

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
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April 24, 2022 at 9:30 am
2nd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“*Standing on the Lord’s Side*”
“*Hosanna! To The Living Word*”

BC Sampler #17

BC Sampler #34

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness, and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

***KYRIE**

(ELW p. 138, setting 3)

***THIS IS THE FEAST**

(ELW pp. 140-141, setting 3)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

ACTS 5:27-32

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority.

³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song and has become | my salvation.
- ¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: “The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**
- ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”
- ¹⁷**I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- ¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**
- ²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- ²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.**
- ²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.
- ²³**By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- ²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.
- ²⁵**Hosanna! | O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, pros- | per our days!**
- ²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the LORD; we bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- ²⁷**The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**
- ²⁸You are my God, and | I will thank you; you are my God, and I | will exalt you.
- ²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God’s mercy en- | dures forever.**

SECOND READING REVELATION 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Resurrection Hymn”

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

(ELW p. 142, setting 3)

The holy gospel according to John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When 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 retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, 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. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt 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 come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day; this is the day that the Lord has made.

Bring your best to our worst, bring your peace to our pain. God of love, heal your people.”

(Singing our Pray, #4)

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen”

ELW #375

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

(ELW p. 105)

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Uphold your children who cry out to you. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord and God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*** PEACE**

OFFERING

“Peace of the Lord”

ELW #646

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

(ELW p. 112 right side)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

“Lamb of God” (Band)
“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” (All sing)

Maher/Le/Ndolo
ELW #535

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***BLESSING**

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, **✠** bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

BC Sampler #47

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Instrumental

The DREAM BIG taskforce has formed and will be working on the items shared from our DREAM BIG discussions. Over the coming months, please forward any other ideas to the members of the task force. Members of the taskforce are: Molly Berry (Chair), Peg Allgeier, Marty Brilley, and Amy Taute. We look forward to continued prayer and discernment of God’s Holy Spirit directing, leading, and guiding us into clarity of First Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC) mission and vision.

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Rita Augsburger
Assisting Minister	Isaac Ford
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist/Handbells	Rick Strine
Chancel Choir and Band Director	Milt Scott
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch Jadon Pirkl / Jeremy Hahn / Tobi Osibodu
Greeters	Marilyn Oftedal / Pat Dalen / Dick & Donna Donahue
Check-In	Lin & John Malachowski / Janice Isaacs
Money Counters	Jim & Judy Carney / Mike Corley
Church Bell Ringer	Terry Shields
Band Members	Marty Brilley, Matt Philips, Laura Philips, Carla Scott, Milton Scott and Rick Strine

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and Family, Brian Bauer, Linda Bauer,
Dorsey Roberts, Susan Braden Scott (Julie Baldwin’s cousin), Freda Taylor

*If you’d like to add someone to the Prayer Request list,
please contact the office or Pastor Rita.*