

Worship Service: 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

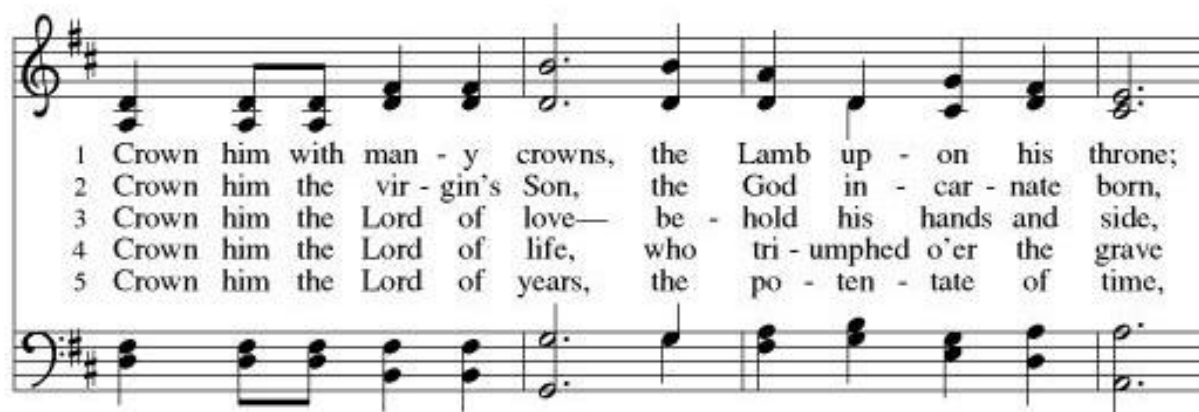
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)

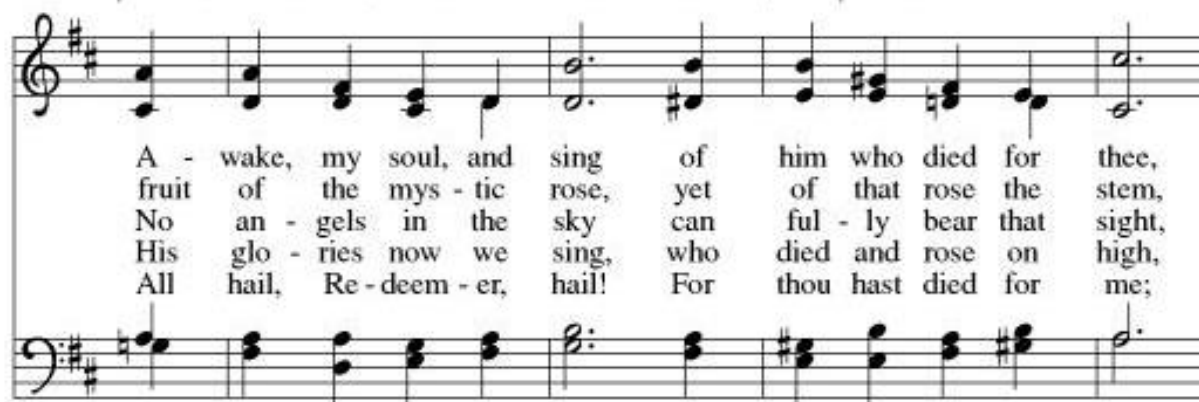
Crown Him with Many Crowns



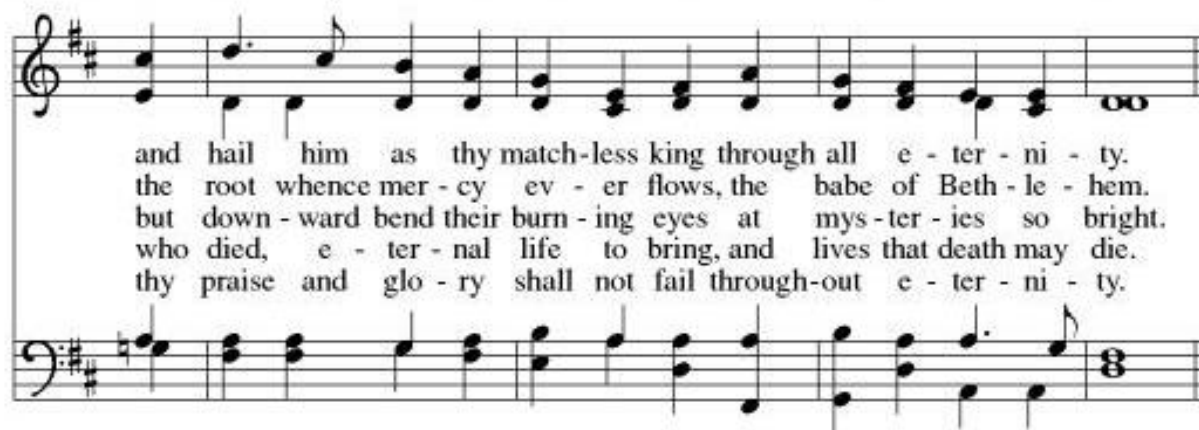
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

GREETING (ELW p. 120)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)

Let us pray. **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.**

WORD - God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 4

The Lord does wonders for the faithful. (Ps. 4:3)

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.

4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

6 **Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

7 You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

8 **In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like

him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 124)

Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON (ELW p. 125)

Maybe it's the upcoming camp retreat but I have found myself thinking about camp a great deal lately. Often at camp there were a few counselors who had drastic stories of faith conversions. That is, someone shared the Good News with them or they had some significant life experiences which radically re-altered their lives towards Jesus. And, it always was stunning and powerful to hear from them. I'm sure we have some such stories here. Most of us, though, didn't have those stories. Most of us grew up in the church, had faithful mentors and family members who helped us learn the faith, connected to campus ministries in college that allowed us to further grow and worked at camp because we grew up attending camp. Our Executive Director would tell us if we fell into that category that our response was simply to witness, “God has been faithful.”

“To this we are witnesses.” This verse from today's passage in Acts is simple. Prior to it, Peter relays this history of the faith that has brought the early church community together. “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.” (Acts 3:13-15)

Being a witness and testifying to what you have seen and heard is a central theme throughout the book of Acts, the book detailing the life and work of the early church. After the miracle of Pentecost, Peter witnesses, **“22** ‘Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **23** This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, [d] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24** But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.’” (Acts 2:22-24). Later, in chapter 4, Peter once again notes, “Rulers and elders of the people! **9** If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, **10** then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. **11** Jesus is “‘..the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone...’ **12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mortals by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:8-12). Before he is stoned to death, Steven retells the history of the Israelites and speaks out against his persecutors. Phillip proclaimed to the Ethiopian Eunuch the Good News and explained the Scriptures to him, leading to his baptism. When Saul encounters Jesus on the road to Damascus, he “...immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’” (Acts 9:20) The Holy Spirit uses the testimonies of the faithful to grow the church in the book of Acts.

The Holy Spirit uses our witness, in thought, word and deed, to grow the church and change the world. One of the things I have loved most about being a pastor is hearing your stories. You have amazing stories of God’s power and provision in your life. You have seen God working in surprising and powerful ways. I always wish you all knew more about what God has done in each others’ lives.

The challenge for many of us is to find ways and gain the courage to be witnesses....To share with each other where we have seen God at work.

In Dave Daubert’s book, “Invitational Christian,” it details how many times the conversations of church gatherings don’t sound much different than most other gatherings. People talk about sports, work, activities, etc. None of these things are bad. But, maybe, at least in the church, we take some time to bear witness to each other about what God has done for us that week and throughout our lives.

This past week, the 7 am Bible Study looked at the 8th Commandment, “You Shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.” We explored Luther’s meaning from the Small Catechism, “We should fear and love God, so that we do not lie about, betray or slander our neighbor, but excuse him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.” Exploring that idea, we realized how often and how easy it is to spend significant amounts of our lives betraying or slandering our neighbors instead of excusing him, speaking well of him and putting the best construction on everything.”

As I wrapped up Bible Study this week to start working on the sermon for today, I found myself really thinking, “What if we tried to focus for one week on, instead of complaining (another easy pastime for many of us), gossiping and slandering, we really bore witness to how new life in Christ has changed our being, our community, our love for each other and our hope for the world. Frankly, even in this trying time, there is no shortage of Good News to talk about. We simply need to start talking. I don’t think this means we are pushy or conniving, but, instead, we simply are celebrating what God has done for us.

Like the early church of the Book of Acts, I believe that the Holy Spirit will use our testimonies- the shocking and the mundane alike- to grow the church, strengthen our fellowship and change the world. Amen. May it be so.

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389)

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



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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Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

NICENE CREED (ELW p. 126)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for
our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and
became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We
believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to
hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and
minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of
Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your
creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable
home. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength.
Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders
of people. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are
sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness (*especially*) **Members:** Al
Luing, Grace McGaughey, Janice Berger, Sandy Rogers, Todd Hallstrom, Linda Towne, Charlene Wachter,
Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson; **Members in Nursing Homes:**

Bob Dieter, Bobbie Elvin, Gene Wachter, Sandra Marsh; **Members in Care Facilities:** Joan Doeden, Jean Bender; **Family Members & Friends:** Dan Cross (Agnes Cross's son), Maverick Thalberg (Fern Burmeister's great-grandson), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Lee Morrison (Terry Morrison's son), Henrietta Lais, Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Peggy Konold (Norma Radenbaugh's daughter), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son); **Our service men and women and Love INC.** Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord, we pray for our conversations about our transitions with Jon graduating and in regards to Grace. Guide our conversations. Help us to listen to each other. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL - God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING AND CGC MOMENT

OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 129)

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE (ELW p. 129)

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.**

PREFACE (ELW p. 130)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING (ELW p. 136)

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL (ELW p. 137)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Wednesday – Ryan McGaughey
Sunday – Diane Sletten

SOUND: Wednesday – Kevin Fleming
Sunday – Doug Frisch

POWERPOINT: Wednesday – Austin/Kelli Peters-Smith

ORGANIST: Sunday – Glenda Lais
Lori Nienkerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours - Monday—Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon) —1:00 - 4:30 pm

Gift Cards will only be available in the office during office hours. Please call ahead to see if someone is available to get you cards. Thank You!

Confirmation prayer partners are needed for three confirmation students. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Jon as soon as possible. Thank you!

Dear Friends of 1st Lutheran, A little update on Maverick who was born on January 7 (two month early), on January 28 he had brain surgery and on February 29 Maverick went home with his loving and grateful parents. Those events happened because of wonderful medical care and last, but not least the prayers for Maverick from all of you! May God bless each of you. The family of Maverick James Thalberg

FELC SCHEDULE FOR April 19 - 25, 2021
BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 19	9:00AM	
Tuesday 20	7:00AM 10:30AM 6:00PM 7:00PM	Early Risers Bible Study (Zoom) Zoom Staff Meeting Finance Zoom Meeting Council Zoom Meeting
Wednesday 21	1:00PM 5:15PM 6:00PM 6:30PM	Homework Assistance Group KFC Worship – 4 th Sunday of Easter 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday 22		
Friday 23		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday 24		
Sunday 25	9:00AM 10:00AM	Worship – 4 th Sunday of Easter Sunday School (Hybrid)

VBS 2021 – In this crazy year, we are looking to see about doing a VBS this summer. Are you interested in First Lutheran holding a VBS? Would there be a week that you would prefer? Would you like it to be evenings or days? And if we hold a VBS, would you be willing to help serve? Please let Jon know as soon as possible.

Summer Trips – Sign-up for the Mission and Adventure trip is here. The Mission trip takes us to Leech

Lake, MN. We will serve the people by being the hands and feet of Christ. Open to all 8th-12th graders and friends. The Adventure Trip has us hiking in the badlands near Medora and staying up all night. We will be having fun camping outdoors and enjoying a week together in God's world. ***Sign up Ends Soon-Don't Miss Out!***



Graduation Sunday

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 16th. In this year of pandemic changes, we can still come together to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments. Join us as we wish them well on their new venture into the next chapter of their lives.



Members: Al Luing, Grace McGaughey, Janice Berger, Sandy Rogers, Todd Hallstrom, Linda Towne, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen, Dianne Sanderson, Betty Nelson

Members in Nursing Homes: Bob Dieter, Bobbie Elvin, Gene Wachter, Sandra Marsh

Members in Care Facilities: Joan Doeden, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Dan Cross (Agnes Cross's son), Maverick Thalberg (Fern Burmeister's great-grandson), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son), Lee Morrison (Terry Morrison's son), Henrietta Lais, Tom Morgan (Sandy Randall's dad), Peggy Konold (Norma Radenbaugh's daughter), Brad Martens (Valerie Veen's son)

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