

April 5, 2026



EASTER

Sunday

"Don't be alarmed,"
he said.

"You are looking for
Jesus the Nazarene,
who was crucified.

He has risen!
He is not here.
See the place
where they laid him."

Mark 16:6, NIV



This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ELW #365
(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)
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GREETING

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.

KYRIE (spoken)

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE—*Glory Be to Christ*

**ELW page 204
(Vs. 2)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM

Amazing Love

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WORD

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

FIRST READING—Jeremiah 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.
5 Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.
6 For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM—Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.
2 **Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**
14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
15 **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
17 **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**
18 The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
19 **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
20 “This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”
21 **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING—Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Alleluia! Lord and Savior

ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel according to the twenty-eighth chapter of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

HYMN OF THE DAY

***We Know That Christ Is Raised* ELW #449
(Vs. 1, 2 & 3)**

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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

THE PRAYERS

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 especially those in our hearts and on our prayer list. 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.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory.

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.

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be Not Afraid ELW #388

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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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW page 144

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, holy, holy **ELW page 144**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

Lamb of God **ELW page 146**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! ELW #619

(Vs. 1, 2 & 8)

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*



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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Ministry Focus: Earth Day / Environmental

On Easter morning, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the promise of new life, we are invited to receive a small but meaningful gift: pollinator seeds. These seeds, tucked into our hands as we gather in worship, become a living reminder of God’s renewing grace. Just as the tomb was opened and life burst forth in unexpected ways, so too do these tiny seeds hold the potential for beauty, growth, and transformation. In the life of an ELCA congregation, this simple act connects our faith to the world around us—reminding us that resurrection is not only something we proclaim, but something we participate in.

Planting these seeds becomes a sacred act of caring for creation. As they take root and grow, they will nourish bees, butterflies, and other pollinators—creatures essential to the flourishing of God’s earth. In tending to them, we live out our call to be stewards of creation, honoring the interconnectedness of all life. The seeds we receive on Easter become more than a symbol; they are a commitment to nurture what God has entrusted to us. In gardens, yards, and shared spaces, they will bloom as a visible sign of hope, echoing the Easter promise that new life is always possible, and that we are called to help it grow.

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
3-29-2026	\$602	\$4,523
YTD	\$64,010	\$63,321

Easter Lilies

In Memory of David Fullerton

Given by Aaron & Lynnea Libra & family

In Memory of Randy Ely

Given by Char Ely, Patches & Cody

In Memory of Jan Nelson

Given by Dave & Sue Nelson

In Memory of Louise Bauleke

Given by Sheldon Bauleke

In Memory of Ed Rasmusen

Given by Ann Rasmusen

In Memory of Maynard & Doris Martensen

Given by Vanden Einde Family

In Memory of Bruce & Sue Gray

Ed & Marian Alinder

Given by Steve & Kim Alinder

In Memory of Bruce & Sue Gray

Ed & Marian Alinder

Given by McGuire Family



In Honor of Grandchildren & Great-Granddaughter
Given by Randy & Connie Baum

In Honor of 8 Grandchildren
Given by John & Virginia Miller

In Honor of Ross & Kathy Nesbit
Given by Cole & Tyler Pengilly
In Honor of Grandsons, Theo & Nate
Given by Dave & Sandy Johnson

In Honor of Liam Bruns
Given by Rick & Jodi Bruns

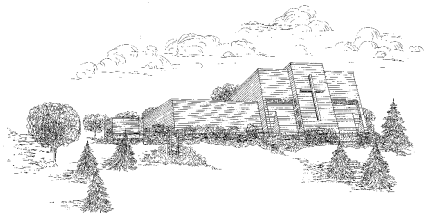
In Honor of Ayla Henry & Jack Wadsworth
Given by Steve Olson

In Memory of our Parents & Justin Hartneck
In Honor of our Children
Given by Ellen Caufman and Jerry Hartneck

In Memory of Deceased Family Members
In Honor of First Lutheran Staff & Volunteers
Given by LeRoy & Joan May

In Memory of Mark Osborne
In Honor of Morgan, Sara & Casey Osborne
Given by Liz Osborne





Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 5	9:00a	Easter Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday, April 6		Office Closed
Tuesday, April 7		Scholarship Deadline
Wednesday, April 8	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Saturday, April 11	9:00a	Fed & Forgiven Class
Sunday, April 12	9:00a 10:15a	Worship w/First Holy Communion Bible Study with Pastor Sam

Worship Assistants

April 5, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Lyndon Rassmussen
Reader:	Edrie Barton
Usher:	Chuck Frauendienst
Greeters:	
Communion Asst:	John Miller Joan May Jennifer Weick Whitney Weick Charlie Weick
Council Member:	Callie Greisen
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	John Miller Bob Patrias
Altar Guild:	Bob & Rita Patrias

April 12, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Ezra Carlen
Reader:	Owen Greisen
Usher:	John Miller
Greeters:	Stefanie Eischens
Communion Asst:	
Council Member:	Miles Heille
Fellowship:	
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