



Isaiah 25:9

Let us be glad
and rejoice in his salvation.

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
Kirkland, IL - Est. December 26, 1873

Sunday, March 31, 2024
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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March 31, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.

WELCOME! A JOYOUS EASTER TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! You are invited to stay for the Easter Breakfast, right after this service, as well as our Easter Festival Communion Service following breakfast, at 9:30 a.m. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew; you're encouraged to use this tool to get to know your neighbor.

Regular worship is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday; 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

LBW – green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Order of Service

*Processional Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LBW 151

Children's Sermon

*Resurrection Greeting

P: Christ is Risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Christ, being raised from the dead, will die no more;

C: Death has no more dominion over him.

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Prayer of the Day

O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him who died and rose again for us. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading	Exodus 15:1-11
Psalms 118:15-29 (<i>responsively by half verse</i>)	P. 273
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
*Alleluia	P. 62
*Gospel	John 20:1-18

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

*Hymn of the Day: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	<u>LBW 315</u>
*Apostles' Creed	P. 65
*Sharing of the Peace	
Offering	
*Create in Me	P. 75
*Prayers of the Church	P. 76

Almighty God, we give you thanks that through 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 every morning so our daughters and sons may know your unshakeable love and live in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God, as the morning sun warms the earth, warm the hearts of those who are or will be planting their crops. Grant that the ground may be fertile and the growing season would be long and fruitful so all people may be fed.

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 highest point, strengthen and sustain those whose faith is new and tender. Help them to see in your church's witness a new vision of life in which grace and mercy are its guides.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

God of power and strength, give your strength to all who feel weak or weary and are struggling with grief, illness, or difficulties in their lives. Give them hope in Christ who makes all things new. [Today we especially remember....]

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

- *The Lord's Prayer
- *Closing Hymn: "Thine Is the Glory"
- *The Benediction
- *The Threefold Amen
- *P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
- *C: Thanks be to God!**
- *Postlude

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Please stay for breakfast after the Sunrise service, as well as for the Easter Festival Communion Service at 9:30am which continues the celebration of the Resurrection.

8:00am: Full Easter Breakfast served.

9:30am: Easter Festival Communion Service.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, CRESTON, IL

Kumla supper will be a fundraiser for the church on April 6, 2024.
This is a drive thru ONLY.

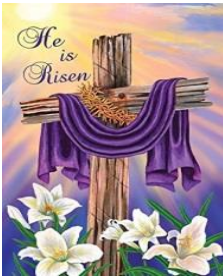
Reserve a ticket by calling St. John's church office at (815)384-3720. There is more information on the narthex bulletin board.

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. Carolyn Law of Carolyn Law Antiques will offer a presentation titled "Taking Tea in Style: Silver and Porcelain for the Tea Table". Please visit or call the library for tickets.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:32-3; Psalm 148; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31



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.