



Lift up
the light
of your face
upon us,
O Lord!

Psalm 4:6

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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Sunday, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

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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. Place this form in the offering plate when it is passed.

LBW - green hymnal *Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and Announcements

*Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56

*Opening Hymn: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" **LBW 158**

*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*The Glory to God in the Highest P. 58

*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.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Dominic Daniel Boehmer,
Addison Rose Boehmer, Audrey Michelle Boehmer and
Charlee Fox Boehmer**

(Congregation may follow along in the LBW pg. 121)

First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect

health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

Psalms 4 (*read responsively by half verse*)

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Second Reading

1 John 2:3-17

³Now by this we know that we have come to know him, if we obey his commandments. ⁴Whoever says, “I have come to know him,” but does not obey his commandments is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; ⁵but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we know that we are in him: ⁶whoever says, “I abide in him,” ought to walk in the same way as he walked.

⁷Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because^[a] the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹Whoever says, “I am in the light,” while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves a brother or sister abides in the light, and in such a person^[b] there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates a brother or sister is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

¹²I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

¹³I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young people,
because you have conquered the evil one.

¹⁴I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.
I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,
because you are strong
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world, ¹⁶ for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ And the world and its desire^[c] are passing away, but those who do the will of God abide forever.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Sermon: **“SACRIFICE OUR FREEDOM”**

*Hymn of the Day: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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*Sharing of Peace

Offering

*Create in Me A Clean Heart

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*Prayers of the Church

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O Lord, open our eyes that we might see your power and glory. Encourage us to be helpers to the physically or spiritually blind, so all might come to see the goodness of your love. Help us all to see the love of God for us in Christ Jesus.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, you work miracles every day. Sometimes those miracles are profound and defy logic and other times they are simple answers to prayers expressed in faith. Give us better understanding of your ways so we would see the every-day-miracles you perform around us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on the Church of Christ which is his precious bride. Give to your people the will to follow the Good Shepherd in word and deed, acting in kindness and trusting in his mercy in our lives and in the life of the church. Send us out into the world you love to make disciples of all nations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, there are so many people around the world who are suffering from disease, hunger, poverty, or attacks from an enemy. Grant us strength and courage in the face of such trials. Give us hope in our hearts and let us pass that hope on for the stricken and dejected. [We pray especially for ...]

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lord's Prayer

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn: "God Be with You Til We Meet Again"

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1. God be with you till we meet again,
By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again,

Refrain:

Til we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Til we meet, till we meet,
God be with you til we meet again

2. God be with you till we meet again,
Neath his wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you,
God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

3. God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

4. God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you, Smite death's threat'ning waves
before you, God be with you till we meet again,
Refrain

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!

Connie Worden 4/13

Jill Vodden 4/17

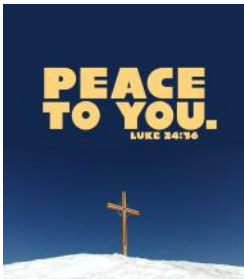
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Val Norris and Denise Norris will be coordinating VBS this year.
There will be information soon.



BAPTISMAL CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We rejoice today as God welcomes Dominic Daniel Boehmer, Addison Rose Boehmer, Audrey Michelle Boehmer and Charlee Fox Boehmer, into His family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Congratulations and God's richest blessings to Dominic, Addison, Audrey, and Charlee, their dad, Eric Boehmer and baptismal sponsors, Rebecca Crain and their grandparents, John & Jo Boehmer. Join the family after service for a cake reception in the fellowship hall.



FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR PASTOR TOM & FAMILY

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5th. We will have a farewell potluck after the service. Please see Jean Bauer with any questions.

Sunday 4/14: Join us after the service for a cake reception to celebrate with the newly baptized Boehmer family.

Adult Forum 10:30am. Newsletter Items due!

Tuesday 4/16: Food Pantry set up, 9:30am; food dist., 12-2pm.
Newsletter folding, 2pm.

Wednesday 4/17: On-line Bible Study, 7pm.

Saturday 4/13: Library Tea, 1-3pm. Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 4/14: Communion Service, 9am. Sunday School to follow.

Volunteer Appreciation Cake Reception after service. Please join us!
Kirkland Historical Society – Meet Gene Lamont at 2pm at the High School Gym.

PARISH CONCERNS

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

- 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 not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden, Dale Johnson, and many others.
- First Lutheran's many volunteers who give countless hours to take care of all our church activities and the property.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- All affected by natural disasters.
- 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.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18