



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

THROUGH HIM
YOU ARE BELIEVERS
IN GOD, WHO
RAISED HIM FROM
THE DEAD AND
GAVE HIM GLORY,
SO THAT YOUR
FAITH AND HOPE
ARE IN GOD.

1 PETER 1:21

Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 19, 2026

Welcome



Worship Series: What Difference Does It Make? April 19, 2026

Life is full of either/or moments. Some of them are of little long-term consequence. I will have either the chicken or the fish. Some of them matter more. I will accept the new job offer or keep my current job. One either/or moment is life-changing for every human being. Either Jesus is still dead, or Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus claimed he would rise from the dead. “The Son of Man must suffer many things. . . be killed and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). So if Jesus remains dead, he is both a failure and a fraud. If Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sin.

But Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! It makes all the difference! He lives! The season of Easter is a 50-day celebration of that fact.

Today’s Focus: He Lives to Restore My Hope

Without the resurrection of Jesus, I would have little hope for the future. That’s how the disciples felt after this death. “We hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel” (Luke 24:19). Their hope for a better life had died along with Jesus.

But he lives, and it makes a difference. My hope for the future is restored. I have victory over the feeling of hopelessness, because the one who heals me and gives me a better life is himself alive. He lives to restore my hope.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Derek Bartelt

Accompanist: Robert Joseph | **Elder:** David Thurow

Projectionist: Brett Biwer | **Altar Guild:** Kelly Schwartz

Opening Hymn

460 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
see the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;
al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

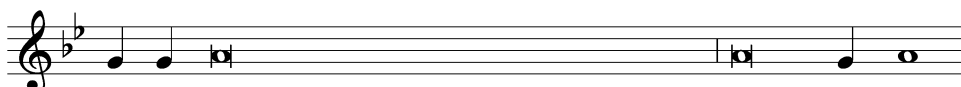
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy


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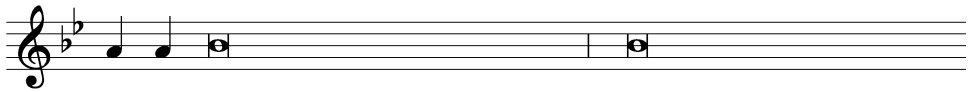
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, clear style, with notes and rests clearly visible. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the'.

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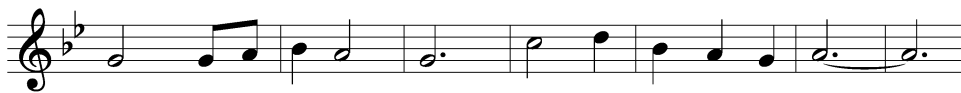
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a,32-41

The message of Christ crucified and risen gives the certain hope of forgiveness to sinners.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 116

Pastor will sing the cantor's verses.

Verses



- 1 For the love of the One who has heard my cry:
- 2 In the cords of my death, I was tan - gled round:
- 3 God is mer - cy and grace and the sim - ple are blest:
- 4 God has raised up my soul from the gates of death:
- 5 What re - turn can I give for the gifts I claim?

All



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

Cantor(s)



- 1 God has heard my dis-tress, and I shall not die:
- 2 Those who seek you in an-guish shall not be bound:
- 3 Raised me up in my pain, God my safe-ty and rest:
- 4 God has dried all my tears and re-newed my breath:
- 5 Lift the cup of sal-va-tion and praise your name:

All



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

Refrain



I will walk in the pres-ence of God



in the land, in the land of the liv-ing.



For the love of the One who has heard my cry:



I will walk in the pres-ence of God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17–21

Our hope and expectation is joining our Savior in the glory of heaven. Until that day, we live as pilgrims heading toward home.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:32



Refrain

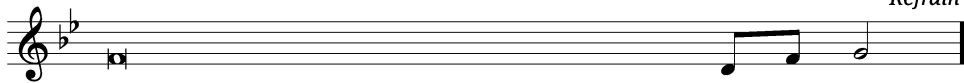


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Were not our hearts burning with - in us



while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scrip - tures to us?

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Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

Jesus restored the hope of two disciples as he explained the Scriptures.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n a - gain; Christ has bro - ken
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en -
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up -
 4 He whose path no rec - ords tell has de - scend - ed



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
 dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
 on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
 in - to hell; he the strong man armed has bound



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 We too sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
 and in high - est heav'n is crowned. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
 is exalted now to save;
 now through Christendom it rings
 that the Lamb is King of kings.
 Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
 how the lost may be restored,
 how the penitent forgiv'n,
 how we, too, may enter heav'n.
 Hallelujah!

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light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

461 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is



God, my Lord; the gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, and Sa - tan's ar - rows



bro - ken lie, de - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, ris - ing glo - rious,



life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

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OUR MISSION

As a family of believers, the mission of First Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by growing in the faith of our Savior Jesus Christ and by sharing the good news of His Word with others.

OUR INVITATION

It is a privilege for us to share with you the assurance Jesus offers about how imperfect people like us can enjoy a right relationship with our holy Creator.

Our church services are designed to be Christ-centered worship and include three main elements: God speaks to us in His Word, we respond with praises and prayers, and we encourage each other.

We are eager to have you learn more about the Triune God and about our church. If you are looking for a spiritual family in which you can be at home, please speak with our pastor.