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# First Lutheran

CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025 | 9:30 A.M.

## FIRST TIME?

Welcome to First Lutheran Church and Preschool! Everything you need for the service is in this bulletin. Feel free to follow along and participate as you feel comfortable.

Restrooms are in located in our education room. Follow the signs as you exit the sanctuary or ask one of our ushers or greeters (they will be wearing name tags).

## ABOUT EASTER

While Easter is well-known for being a particular Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead, Easter is also a season that stretches for 7 weeks. During the Easter season, we will use the ancient greeting that goes as follows.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## KIDS

The church is for all ages. Your kids are most welcome to stay in the worship service, even when they are making noise. If you feel they need a break, there is an unstaffed nursery available in our education room.

Sunday school (age 3 through high school) meets after worship until about 11:20. Parents are welcome to join Bible study during this time.

Bringing people together, in the midst of a hectic world, for fellowship and rest.

## AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship today, we hear the good news that Jesus makes all things new. Whatever is in need of renewal, Jesus makes new. That includes our bodies, the earth, and everything. All things. God's blessings as you worship with us today.

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## PRELUDE

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



If you could have  
one new thing for  
your home, what  
would you choose?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand*

## OPENING HYMN

### LSB #684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for reflection)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. We are forgiven. Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 148:7-14*

P: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: **fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

P: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

P: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

C: **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

## KYRIE

C: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S CHAT

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*Revelation 21:1-7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."



Who can  
you rely on  
to dry your  
tears?

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

C: **Alleluia. If anyone loves me, they will keep my word. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 13:31-35*

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus gives this  
new command to  
the disciples the  
night before He  
dies on the cross.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON HYMN

LSB #474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 an - gels, 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!

This hymn was written by Herb Brokering, who also wrote "Earth and All Stars" to the same tune (see hymn 817).



*Stand*

NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.



What can you  
always count  
on to calm  
you down?

## THE PRAYERS

After each petition:

P: ...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Pray with us this week. For today's prayers and more, please see the First Notes newsletter.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.

## LITURGY OF GENEROSITY

P: We have a generous God! We give thanks to the Lord for all He has given us.

**C: We give back to the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.**

P: We wisely steward all of His good gifts.

**C: The gifts of our time and energy.**

P: The gifts of our talents and skills.

**C: The gifts of our relationships and finances.**

P: Lord, may each of these gifts you have entrusted to us be used for the good of Your people and to Your glory.

**C: We have a generous God. Amen.**

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## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Sit*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

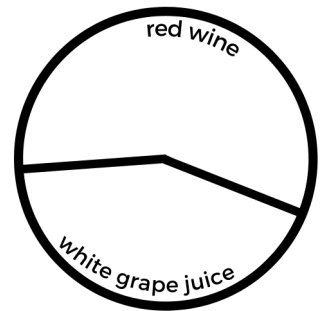
*Out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol, we offer both white grape juice and red wine. The graphic shows how the wine and grape juice are divided in our communion trays.*

*The ushers will invite you forward for the Lord's Supper. The pastor and communion assistant will offer you the bread, then the wine/grape juice. Once you have received both, place your used individual cup in one of the containers on the communion rail and return to your seat.*

*If you have not taken communion with us before, please read our communion statement in the back of the bulletin before joining us in this sacrament.*

*If you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor.*

*If your health makes it difficult to come forward, we will bring the Lord's Supper to you. Please inform one of the ushers.*



## COMMUNION HYMN

### LSB #570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Stand*



What are you  
most looking  
forward to Jesus  
making new upon  
His return?

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### LSB #740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

## POSTLUDE

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Retirement Party for Preschool's Miss Tammy — 5/18 at 11:30am

Preschool Graduation — 5/30 at 7:00pm

Memorial for Betty Fraga — 6/7 at 11:00am

**SERVING TODAY**

**Greeters:** Schneiders, Eric Carr

**Ushers:** Eric Carr and Stan Forsstrom

**Acolyte:** Skylar Rehana

**Children's Chat:** Lynnette Campbell

**Reader:** Sue Reiter

**Communion Assistant:** Bob Dottery

**Sound:** Mark Meyer

**Livestream:** Alex McDonald

**Flowers:** Nickersons in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary

**Counters:** Ida Thomason and Paula Frost

**Altar Guild:** Trail Goodrich, Bev Meyer, Terri Owens, Carolyn Vanlandingham

**Accompanist:** Natasha Kung

**Donuts:** Gerry Barrera and Owens

**Sunday School:** Deb McKenzie

**OUR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND CHURCH STAFF**

Natasha Beltran, Alex Drukov, Tammy Dube, Nicole Ford, Silvia Guillen,  
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## ABOUT COMMUNION

First Lutheran Church and Preschool celebrates the Lord's Supper every Sunday in the joyful confidence that Christ our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The Lord's Supper is intended for Christians who have been baptized, instructed in the faith, and who believe in these words of Christ: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Anyone who is not baptized or does not believe these words should refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper as our participation is a confession of our common faith.

Anyone who has not been instructed in the faith or holds a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desires to receive the Lord's Supper, is asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study, see 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (pages 958-959 in the English pew Bibles). Those not receiving the Lord's Supper (both adults and children) are invited to come forward for a blessing.



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