

CLOSING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (Green Hymnal #143)

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'ly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hallelujah Chorus from 'Handel's Messiah' - George Frideric Handel

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN**SENDING**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Toccata from Symphony No. 5 - Charles-Marie Widor

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

First Lutheran Mission

Our mission is to connect people
to God and to each other.

Easter Welcome

Welcome! On behalf of the leadership of First Lutheran Church, thank you, thank you, thank you, for joining us this morning. We hope that the joy of Jesus' resurrection not only fills our worship but also follows you into the days and weeks ahead.

Today, you join your voice with God's people around the world saying, "Christ is Risen; Christ is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!" This bold proclamation has roots in the Bible and the Christian tradition, showing us an essential part of the Easter story. Your presence here is a bold witness that, "because He lives, we too, shall live also." (John 14:19)

During this service we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We practice an open table where all people are welcome to come forward and receive the gift of Christ's body and blood in bread and in wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are also available. A tradition of this congregation is to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. We invite those who would like to come forward and join the Cathedral Choir to do so as they share it as a musical offering.

If you are visiting this morning, please know that our mission is to connect people to God and to each other. We hope you will return to join us for Sunday worship and continue to be connected to our community of faith. Please know that whatever your background or wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. And, should you not have a church home, we invite you to become part of the First Lutheran community.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Easter blessings abound!

Rev. Dr. Marty Tollefson and Rev. Stephanie Tollefson, Co-Lead Pastors

EASTER WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Marty Tollefson - Preacher

Pastor Stephanie Tollefson - Assisting Pastor

Bill Tweten - Organist

Kathy Ferreira - Crusader Choir Director

Dr. David Ferreira - Cathedral Choir Director

Brass - Byron Ward, trumpet; Jonas Biles, trumpet; Laura Johnson, french horn; Steven Keller, trombone; Josh Biles, tuba.

Katie Damico - Cantor

Marianna Malm - Reader

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"He is not here, he has risen." -Luke 24:6

Easter

APRIL 20, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 | 9:30 & 11 A.M.

Easter

PRELUDER

Christ The Lord is Risen Today- arr. John Innes
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth – George Frideric Handel
The Strife is O'er – arr. Wilbur Held

CRUSADER CHOIR (9:30 a.m.)

Praise Him, Hallelujah - arr. Anna Laura Page and
Jean Anne Shafferman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (Green Hymnal #151)

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CATHEDRAL CHOIR: Lift High The Cross - arr. Carl Chalk

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

C: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and
join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of mercy,

C: We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has
become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we
share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness
of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 25:6-9

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:1-12

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine Is the Glory (Green Hymnal #145)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes Where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life;
Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above. **Refrain**

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and
earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light
from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with
the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose
again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is
seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and
the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge
one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the
dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMNS

In the Cross of Christ I Glory (Green Hymnal #104)

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (Green Hymnal #130)

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (Green Hymnal #147)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! (Green Hymnal #128)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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EASTER GARDEN MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Nancy and Armond Erickson** from their family

In Memory of **Donald Nettum** from Julaine Nettum

In Memory of **Donald Nettum** from his children

In Memory of **Norma Brenden** from Brenden Family

In Memory of **Mary Tron** from Philip Tron

In Memory of **Rod Capistran** from Jane Linde Capistran

In Memory of **Sonja Teigen** from Dave Teigen Family

In Memory of **Loved Ones** from Reed & Marianna Malm

In Memory of **Mary Anderson** from Joe & Anne Pazdernik

In Memory of **Elaine Pollert** from the Goecke Family

In Memory of **Vern Pederson** from Patricia Pederson

In Memory of **Sue Wild** from Lawrence Wild

In Memory of **Richard Strege** from Marlys Strege & Family

In Memory of **Ansell Johnson** from Craig & Rachel Johnson

In Memory of **Ronald Vandrovec** from Beverly Vandrovec

In Memory of **Zachary Wayne Wullstein (Grandson) & Helmut Behrens (Father)** from Al & Kay Jastram

In Honor of **Dr. Bernie & Lois Altenburg** from Karl & Sarah Altenburg

In Memory of **Stan & Marie Benson** from John & Cindy Benson

In Memory of **Dave & Ruth Taylor** from John & Cindy Benson

In Memory of **Donna Hoff** from Jonathan, Brenda, & kids

In Memory of **Richard Brown** from Lois & family

In Memory of **Ada & Walter Bowles and Helen & William Wild (Parents)** from Lawrence Wild

In Honor of **Joan Ruliffson** and In Memory of **Joe Ruliffson** from Zuther Family

In Memory of **Edward & Julia Quigley** from Brian & Evelyn Quigley

In Memory of **Edwin & Hulda Elhard** from Brian & Evelyn Quigley

In Memory of **David Ames** from Janice Ames

In Memory of **Carl & Dorothy Rorvig & Eleanor Evanson** from Janice Ames

In Memory of **Per & Marta Heggedal** from Mona Heggedal (Kristina & Laurie)

In Memory of **Martin Heggedal** from Mona Heggedal (Kristina & Laurie)

In Memory of **Marvin & Janice Leidal** from Mona Heggedal (Kristina & Laurie)

In Memory of **Eddy & Mitch Johnston** from Dan & Kara Johnston

In Honor of **Dan Levenson & Tracy Clow & their families** from Dick & Bev Levenson

In Memory of **Ralph Anderson** from Vonne Anderson

In Memory of **Sonny Gulsvig (Dad)** from Mel, Kathy & Sam Masseth

In Memory of **Kris Gulsvig (Twin Brother)** from Mel, Kathy & Sam Masseth

In Honor of **John, Mark & Tom Rasmussen** from Dave & Mary Rasmussen

In Memory of **John L., Sigrid, James Schulstad & Sara Anderson** from Mary Weisser & John Schulstad

In Memory of **Beverly Hoff & Sonja Teigen** from Betty & Chet Levenson

In Memory of **Gerald & Elizabeth (Betty) Froeber** from The Froeber, Frahm, and Phipps Families

In Memory of **Victor (Husband) and David & James (Sons)** from Loretta Lambrecht

In Memory of **Rev. Robert Murchie & Mary Katherine Murchie** from Court, Mary, Betsy & Emily Murchie

In Memory of **Arvid Friskop** from LaMae Friskop

In Memory of **Donna Zimmerman** from Cari & Matt Frisk

In Memory of **James Frisk** from Cari & Matt Frisk

In Honor of **Ron & Jan Kloster** from Polly Kloster

In Memory of **Mason Reed** from Jeff & Lavina Reed

In Memory of **John Hinman** from Muriel Hinman & Family

In Honor of **Robert Reuter** from Patric & Diane Reuter

In Memory of **Tami Peterson Jones & Everett Peterson** from Delores Peterson

In Memory of **Rachel Ellingson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Memory of **Adele & Robert Monson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Memory of **Michael P Monson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Memory of **Lawrence & Lavina Rudek** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Memory of **Dean Sorensen** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Honor of **Michael E & Michelle Monson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Memory of **Jessica Monson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Honor of **Rebecca Ellingson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Honor of **Caden & Zach Monson** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Memory of **Adlie Blilie** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Honor of **the First Lutheran Team** from Eric & Patricia Monson

In Honor of **our Grandchildren** from Phil & Gwen Sallberg

In Honor of **Tracy Snortland** from Darin & Jennifer Luebke & Family

In Memory of **Lowell Johnson** from Bonnie Johnson

In Memory of **Glen Running** from Mary & Gene Macziewski

In Memory of **Arvid & Mary Jane Dahl** from Jim & Marylee Lilleberg

In Memory of **Bernie & Lucille Lilleberg** from Jim & Marylee Lilleberg



EASTER GARDEN MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Betty Anderson** from Egge Family



EASTER GARDEN MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Palmer & Beulah Forness**
from Morgan & Kim Forness Family

In Memory of **our Parents** from
Mick & Janet Rostad

In Memory of **Shane Ahrens &
Shelia Klosterman** from
Dustin and Allison Hauschild

In Memory of **Chuck and JoJo Just** from
Hannah Brooks

In Memory of **Gene and Sylvia Brooks**
from Hannah Brooks

In Memory of **Don & Barb Lammers** from
Bryton Buth

In Memory of **Deaconess Titilolar Eyinle**
from John & Bee Mittleider

In Memory of **Sheryal Mittleider** from
John & Bee Mittleider

In Memory of **Eli McCroskey** from
John, Alex, Mali & Ellie Lyngstad

In Memory of **Mary Vance** from
John, Alex, Mali & Ellie Lyngstad

In Memory of **Donald Hovden** from
Kim & Brent Hovden

In Memory of **Paul Bergem** from
Blair, Jennifer, Christian &
Ben Thoreson

In Memory of **Myron Thoreson** from
Blair, Jennifer, Christian &
Ben Thoreson

In Memory of **Joe Ruliffson** from
Joan Ruliffson & Families

In Memory of **My Parents, Rev. Warren
& Marie Heggen** from
Rev. Terry & Kristin (Daughter) Kenny

In Memory of **Pastor Dale Vitalis** from
Family - Lu, Kathy, Susan, Beth & Steve

In Memory of **David Nilles** from
Jenell Nilles & Family

In Honor of **Nick & Casey Tidd Families**
from Ron & Nancy Tidd

In Memory of **Mike Olson** from
Bonnie Olson & Family

In Honor of **Marion Domier's 95th
Birthday on April 20, 2025** from
her Friends

In Memory of **Joy Colby** from
Brad & Ellen Bollinger

In Memory of **Victor Bollinger** from
Brad & Ellen Bollinger

In Memory of **Stephanie Fjestad** from
Orian Fjestad

In Honor of **our Children and
Grandchildren Greta, Chad, Emma,
Maeve & Charlie** from
Chuck & Marie Swanson

In Honor of **our Grandchildren** from
Bev & Al Nielsen

In Memory of **Brenda Koshney** from
Bryce and Wade Johnson

In Memory of **Bob and Roberta Alme**
from Bryce and Wade Johnson

In Honor of **Clarice Wilcox** from
Nancy & Allen Beto

In Memory of **Wesley Briggs** from
Linda Briggs

In Memory of **Al & Clarice Nordhougen**
from the Nordhougen Families:
Mary Beth, Bryan & Diane, Jim & Sue,
Judy & Mike, Jason & Terri

In Memory of **Jon Larson** from
Grant Larson

In Memory of **Mary Lee Anderson** from
Rom & Julie Anderson

In Memory of **Ross Milne** from
Rom & Julie Anderson

In Memory of **Sophie & Marius Jensen
(Parents)** from Marcia Myers
(Daughter & Marty Grandson)

***"I thank my God every time
I remember you." -Philippians 1:3***

Thank you for helping us beautify First
Lutheran's worship spaces by remembering
and honoring your loved ones this Easter!