



For the
promise is
for you
and for your
children.

Acts 2:39

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. As it's passed back to you, remove the completed sheet and place it in the offering plate after noting those sharing your pew. Then after worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.

THE SERVICE BEGINS

P We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

C O Mighty God, you raised your Son from the grave on the third day, defeating the power of death forever!

P AND OF THE SON:

C O Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, we praise you for your glorious resurrection victory, and, like the disciple Thomas, we confess you as our Lord and God!

P AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

C O Spirit of power and might, guide us by your Word, that we may know the Lord, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings.

All: AMEN!

OPENING SONG: "This Joyful Eastertide"

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WE CONFESS

P Let us confess our sins, and hear the forgiveness of God.

C Like the apostle Peter, O Lord, our faith has sometimes wavered. There are days when we confess by our words and our lives that "You are the Christ, the son of the living God!" There are days when we are ready to walk on water with you. But then have come also those days when we have denied you by our words and our lives. Forgive us, Lord! Restore us to fellowship with you and one another!

WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

P When Jesus Christ arose triumphant from the grave, he did not come back to take revenge on those who had persecuted him, nor on those who had disappointed him. He came to restore them. To the disciples, huddled together in a locked room, He came and said, "Peace be with you." To the people of Jerusalem, he sent his apostles with a message of mercy and forgiveness. To Peter, who had denied

Him three times, He gave the chance to confess Him three times. And He restored Peter to his call as a servant and apostle in His kingdom, saying to him, "Feed my lambs." These same words of restoration are for you! All your sins are forgiven. Come, be an apostle in Christ's kingdom! His peace be with you!

C And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

³⁶"Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P The Word of our Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 116:1-14 (Read responsively by whole verse)

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SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for

the sake of you ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

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GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of {Jesus' followers} were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him

strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Thanks be to God

SERMON: **“WALKING WITH JESUS”**

SONG: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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STATEMENT OF FAITH - Apostles' Creed

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THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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Heavenly Father, through your Spirit guide all the baptized, that they may daily discover Christ walking before, beside, and behind them wherever their paths may lead. We pray for those preparing for baptism and those who have yet to learn of your abundant grace and peace won through the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Creator God, all creation groans with labor pains awaiting your promised redemption. In this season of transitioning weather we pray for communities everywhere impacted by the vagaries of violent weather – tornadoes, spring flooding, high winds and lightning. Grant them safety. Be with relief workers and all who assist in recovery efforts.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

God of righteousness, grant wisdom to world leaders, turning them away from fear and distrust. Open their eyes to the ways of freedom and justice that reflect your reign. We pray particularly for people in those places where violence and oppression are a daily reality. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Merciful God, be present with those who are homeless, lost, bereaved, orphaned, those who are unemployed or under-employed, those who grieve, those who are ill or despairing. [We pray particularly for] Make known to them the wholeness that only you can bring.

Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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OFFERING

CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING

L I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea.

C The Lord is my strength and my song; he has been my Savior.

L This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

C Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.

L Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

C In your mercy you led forth the people you set free; you guided them in your strength to your holy habitation.

L You will bring them in and plant them on the mount that is your possession.

C The place, O Lord, you have made for your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have prepared. The Lord shall reign forever and ever.

L Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

CLOSING SONG: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!

Brayden Chastain 4/23/15

Rosalie Warren 4/23

Ashley Mielke 4/28

Mark Brykowski 4/29

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Mark & Cindy Stoll 4/25/15

Brian & Ashley Mielke 4/27/2013



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Val Norris and her granddaughter, Clover, will be coordinating VBS this year. VBS dates will be June 5-8. There will be more information soon.

FUTURE DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Sunday, **May 21**, will be Confirmation Day for our 3 confirmands, Reagan Cook, Keegan Marshall and Brynn Springborn.

Saturday, **June 3**, the Anniversary Committee will host an ice cream social at 1pm.

Sunday, **June 4** Semi- Annual Congregational Meeting. We will be voting on our Church Council Board. This will take place after service.

CHUCH FUN FACTS

Because church lighting should gradually get brighter as you approach the altar, in the 1968 remodeling three spotlights were installed ahead of our hanging lights: one small spot on the pulpit, another to the left (east) of the arch where the baptismal font usually is, and a large spotlight on the area in front of the altar.

Sunday 4/23: Join us after the service for fellowship and coffee.

Adult Forum, 10:30am.

Monday 4/24: Clothes Closet_open, 12-1:30pm.

Tuesday 4/25: Food Pantry set up,9:30am; food distribution, 12-2pm.

Wednesday 4/26: On-line Bible Study, 7pm.

Thursday 4/27: Wittenberg Door – Pastor’s Fellowship, 10am.

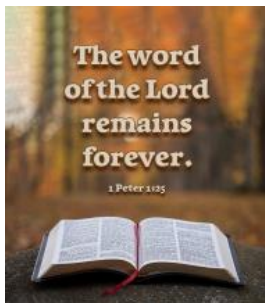
Saturday 4/29: Worship Service with baptism, 5:30pm.

Sunday 4/30: Worship Service, 9am.

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- VBS, pray for many children and many volunteers.
- First Lutheran’s many volunteers who give countless hours to take care of all our church activities and the property.
- Ben Blobaum, pray for God’s leading to his 1st church.
- Don Peterson, Louise Hoffman’s brother has been ill.
- Pastor Ian Griffith, full recovery from jaw surgery.
- Jason Gorski, as he battles cancer.
- Pray for pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God’s guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



Lessons for Next Week:

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25;
John 10:1-10