

Alleluia!
Christ is risen!



ALLELUIA!!! HE IS RISEN!!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!!!

*Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you.
After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.*

Welcome to all who are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our own promised new life. Today is the high point of our Christian church year and the foundational rock upon which our Christian faith is built. Dear guests, how pleased we are that you are celebrating this momentous day with us. We invite you to become a part of our caring Christian community. Please speak with Pastor Jenny for more information. All worshippers please fill out the attendance forms, found in your bulletin and place them in the offering plate. May today's worship bring hope, peace, and great joy to all.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communicating children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

A NOTE TO PARENTS: First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

CHILDCARE: If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

As part of our sound system upgrade, the sanctuary is now equipped with a **HEARING LOOP SYSTEM**. To benefit, your personal hearing aids must be equipped with a **'T' (Telecoil) setting**. When the 'T' coil setting is selected on your hearing aids while you are located in sanctuary pews, you will pick up the amplified sanctuary sound in your hearing aids. This can increase one's hearing and comprehension of the service from 10% to 90%.

WHEELCHAIR available in the Welcome Center area or north entranceway.
EARPHONES for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**.

PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

HOLY COMMUNION -- Setting 3

10:00 A.M.

April 21, 2019

PRELUDE *"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia"* (H. Willan)
 "Trumpet Tune" (A. Fedak)
 "This Joyful Eastertide" (arr. D. Schack)
 Festival Alleluia ("Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds") (D. Miller)

CHIMES

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able. Turn and face the back of the church.
As the cross passes, turn and face the front of the church.*

GATHERING

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

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Shout

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

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P: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead to bring everlasting hope, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“This Is The Feast of Victory for Our God”*



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




al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅱ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



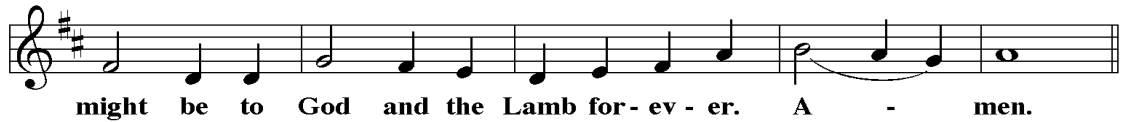
♩ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Ⅰ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre- a - tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, 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. Al- le- lu - ia,



al- le- lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia. ¶ For the Lamb who was



slain has be- gun his reign. Al- le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God.



Al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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, whom with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is also 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."

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *Congregation sings refrain and bold printed verses.*

On this day the LORD has act - ed; we will re -

joice, re - joice and be glad in it.

Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good; * his mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now proclaim, * "His mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song, * and he has become | my salvation.

¹⁵There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory * in the tents | of the righteous:

¹⁶"The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed! * The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live, * and declare the works | of the LORD. R

¹⁸The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely, * but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD; * he who is right- | eous may enter."

²¹I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me * and have become | my salvation. R

²²The same stone which the build- | ers rejected * has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³This is | the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴On this day the | LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be | glad in it. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able and face the cross as it passes.

“Hallelujah Chorus” (from the Messiah)

Senior Choir

(G. F. Handel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Congregation shall sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *“The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”*

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Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

NICENE CREED

**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

A: Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

A: Alleluia! God, you are resurrection. Bring joy to your church as we spread the good news that Jesus is risen. Lead us to proclaim this message with persistence and confidence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Alleluia! God, you are creator. Open our eyes to the first fruits of new life around us: to budding trees, nourishing rains, warm breezes, and freshly tilled soil. Inspire our gratitude and renew our commitment to stewardship of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Alleluia! God, you are reconciliation. You show no partiality among the nations, but instead call all people to the way of peace. Bring an end to conflict and division. Renew leaders and advocates for peace with a commitment to the common good. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Alleluia! God, you are strength. Awaken hope and perseverance in all who need to hear a word of life this day: those who are hungry, anxious, oppressed, despairing, or sick (*especially - see bulletin page 13*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.

A: Alleluia! God, you are life. We give you thanks for all the newly baptized, who by water and your word are forever joined to Christ's death and resurrection. Embolden all who share this baptized life and renew us in faith and in action. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Alleluia! God, you are comfort. Draw near to all who grieve. Refresh us with the promise that you will destroy death and that with all the saints, we will be made alive forever in Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

Congregation shall sit.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

"This Joyful Eastertide!"

Jubilation Ringers Bell Choir

(arr. Jane McFadden)

Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

OFFERING SONG *"The Day of Resurrection!"* (Tune: Lancashire)

Stanzas 1 & 4

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

C: 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

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,___

hea - ven and earth are full,___ full___ of your glo - ry, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! All is ready!

Congregation shall sit.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY "Prière à Notre-Dame" (Prayer à Notre-Dame)

(L. Boëllmann)

COMMUNION HYMN *“Thine Is the Glory”*

See Bulletin Page 19

After all have communed, congregation shall stand or sit, as able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Congregation: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

C: Amen.

P: God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, † refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C: Amen.

As the cross passes please turn and face the rear of the church.

SENDING SONG *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*

See Bulletin Page 20

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Toccata on “Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!”*

(arr. D. Bish)

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Glenn & Eileen Caspers in memory of Letitia Raney's April 15th birthday, and in honor of
Kendra Ikenberry's April 14th birthday.

ETERNAL CANDLE FOR APRIL is given by Marvin Wingert in memory of Norma Wingert.

PARENTS' take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: LIGHT.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:
Breck Edds (home), Pat Wild (home), Bonnie Phillips (home), Laura Haefke (home), Anne Jackson (home), Ann Johnson (home), Jeani Anderson (home), Mike Wilson (home), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1st Director), Steve Magee (Kim's husband), Rick Watson (Lisa Arndt's father), Mary Morgan (Hope Krug's mother), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Mary Roesch (Tracy's mother-in-law), Micah Ewing (friend of the Luber's), Stephanie Ramos (Shirley Perry's niece), Betty Fleming (LaDonna Little's aunt), Erick Larson (friend of the Dealey's), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Carolyn Hale (friend of Margaret Stewart), Don Kaphingst (Margaret Stewart's brother), Lewis Crawford (Cindy's husband), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgast's), Marjorie Perry (Bill's mother), Linda Deines (Karen Papp's sister), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardt's).

Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.

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✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

Children’s Day Out Preschool (CDO) schedule: M, T, W & F 9am-3pm Thursday 9-11:30 am

TODAY EASTER

8:30-9:45 a.m. – Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. – Easter Festival Celebration

Monday, April 22 EASTER MONDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

NO CDO

7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts Troop 175 (PH)

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 a.m. – Men’s Tuesday Morning Bible Study

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. – Topeka Lutheran Home Association

Wednesday, April 24

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

5:30 p.m. – Sandwich Dinner

6:00 p.m. – Worship in the Chapel

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 25

10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study at Thornton Place

Noon – FLC Staff at Lunch Together

6:30 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. – CDO Board

7:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

Pastor Jenny’s Day Off

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Sanctuary in Use

Saturday, April 27

INGATHERING OF WORLD HUNGER BANKS

3:00-5:00 p.m. – Room 116 in Use-Eagle Board Review

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. – New Member Class

7:00-9:00 p.m. – Sanctuary in Use

Sunday, April 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

INGATHERING OF WORLD HUNGER BANKS

“THE NEW JERUSALEM”

8:40 a.m. – Adult Education

9:00 a.m. – Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. – Children’s Choir Rehearsal

9:40 a.m. – Senior Choir Warm-up

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School PreK-HS, Adult

12:00 p.m. – New Member Class

4:00 p.m. – Richetta Manager Concert –
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LESSONS APRIL 27 & 28

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

LAY MINISTERS TODAY

10:00 am

Assisting Minister	John Hanna
Lector	Jeff Montague
Torch Bearers	AJ Hamby, Haden Roark
Crucifer	Allison Montague
Bible Bearer	Adam Crawford
Communion Assistants	David & Patricia Drake
Presenting the Gifts	Einck Family
Council Member Team	Ted Ensley /
Altar Guild	Karen & Bob Wollin
Ushers	Barb Collins, Kevin Eaton, Denny & Darlene Payne
North Door Greeters	Lynn Edds, LaVerne Engelhardt
South Door Greeters	Allison Hitch, William & Bloom
Easter Brunch Coordinators	Roark and Arndt Families
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Bryce & Judy Cripps
Stephen Minister 4/22-28/2019	Carolyn Olson

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

April 28th – SECOND EASTER

10:00 am

Assisting Minister	Joyce Mark
Lector	Kathy Koch
Candlelighter / Crucifer	Adam Schultz / Emma Schultz
Rail Communion Assistants	Ruth Denno, Karen Wollin
Presenting the Gifts	Bill & Phyllis Buch
Council Member Team	Allison Hitch / Bob Wollin
Altar Guild	Elna Ensley, Jeanie Schuler
Ushers	Ted & Elna Ensley
North Door / South Door Greeters	Robert Hanna, Linda Harold / Richard & Judy Price
Bus Driver & Host/Hostess	Randy Debenham, LaVerne Engelhardt
Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA	Ron Bessler / Kim Magee / Ron Bessler
Stephan Minister 4/29-5/5/2019	Evelyn Wilson

PARISH NOTICES

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

A new weekly worship service will be held Mid-Week, **beginning** the Wednesday after Easter, **April 24th**. **ALL ARE INVITED** to come for **sandwiches at 5:30 p.m.** (*PB&J are provided or you can bring your own food*) and then gather in the **chapel at 6:00 p.m. for worship**. This will be a service unique from our weekend worship and will provide a different atmosphere. This worship will be a wonderful service for folks busy on the weekends, for folks wanting to bring friends to church for the first time, for families with wiggly kids, and for all who need to stop mid-week to pray, worship, and be renewed by God's promises and community. Invite your friends and we look forward to this new opportunity to reach more in our community.

See you Wednesday April 24th. Sandwiches at 5:30, Worship at 6, and home by 7.



We will have an **INGATHERING** where we bring the filled **ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL BANKS** back to church next weekend **April 27th & 28th**. We pray that you will be generous in your special offering this year.

First Lutheran Church along with The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka, THS Class of 1971 and Supersonic Music will be hosting a concert by **RICHETTA MANAGER, “Lift Every Voice and Sing”**, on **Sunday, April 28th at 4:00 p.m.**, 1234 SW Fairlawn. Ms. Manager is a Topeka High graduate and studied vocals at Washburn University and Kansas University. She has been living in Germany and performs there and throughout Europe. A reception will follow the concert. **Free will offering with a portion of the offering going to the Topeka Rescue Mission-Children’s Palace.**



Vacation Bible School
SAVE THE DATE Evenings of June 17–21
 Dinner will be provided before the program begins each night.



2019 EASTER PLANTS

Jerry & Linda Anderson in honor of their family and their church family.
Carol & Billy Ashwill in memory of John & Dale Dailey and Hilton Ragsdale.
Susan & George Bales in honor of our celebration of Easter, Jesus is Risen!
Rick & Julie Bender in memory of their parents and in honor of their children and grandchildren.
Penny & Marvin Boleski in memory of their parents.
Bill & Phyllis Buch in memory of their parents.
Eileen Caspers in memory of Letitia Raney.
Pastor Bob & Rhonda Dealey in memory of Betty Lowe.
Marthalee (Marfie) Donohoe in honor of her daughters, Laura and Maylynn and their families.
Kevin Eaton and Lora Carlson
The Einck Family in honor of the congregation of First Lutheran Church.
Ted & Elna Ensley in memory of their parents, Roy & Freda Ensley and Bern & Ruth Nelson.
Catherine Esquibel in memory of Tom Moulton.
Kori & Dru Finney in memory of their fathers.
Mary Fobes in honor of the second anniversary of grandson Nathan's bone marrow transplant.
Mark Fuller in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Donald Fuller and Johan & Astrid Rebsdorf.
Orvin Grondahl in memory of Mary Grondahl.
John & Linda Harold in honor of Lindsey, David, Sarah, James and Julia.
Ivan Haugh and George, Cindy, Blake, Brad & Bella Hopper in memory of Mary Lou Haugh.
Allison Hitch in honor of her mother, Beverly Kay, with a grateful heart.
Cheryl Hjetland in memory of Nelson Baker.
The Jackson 5 Family in honor of their church family.
Joyce Koenig in memory of her husband, Richard Koenig.
Maureen & Ralph Krumins in honor of their sons, daughter-in-law and granddaughter.
Ann McConkey in memory of Frank Garten and in honor of Grace Marie McConkey.
Trudi Myers in memory of her husband, Jerry Myers and her mother, Luise and sister, Herta.
Helen Nunemaker in memory of Herbert and great granddaughter, Kate.
Carolyn Olson in honor of the mission work completed by "What-Sew-Ever" each week.
Rob & Nancy Peterson in memory of Juanita & Roger Peterson (Mom & Dad) and Doris Bryan (Mom).
Velma Roblyer in memory of Byron Roblyer.
Marsha & Jerry Serk in memory of Lois, Freeman, and David Vicory, Mom, Dad, and Brother.
JoAnn Stanley in memory of Iriz Ozman.
*Stephen Ministry Leaders, Pastor Jenny & Diane Dukat in honor of Lydia Peterson, our new
 Stephen Minister in training, and all of the faithful Stephen Ministers at First.*
Nancy & Charlie Vaughn in memory of Lois Armstrong.
West & Shirley Waugh in memory of Shirley's parents, Max & Anna Moore.
Byron & Sara Welch in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Welch, Sr. & Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hullinger.
Patricia Wild in memory of loved ones.
Mike & Evelyn Wilson in honor of their grandchildren.



Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3
Music: EASTER HYMN, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE DONE

Refrain (to be sung at beginning and conclusion)

Fine

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; The vic - to - ry of life is won;
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst; But Christ their le - gions has dis - persed;
 3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped; He ris - es glo - rious from the dead;
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell;
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed You, In us You've won the vic - t'ry too,

The song of tri - umph has be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umphs tell: Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live, and sing to You: Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Author unknown, pub.1695; tr. by Francis Pott, pub.1861; alt. MUSIC: "Victory"; Giovanni P. da Palestrina, pub.1591; arr. by William H. Monk, 1861. Public Domain.

THINE IS THE GLORY

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb.
3. No more we doubt Thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

Refrain: Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;

end - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
Lov - ing - ly He greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom;
Life is nought with - out Thee; aid us in our strife;

end - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
let His church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
make us more than con - qu'rors, through Thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where Thy bod - y lay.
for her Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
bring us safe through Jor - dan to Thy home a - bove.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n-ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FIRST LUTHERAN*

April 27/28 Return of ELCA Hunger Banks
April 27 "ShareFest" City Wide Community Service 8-12pm (First Lutheran at Topeka High)
April 28 Youth Sunday – Drama: "The New Jerusalem"
April 28 Richetta Manager in Concert at First, 4:00 p.m.

May 4/5 Congregational Meeting after each service
May 12 Omega Worship and Sunday School at 11:15 a.m. - Last Day of Sunday School
May 12 Mothers' Day
May 12 Recognition of Ministers of Education and Graduates – Last day of Sunday School
May 15 Women of the ELCA Spring Banquet
May 19 Kathy Dale Honored as CDO Director
May 28 Caring for Kids 1st: First Day of Program
May 28-30 & June 4-6 CDO Summer School Sessions – "Community Helpers"

June 2 Potluck after Worship: Theme, Favorite Sports Team/Magi Moments
Magi Moments--Magical Performances by children, youth & adults
June 9 Pentecost (Please wear red)
June 6-8 Central States Synod Assembly in Overland Park, KS
June 9 Recognition of Jerry Anderson's 50 years as organist
June 16 Fathers' Day
June 17-21 Vacation Bible School at First with Trinity and Our Saviors (5:30 to 7:30 p.m.)

July 4 Office Closed-Independence Day Holiday
July 7 Potluck after Worship: Theme, Christmas In July/Magi Moments
Magi Moments--Magical Performances by children, youth & adults
July 14-19 Confirmands at Camp Tomah Shinga

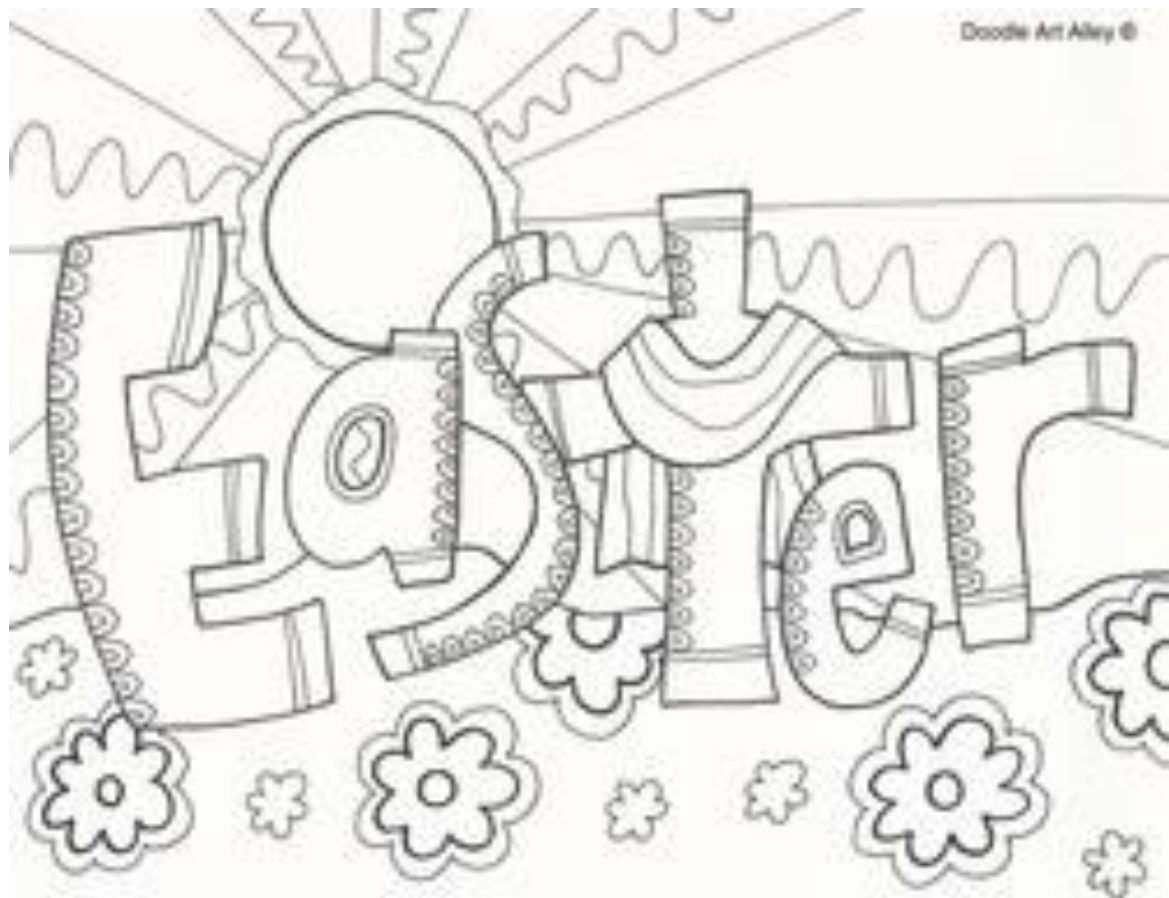
August 4 Potluck after Worship: Theme, Back to School/Magi Moments
Magi Moments--Magical Performances by children, youth & adults
August 3/4 Golden Wedding Anniversaries Recognition
August 10/11 Blessing of Backpacks during worship
August 16-18 WELCA Central States Synod Convention in Wichita, Kansas
August 21 WELCA Picnic and Officer Elections
August CDO Parent Orientation
August CDO Visiting Day
August CDO First Day of school

September 2 Office Closed-Labor Day
September 8 Rally Day
September 28 WELCA Sunflower Cluster IIIB Meeting at St. Mark's - Emporia

*Please check our Facebook Page and Website www.1stlutherantopeka.org for more information on these and other upcoming events at First. Events are subject to change.

I love to tell the
STORY

A decorative graphic featuring the text "I love to tell the STORY". The words "I love to tell the" are in a green, cursive script. The word "STORY" is in a large, bold, green, serif font. The text is surrounded by blue, wavy, ribbon-like flourishes. Two gold, multi-pointed stars are positioned on the left and right sides of the text.



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Remember, Recognize, Resolve

Today's gospel story is unsettling and unsettled. Mary Magdalene and the other myrrh-bearing women, having followed Jesus from Galilee to the cross, rest on the sabbath and then come to the tomb to anoint his ravaged body. But the women's faithful acts lead them not to consolation but to emptiness, perplexity, even further terror. Dazzling messengers of God ask why they seek the living among the dead. But then the messengers urge the women to "remember" how Jesus told them he would be crucified and rise again. The women indeed remember, as we do when others remind us of what we have experienced but haven't fully taken in. The women return to tell the eleven, who dismiss their account as an idle tale. Peter runs to the tomb and goes home amazed, but the insulted women and disbelieving apostles await resolution.

Today's gospel story speaks of resurrection, but it isn't the end. This is good news for all of us when we feel empty, traumatized, and hard pressed to believe. Easter has ample room to contain impasses and confusion, to admit what is unsettled.

In Luke's next story, later that same day, a stranger joins two despairing followers of Jesus on the road out of town. The ones who had placed hope in Jesus mention having been astounded by "some women of our group" who spoke of "a vision of angels who said he was alive." Moreover, the tomb was "just as the women had said" (Luke 24:22-24). Then the stranger breaks open the scriptures, confirming the vision and rekindling their belief. They implore him to stay, and finally recognize him in the breaking of the bread.

Our service builds toward that same breaking of the bread. With Mary Magdalene and Peter, we are witnesses of these things. At the table we are welcomed and fed. Our eyes and hearts are opened. Vindicated and believing, we recognize our host, who is risen indeed.

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