

First Lutheran Church ELCA



HOLY COMMUNION The Third Sunday of Easter Sunday ✚ May 4, 2025 ✚ 10:30 am

When we encounter Jesus, we are changed and will never be the same. Jesus can be revealed in a blinding light on the road, in an abundance of fish, in breakfast on the beach. God uses all sorts of surprising things – bread, wine, water, words of forgiveness – to come to us!

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Thine Is the Glory"

Steven Scott

OPENING HYMN

"Thine Is the Glory"

ELW 376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
**waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.**

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
**waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to your people;
waters that extend your boundless love**

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
**waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together:

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word for Us

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

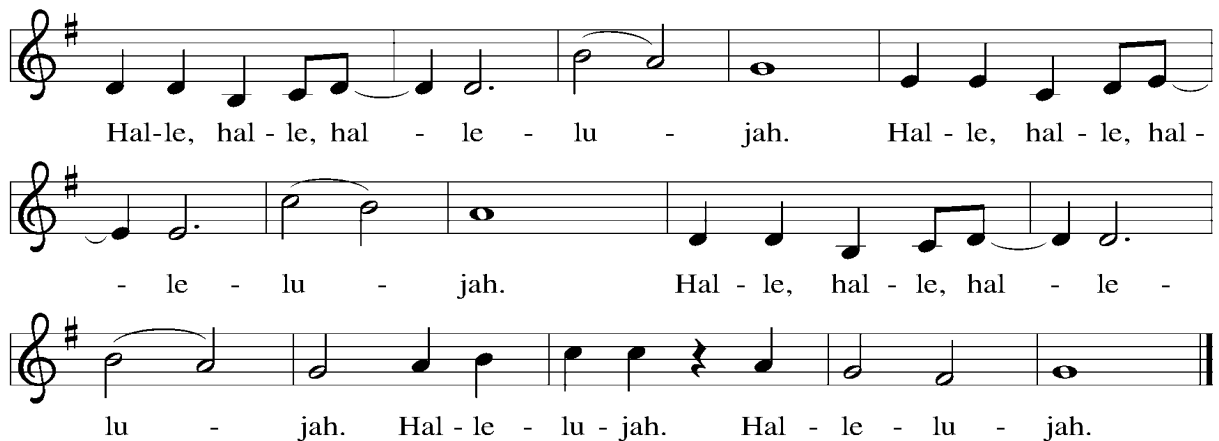
Psalms 30

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
² **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

- ⁴ **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ **While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**
- ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸ **I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**
- ¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹² **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-17

The Holy Gospel, according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

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

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

CELEBRATION TIME

“We Have Seen the Lord!”

ELW 869

APOSTLES' CREED

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Following each prayer, we respond...

God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

Welcome to God's table

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another with a gesture of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Handbell Anthem
arr. Kevin McChesney

OFFERTORY SONG

“Loaves were broken”

ACS 966 (verse 1)

Offerings are shared in the basket at the entry before or after worship.

Thanks to those who give on a regular basis through “direct deposit” giving.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
Almighty and merciful God.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so we praise your name,
and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Communion Prayers / Words of Institution

On the night before he was handed over to death,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father...

Invitation to the Table

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God!
All are welcome to God's table!

Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God. Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. Communion is served by intinction. Dip the bread in either the wine or the grape juice. Gluten-wafers are available, simply ask your server. If you prefer to remain in your pew, the pastor will come and serve you there. All are welcome at God's table!

Music during Communion

"Come and Fill Our Hearts" *sing three times*

ELW 528

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW 661

BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you,
and keep you in his grace. Amen.

Let us pray.

*We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory"

ELW 393 vs 1 and 2



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav-ior!" thus they
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“The Joyful Eastertide”

John A. Behnke

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor David Halaas	<i>presider, preacher</i>
Lori McClaren	<i>assisting minister</i>
Yvonne Hazlett	<i>organist, handbell director</i>
Janet Gross	<i>reader</i>
Jenny Denne	<i>sacristan</i>
Tim Geary	<i>communion minister</i>
Gary Troth	<i>usher</i>
Carole Heider, Nadine Holst	<i>greeters</i>
Ben & Ellie Hertenstein	<i>sound and media technicians</i>
Jim & Nancy McKenzie	<i>radio broadcast and livestream sponsor</i>
Enola Peters, Ann Doellinger	<i>coffee fellowship</i>

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Welcome to worship

You are valued and we welcome you!

We are grateful for God's gift of a diverse community.

Children always participate here!!

- Adults are encouraged to help children participate in the times we sing and pray together.
- All children are welcome at Holy Communion.
If parents prefer, children can receive a pastoral blessing.

About Holy Communion today

- o Everyone (yes everyone!) is invited to God's table of grace!
- o We believe that Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine
- o Communion will be served today by intinction... dip the bread in either the wine (dark Color) or the grape juice (light color)
- o If you prefer to remain seated, the pastor will come and serve you there.
- o Gluten-free communion bread may be requested

A great place for kids!

- ❖ **Sunday School! at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays**
- ❖ **Confirmation Together: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**
- ❖ **High School Youth: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

This week at First Lutheran

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

Monday, May 5

9:00 am Quilters

Wednesday, May 7

9:00-11:30 am Holy Family Food Pantry,
volunteers: Sue Mullin, Lori McClaren

1:00 pm WELCA Meeting

6:30 pm Confirmation Together

7:30 pm High School Youth

Thursday, May 8

1:00 pm Bible Study with Pastor Halaas - reads the New Testament book of Acts

Friday, May 9

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, May 11

10:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Fellowship

Bakeless Bake Sale on April 27 and May 4 – share a generous gift to First Lutheran Church Women ... Happy Bakeless Bake Sale to all! Forget looking for a recipe, forget shopping, and forego baking! (Please make checks payable to WELCA)

Happy Birthday this week to:

Jami Denne 5/6 Dan Moore 5/7 Michelle Hein 5/7 Bonnie Seitzinger 5/8

Daily Devotional Books

"Christ in Our Home" devotional books for April-May-June are available today

Prayer concerns and pastoral care: There are several ways for you to share your prayer concerns and needs when ill, homebound, or celebrating. Please communicate your wishes and expectations to Pastor Halaas by phone, text, or email.

Tell others about the First Lutheran radio broadcast – every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on iHeart radio 620 am. ... **and that this worship service is also available at any time** on our Facebook livestream page: <https://www.facebook.com/firstlutheransiouxcity/>

Help us display an **"Angel Chorus of ALLELUIAS"** to celebrate our risen Lord for the Easter season! We would like to ask congregation members to bring a favorite angel or two to display on our hallway shelves for the next few weeks.

All angels are welcome - from simple to fancy.

The **archive team** is busy organizing and cleaning the new archive office. Right now, they are looking for annual reports prior to 1980, and from 1980 to 1985. Also, if anyone has pictures of the Trinity stained glass window when it was located in the organ loft, we would like to have it in our archives! As you begin your spring cleaning, if you locate anything that should be archived, (special bulletins, photos of the old church, etc.) please contact Cindy Lippke or Dave Gross.

Save the date!!

- Saturday, May 3 **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY AT CHURCH**
 - inside and outside projects! (bring cleaning supplies, rakes)
 - delicious lunch served
 - fun for all ages!
- Saturday, May 10 Special event for all women –
Women from the area Lutheran churches meet at 9:30am
at St. Mark - presentation by Jean Logan of the
Community Action Agency
- June 23-26 City-wide Vacation Bible School at
St. John Lutheran Church, 28th and Jackson