

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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UNITED by Christ, God call us to LOVE one another  
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

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## **GATHERING**

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

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK—Quilting**

**Rita Patrias**

### **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**

*Come, Thou Almighty King* ELW #408

**(Vs. 1, 3 & 4)**

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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*)**

**ELW page 138**

### **CANTICLE—*Lord God, We Praise You***

**ELW #558**

**(Vs. 3)**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

**Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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

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### WORD

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

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### FIRST READING—Ezekiel 43:1-7a

*God resides among the people forever*

<sup>1</sup> Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. <sup>2</sup> And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. <sup>3</sup> The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. <sup>4</sup> As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, <sup>5</sup> the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

<sup>6</sup> While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. <sup>7a</sup> He said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever."

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM—Psalm 115

<sup>1</sup> Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory;  
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness.

<sup>2</sup> **Why should the nations say,  
"Where then is their God?"**

- <sup>3</sup> Our God is in heaven;  
whatever God wills, God does.
- <sup>4</sup> **Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.**
- <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
eyes they have, but they cannot see;
- <sup>6</sup> **they have ears but they cannot hear;  
noses, but they cannot smell;**
- <sup>7</sup> they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk;  
they make no sound with their throat.
- <sup>8</sup> **Those who make them are like them,  
and so are all who put their trust in them.**
- <sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD,  
who is your help and your shield.
- <sup>10</sup> **O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD,  
who is your help and your shield.**
- <sup>11</sup> You that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD,  
who is your help and your shield.
- <sup>12</sup> **The LORD has been mindful of us, and will bless us;  
the LORD will bless the house of Israel and the house of Aaron;**
- <sup>13</sup> those who fear the LORD will be blessed,  
both small and great together.
- <sup>14</sup> **May the LORD increase you more and more,  
you and your children after you.**
- <sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the LORD,  
the maker of heaven and earth.
- <sup>16</sup> **Heaven is the heaven of the LORD,  
but the earth God entrusted to its peoples.**
- <sup>17</sup> The dead do not praise the LORD,  
nor all those who go down into silence;
- <sup>18</sup> **but we will bless the LORD,  
from this time forth forevermore. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING—1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not

be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Alleluia***

**ELW page 142**

The Holy Gospel according to the fourteenth chapter of John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL—John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* ELW #863

(Vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4)

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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.*

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation.

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.**

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## OFFERING

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

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## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Praise and Thanksgiving* ELW #689

**(Vs. 3)**

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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 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.**

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## **SENDING**

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

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## **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

*O Zion, Haste* ELW #668  
**(Vs. 1 & 2)**  
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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

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### **May Ministry Focus: Quilting**

One of the ways that First Lutheran shares God's Love with our neighbors is through the quilt ministry. Dedicated volunteers sew at home turning the donated fabric into multi-colored quilt tops and backs. Once a month, starting at about 9:00 a.m. the church comes alive with the sound of scissors snipping, sewing machines humming and lively conversation. This is when quilt tops, batting and backs are sandwiched together, lovingly tied, then pinned for final sewing at church or at home. Once a year completed quilts are delivered to Lutheran World Relief. From there the quilts are sent somewhere in the world where there are people in need of a warm cover and a reminder of God's love.

The quilts were made by: Edrie Barton, Mary Berg, Cecilia Callwood, Cathey Fullerton, Diane Genelin, Sandy Johnson, Grace Kamrath, Bonnie Keech, Brenda Liebhard-Johnson, April Matz, Sue Nelson, Liz Osborne, Rita Patrias, Rick Perkins, Ann Rasmusen, Jan Rhode, Brenda Tews and Donnis Wicks.

If you are interested in quilting or curious to see how the quilts are made, stop by the church when the quilters are there (fourth Tuesday morning of each month) and check it out. Contact person is Rita Patrias at 507-665-4198 or [patrita723@gmail.com](mailto:patrita723@gmail.com).

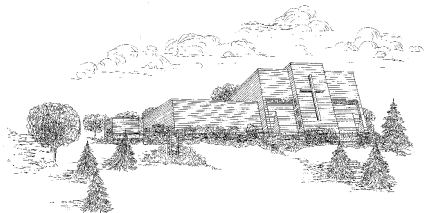
### **SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH THE SECOND ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Worship, donuts and coffee, games, visiting, indoor picnic lunch

Back by popular demand the First Lutheran Baking Contest

Four categories: 1. cookies and bars 2. cakes 3. pies 4. other desserts

Financial Update		
Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
5-3-2026	\$4,280	\$4,542
YTD	\$89,039	\$85,936



## Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 10	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship</b> Muffins for Mom
Monday, May 11	10:00a	Nursing Home Service
Wednesday, May 13	9:00a	Staff Meeting
Sunday, May 17	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship with Holy Communion</b> Senior Sunday

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### Worship Assistants

#### May 10, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Vance Vanden Einde
Reader:	Gene Dwyer
Usher:	Vic Pengilly
Greeters:	John Miller
Council Member:	Sara Carrigan
Fellowship:	Social Ministry
Team	
Projection:	Tech Team
Audio:	Tech Team
Videographer:	Becky Pollack
Offering Counters:	John Miller Bob Patrias
Altar Guild:	LeRoy & Joan May

#### May 17, 2026

Organist/Pianist:	Virginia Miller
First Choir Director:	Jennifer Weick
Acolytes:	Emmalee Flores
Reader:	Edrie Barton
Usher:	LeRoy May
Greeters:	Stefanie Eischens
Communion Asst:	Craig & Megan Schwarz
Council Member:	Joan May
Fellowship:	
Projection:	Tech Team
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