



Isaiah 25:9

*Let us be glad  
and rejoice in his salvation.*

*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First  
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*Sunday, March 31, 2024*

**EASTER FESTIVAL COMMUNION SERVICE**

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## **EASTER FESTIVAL COMMUNION SERVICE**

**March 31, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.**



**He Is Risen**

**A WARM WELCOME AND A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL** who are worshipping with us this morning. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew; you're encouraged to use this tool to greet your neighbor. Regular worship is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday; 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

LBW – green hymnal; *\*Please stand as able.*

Prelude

Choir "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"

### Order of Service

\*Resurrection Greeting

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

**Congregation: Amen**

**P:** The Lord Is Risen!

**C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Opening Hymn: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

**LBW 352**

\*This Is the Feast

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\*The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 16 (responsively by half verse)

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

\*Alleluia

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\*Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: **"IS EASTER #1?"**

\*Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

**LBW 151**

\*Nicene Creed

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\*Prayers of the Church

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Almighty God, you have fought to restore us to righteousness for these many generations, and in Christ Jesus, you have won the victory over sin and death. Help us, Lord, to tell the story of that victory and give thanks for it daily, that our daughters and sons may know your steadfast kindness and live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

*Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer*

Lord God, on this day you have broken the bonds of death, and have risen victorious over the power of the grave. Thank you especially for your gift of forgiveness and new life. By your grace, grant that each day the sinner in us may be put to death and the new self be raised to live with you in righteousness and faith. *Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, on this day when the celebration of your redeeming work in Jesus the Christ is at its fullest expression, strengthen and sustain those whose faith is tender and new. Help them to see in your church's witness a new vision of life in which grace and mercy hold sway.

*Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Ever-living God, strengthen us, and especially all who mourn, by the promise of new life with Christ. May hope in the resurrection and the promise of eternal life help us live in confidence knowing we will see our loved ones again on that day when Jesus returns.

*Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.*

\*Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Choir hymn: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

\*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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Communion Distribution	

Holy Communion - Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. Children are invited to come to the altar with their families to receive a Baptismal Blessing. The inner glasses on the tray contain grape juice and water, the rest, wine.

Continuous Communion Distribution - Proceed to the communion rail when the usher indicates, moving away from the center aisle and towards the side. Kneel as able. As soon as you have received communion, you may return to your pew, using the side aisle.

Post Communion Prayer

*Thank the Lord	p. 72
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*Recessional Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory"	<b><u>LBW 145</u></b>
*Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve The Lord.	
<b>*Congregation: Thanks be to God!</b>	

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**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
CRESTON, IL**

Kumla supper will be a fundraiser for the church on April 6, 2024. There is more information on the narthex bulletin board.

**KIRKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY TEA PARTY**

Join us for a tea party at FLC on Saturday, April 20 from 1:00-3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each. Please visit or call the library for tickets.



## Easter Memorial Garden

### **FLOWERS GIVEN IN HONOR AND THANKSGIVING:**

- **Pastor Tom**, by the Boehmer family

### **FLOWERS GIVEN IN LOVING HONOR OF:**

- **George Vodden, my husband**, by Jill Vodden

### **FLOWERS GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- **Loved ones**, by Roger & Jean Bauer
- **My husband Ken, and son Roger**, by Loraine Krabbe
- **Debra Nolf**, by Robert & Lisa Coyle
- **Armin & Ina Koehler, my parents**, by Val Norris
- **Douglas Koehler, my brother**, by Val Norris
- **My son, Joel William**, by Trudy Loomis
- **James Loomis**, by his family
- **Our parents**, and our daughter, Dominique Wince,  
by Richard and Peggy Wince
- **Lona & Jeri, Rich's sisters**, by Richard & Peggy Wince
- **Logan Marshall**, by Ryan & Jen Block
- **Armin & Ina Koehler**, by Heath & Taylor Norris family
- **Dick & Shirley Enslin**, by Heath & Taylor Norris family
- **Garnet Jordal**, by Heath & Taylor Norris family

## **Choir Music Fund – in lieu of flowers**

### **GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford
- **Our brothers, Roger, Roger & Ron and Keith's dad, Ken**,  
by Keith and Renee Krabbe

## **Good Samaritan Fund – in lieu of flowers**

### **GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford

## **Kirkland Food Pantry – in lieu of flowers**

### **GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford
- **All Our Loved Ones**, by Vernon & Jane Johnson

## **FLC Youth Group – in lieu of flowers**

### **GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

- **Curly Sanford**, by Elsie Sanford
- **My husband, Herb and our son, Tim** by Dolores Plote
- **My dad, Herb Plote and my brother, Tim**,  
by Lynne & Dennis Peterson

# WNALC Gathering

Katie Luther  
Led the Way

**Saturday, April 13**  
**10 am — 2 pm**

New Life Lutheran Church

702 W. Lynn Blvd.

Sterling, IL

The life & times of Katie Luther

by

Pastor Terese Whitten

## Lunch Provided

To keep costs low we asking each church  
to donate:

Immanuel Lutheran— Breads for Coffee

St. Paul—Casserole/main dish

St. John's — salads

First Lutheran—desserts

Please RSVP with # attending to  
Sandy Strohecker @ 815/441-4128  
by April 6 so she can let churches  
know how many to plan for

## Donations

This year we are collecting  
Bibles & Diapers

Gently used Bibles ,Devotionals  
lg. print/children's Bibles

(Please take a moment to write a short note  
in each Bible)

All sizes of diapers accepted

Sam's Member Mark Diapers OR by the  
case type of diapers are the best to buy

A monetary donation can also be  
made & items can be purchased in  
bulk at a cheaper rate



### THIS WEEK AT FLC

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

Wednesday 4/3: On-line Bible study, 7pm.

Thursday 4/4: Food Truck Delivery, 8am; Lydia Circle, 1pm.

Saturday 4/6: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 4/7: Communion Service with Sunday School, 9am;

### PARISH CONCERNS

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

- Joseph Barber, grandson of Mary Loomis & great grandson of Trudy Loomis is home healing. Praise God!
- Victims & families of the stabbing incident in Rockford.
- All those affected by the Baltimore bridge collapse.
- Bill Byers, Jane Johnson's brother needs prayers.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially:

Matt Johnson

James Klus

Emmaline Haag

David Sanderson

Michelle Bruning

Nathan Wrobel

- All those who are anticipating surgery or healing from surgery.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- Our church and its activities.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All affected by the middle east conflicts.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, and all Christian churches.