



Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

PSALM 148:3

First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First
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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register, pass it down the pew for others to register and then place it in the offering plate. After worship, you're encouraged to introduce yourself to anyone you haven't met.



Today we celebrate the Lord's Supper. All who believe that Christ is present in this Sacrament are invited to share in His supper. The inner glasses on the tray are grape juice or water, the rest of the glasses are wine. Children who have not received Communion instruction should kneel at the altar with their arms crossed upon their chest to receive a Baptismal blessing.

LBW - Green Hymnal

*Please stand as able.

Prelude

Order of Service

Welcome and the Announcements

- *Brief Order for Public Confession P. 56
- *Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" **LBW 543**
- *Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57
- *This Is the Feast P. 60
- *Prayer of the Day

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sunday School (please follow Sue Peterson to Sunday School)

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the

resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 148 (*responsively by whole verse*)

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Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*The Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they

saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon: **"CONFESS AND LIVE NEW"**

*Hymn of the Day: I Love to Tell the Story"

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*Nicene Creed

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*Prayers of the Church

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Holy God, like your first apostles, inspire us to go into the world with the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may have the words to speak of your saving grace to all who are lost, alone, or hopeless. May we share Christ with all whom we meet so the world will be transformed by your love.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you know our fears and concerns. Grant us your grace in times of anxiety and worry. Help us to cast all our cares upon you. Give us your peace that passes all human understanding, especially when we struggle with difficult situations in our lives.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Loving Lord, you are the source of all creation. You put the heavens and earth in their proper place. Bring warmth to the earth as seeds are planted and bring rain to water the ground. Provide those who work the soil with the tools and resources they need so a bountiful harvest may be reaped in the months to come.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

Lord God, you are the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega. May we always put our complete trust in your ways. We ask that you would bring healing and wholeness to all those who are hurting this day, [especially....] so they may know their lives are in your eternal hands.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of Peace

Offering

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*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" **LBW 221**

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks Be to God!**

* Postlude

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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!

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| Debi Hetland 4/10 | Jim Hetland | 4/11 |
| Connie Worden 4/13 | Jill Vodden | 4/17 |

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!

Marvin & Wanda Bernhardt 4/8/56

James & Mary Loomis 4/9/83

Lenny & Sue Peterson 4/10/76



THANK YOU FROM JAMES KLUS

"I'm doing okay, still taking chemo. Please tell the congregation **thank you** for their thoughts and prayers. I can never have enough prayers."



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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN LILIES

Anyone who purchased a lily, please save the foil liner on the bottom as they can be used for our Christmas Memorial Garden poinsettias. The greenhouse charges for the foils. Please give the foils to Jean or place them in the office.

Sunday 4/7: Join us after the service for coffee and fellowship.

Adult Forum 10:30am.

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

Church Council, 7pm.

Wednesday 4/10: On-line Bible Study resumes, 7pm

Saturday 4/13: Worship Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 4/14: Worship Service with four baptisms, 9am.

Sunday School to follow.

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.
- Our church and its activities.
- 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.