



HE IS RISEN INDEED!



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

WELCOME!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! After the somber celebration of Holy Week, the Church gathers in the early hours of Easter morning to shout its “Alleluias” and songs of praise to the risen Lord. After three days in the tomb, Christ returned to life to dry our tears and remove our fears. Jesus wants no soul left in mourning over death. He laid down his life, and he took it up again. He removed the sting of death by becoming salvation for us, so that we can call God our Father.

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

PREPARE

Pray | We encourage you to take time before each service to speak to God in prayer. Use your own words, or, if you’re struggling to find the words, please refer to the Prayer Before Worship that is projected on the screens.

Be a good neighbor | Please greet those sitting near you and introduce yourself! We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, after all, and the fellowship we share is a special gift from God. So as not to distract others in worship, please silence your cell phone.

PARTICIPATE

The order of service is printed for you in this bulletin and is projected for you on the screens. If you are hard of hearing, personal listening devices are available from the ushers.

RETREAT

Restrooms | The restrooms are located in the south hallway (over your left shoulder as you sit in the pew). Water fountains are in the hallways on either side of the sanctuary.

Restless children | We love having your children in worship and want to help little ones in their worship of our Lord! However, if you feel the need to leave the sanctuary but still want to follow along, a TV with a live feed of the service as well as rocking chairs, children’s books and toys is located in the Library/Chapel across the south hallway.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kenneth Frey | **Preaching Minister:** Pastor Derek Bartelt
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Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

Paschal Greeting

People of God – Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I will not die, but live,
And proclaim what the Lord has done!

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Please stand for verse 4.



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The Paschal Greeting is the traditional Christian greeting in the Easter season.

Originally a Latin hymn dating from the 14th century, it was written and published next to 30 other hymns to give "a little freer air in the grave movement of the Psalm-tunes." At the time, only the Psalms were being sung. We are grateful today for the sheer variety of hymns and hymn tunes we get to choose from today. This hymn has become an Easter classic.

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

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

Let us rejoice and give thanks to God for the victory our Lord Jesus Christ won by his death and resurrection. It is for us that he has triumphed.

Silence for meditation

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!
Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*2 Cor. 5:17
1 Cor. 15:57*

If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Rom. 14:8

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Rom. 6:4

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

1 Cor. 15:54b-55

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession

Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

When I was in great need, he saved me.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.

This weekend, we see just how seriously God takes our sins—seriously enough that he sends his Son to be the atoning sacrifice. Let us view our sins in the same light. The confession of sins gives us an opportunity to them and run to Christ for our forgiveness.

This Is the Feast

938 This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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There are five "festival services" or "feast days" in the Christian calendar. Easter, Christmas, Pentecost, Epiphany, and the Ascension. This "Festival Day, this song is sung appropriately in place of the traditional "Glory Be to God".

The Word

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

During this part of the service, we turn our attention to what God's Word says to us each day. There are assigned readings for each Sunday out of the year. Today, the readings all point us to the empty tomb of Jesus.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Jonah 2:2-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Jesus compared himself to the Old Testament prophet who escaped certain death after three days in the belly of a fish.

Psalm

Psalm 118

Refrain

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

Tone

Martin Luther said, "Psalm 118 is my favorite. It is a psalm of thanks, and it prophesies about Christ, the rejected cornerstone."

The LORD is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.
The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;
the LORD has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

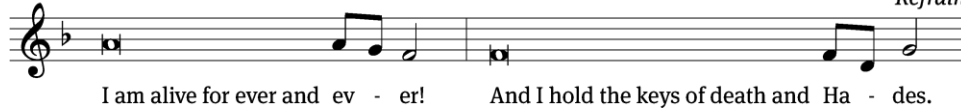
Revelation 1:18



Refrain



Tone



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It is a tradition to stand for the reading from one of the four gospel books (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John). The Gospel reading is the central and most important part of the worship service as it takes us to the words or the works of Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

The account of Christ's Easter victory.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

452 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es



le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry



ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!
to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!

This anonymous hymn dates back perhaps as far as the 1100s. The strife and battle in question wasn't Christ's, but ours. Christ finished our battle when he defeated our sin and our death.

- 4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell:
Alleluia!
- 5 By your deep wounds, O risen King,
come set us free from death's sharp sting,
that we may live and ever sing:
Alleluia! (Refrain)

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Sermon

Choir Anthem

Easter Angel Song

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

The sermon is a chance for us to dive into God's Word and message intently. For thousands of years, believers have gathered to listen to a preacher. Even Jesus himself delivered sermons in the synagogue (i.e., Luke 4:21).

God comes to us in his Word. We now come to God in our prayers.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Offering

Hymn

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893
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This hymn is actually a combination of two separate hymns by two separate hymn writers. The hymn reminds us of Jesus' true identity: King of kings and Lord of lords; a sacrificial Lamb on a victorious throne; the one who died is He who is the Lord of life.

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

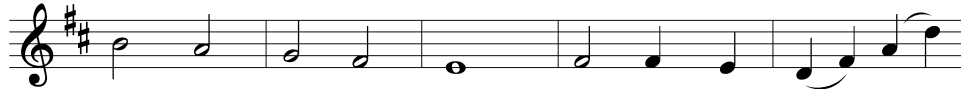
Amen.

Closing Hymn

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

This blessing is called the "Aaronic Blessing". The high priest, Aaron the brother of Moses, was the first to speak it to the assembly of ancient Israel. The exact wording of the blessing was given by God himself. It has been used by believers for around 3500 years.

The title of this hymn was first said by Job, one of the first patriarchs in the Old Testament. Job, having never known the name of Jesus, only the promise of Jesus, believed with certainty in his own resurrection from the dead. How much more then can we rejoice since we know his name! Jesus Christ is risen today! Alleluia!



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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.