloria Johnson
Counter:	Irene Gearey

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Easter Worship	9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast	10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

WOW	3:30 PM
Meal	5:00 PM
Bible Study	5:45 PM
Confirmation	5:45 PM

Sunday, April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

Worship Service	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:00 AM
New Member Classes	10:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. We hope to see you in person. But if you prefer to participate through Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue "Join a Meeting" link. 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.

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 April 12, at 10:00 AM and continue April 19, with New Member Sunday on April 26. Please see Pastor Hans if interested.

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.

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.**

Thank you to the following people who provided the
Easter Garden for today's worship service.

If you purchased a plant, you are welcome to take it home with you
after worship service today.

Name

Denice & Neil Smith

Shirley & Art Schmidt

Morgan Kepner

Irene Gearey

Lila Kersey

Craig & Lisa Dabrowski

Shamp family

Marlys & Jim Riess

Colleen Moser

Linda Hester

Camilla Otteson

Cora Hohnstadt

Randy & Mary Krecklau

In honor/memory of

in memory of our parents

in memory of John & Jim

in memory of my mom, Lucy

in memory of our moms in heaven

in memory of Darren Deplazes & Mark Shamp

in memory of our parents

in memory of parents, Ralph & Lillian Peterson

in memory of Kim Riewer

in memory of brothers, Myron, Howard & Roger

in honor of grandchildren



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 Sargeant 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, March 22, 2026

Attendance: 78

Offering March 22, 2026 \$1,549.50 Weekly Budget: \$3,803.77

Direct Deposit: \$ 475.00

Vanco: \$ 39.84

Total Offerings: \$2,064.34

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Attendance: 94

Offering March 29, 2026 \$1,551.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,803.77

Direct Deposit: \$ 75.00

Vanco: \$ 4.68

Total Offerings: \$1,630.68

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

2025-2026 Giving: \$95,774.65 Expenses: \$102,106.68

Income less Expenses for February:

\$13,160.77 - \$16,729.34 = (\$3,568.57)

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

New Member Classes are coming in April!

April 12, 2026, New Member Class after worship

April 19, 2026, New Member Class after worship

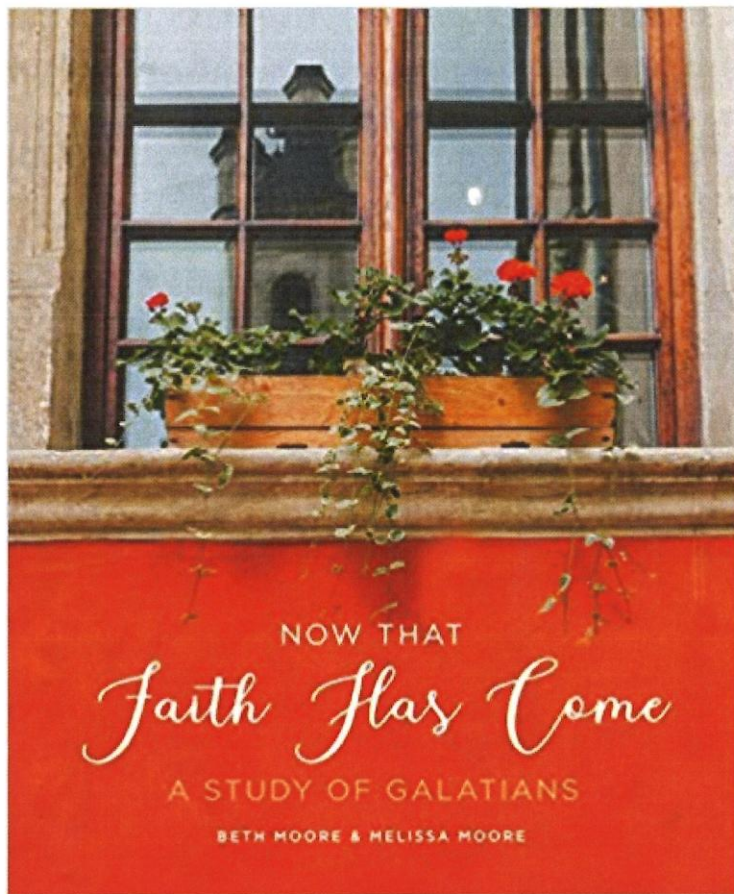
April 26, 2026, New Members received with potluck following worship.



OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Our April outing will be to the China Garden
in Baxter We will meet on April 21 in the
church parking lot at 11:00 AM





Meeting Dates

April 8

April 15

April 22

Resuming on April 8, 2026, at 5:45 pm

This will be a 7 week study of Galatians.

ALL ARE INVITED