

First Lutheran Church

“Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ”

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Regarding Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a family meal. We invite you to join us in this meal. If you are our guest this morning and have any questions regarding the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor Bart Loos before the service. As you prepare to receive this family meal, it is helpful to ask yourself these questions:

- Am I a baptized Christian who trusts in Jesus Christ alone for salvation?
- Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- Do I desire to live in the strength of the Holy Spirit and walk in the path of righteousness as revealed by God's holy laws?

If you have not spoken with Pastor Bart, we still encourage you to come up during communion and cross both arms over your chest to receive a blessing of forgiveness.

PRELUDE

Partita on the Spanish Song "La Folia" by Bernardo Pasquini

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Make Songs of Joy"

LSB 484



1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!
 He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!
 As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
 Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!

6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.


All: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!


KYRIE

Pastor:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People:



Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor:

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor:

For Your peo - ple here, who have come to give You praise, for the

strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

People:

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor:

Help, save, and de - fend us, O, God.

People:

A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now The Feast”

Refrain

Now the feast and cel-e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion sings for joy to the
 God of life and love and free - dom: praise and glo - ry for
 ev - er - more!

Verse 1:

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
 freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God. *To refrain*

Verse 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and glo - ry to
 Christ for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3:

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;
 to make all things new. *To refrain*

PROMISE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Pastor: Our Resurrected Lord is with you.

All: **And also with you. Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 98

Reader: ¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!

**All: His right hand and His holy arm
have worked salvation for Him.**

Reader: ²The LORD has made known His salvation;

All: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Reader: ³He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Reader: ⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

All: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Reader: ⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

All: with the lyre and the sound of melody!

Reader: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

All: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Reader: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

All: the world and those who dwell in it!

Reader: ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;

All: let the hills sing for joy together

Reader: ⁹before the LORD, for He comes

All: to judge the earth.

Reader: He will judge the world with righteousness,

All: and the peoples with equity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 John 4

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than He who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in Him and he in us, because He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because He first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²[Jesus said:] "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down His life for His friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Elder: This is the Gospel of our Resurrected Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ!

Elder: Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

"Apostles' Creed"

On Screen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

LSB 845



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There
 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His
 3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess; And let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
 mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.
 oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior's name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

MESSAGE

OFFERING

Chant by Robert W. Jones

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SIN

All: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for personal self-examination.)

Pastor: Most merciful God, as we prepare our hearts for Your Holy Body and Blood, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Hear us as we say our communion family prayer...

COMMUNION FAMILY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

On Screen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

Pastor: Lamb of God, who conquered the sin of the world.

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lamb of God, who defeated Satan, our enemy.

All: **Alleluia!**

Pastor: Lamb of God, You overcame death and the grave.

All: **Alleluia! Grant us Your Peace.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: With joy, I announce that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin. Now experience Christ's forgiveness in this Holy Meal in the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Pastor: The peace of our Lord, who came, lived, died, and rose amongst us, is with you now and always.

All: **And also with you. Amen!**

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT THIS TIME.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS "Love in Christ is Strong and Living" LSB 706



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

"I Bind unto Myself Today"

LSB 604



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The
4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The
5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By
pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His
pow'r of God to hold and lead, His
vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The
strong name of the Trin - i - ty By

in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His
 nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The

Repeat after st. 1 only.

Three in One and One in Three.
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,
 ear to hear - ken to my need,
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;
 Three in One and One in Three,

1
 (2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or nigh, In
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -

1
 rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise

1
 com - ing at the day of doom,
 Word of God to give me speech,
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;

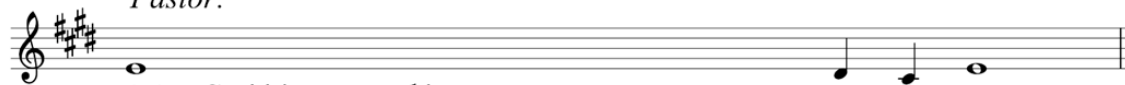
1
 I bind un - to my - self to - day.
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.


BENEDICTION

Pastor:



May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us.
May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

People:

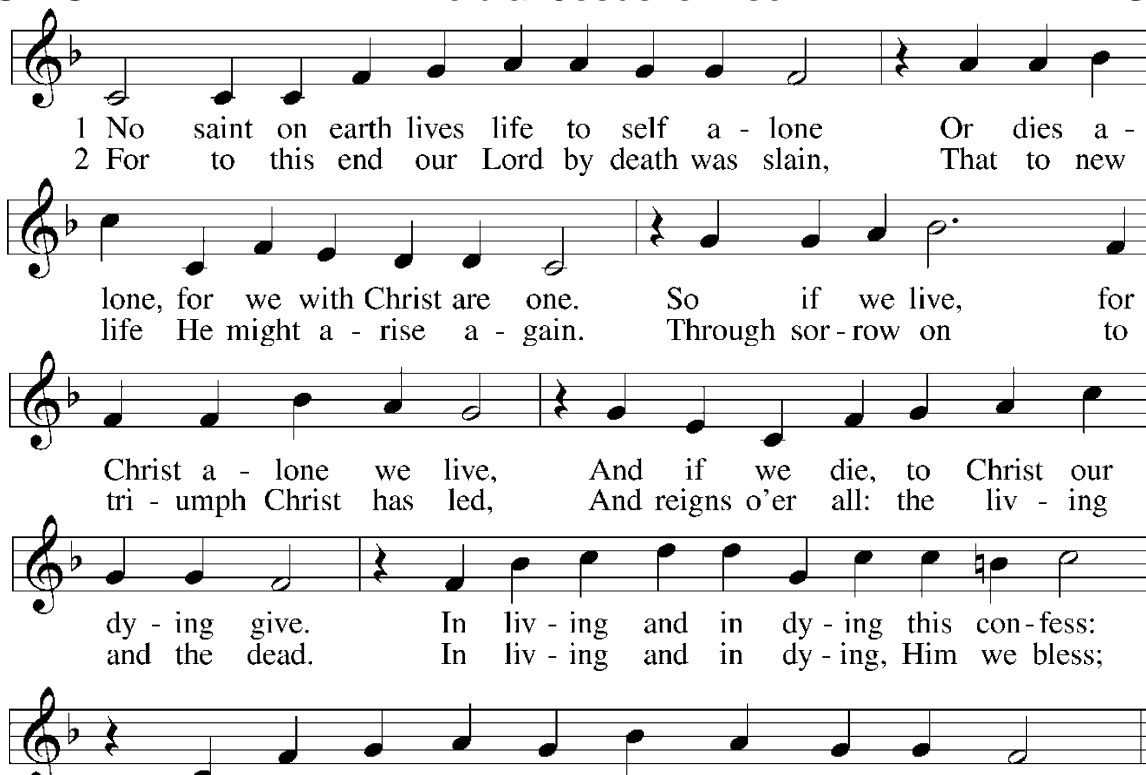


A - - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

LSB 474



1 No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone Or dies a -
2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain, That to new
lone, for we with Christ are one. So if we live, for
life He might a - rise a - gain. Through sor - row on to
Christ a - lone we live, And if we die, to Christ our
tri - umph Christ has led, And reigns o'er all: the liv - ing
dy - ing give. In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
and the dead. In liv - ing and in dy - ing, Him we bless;
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

O Love, How Deep - setting by Daniel Burton

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Elder	Ryan Hart & Max Schaller	Pro Presenter	Kevin Patrick
Reader	David Jaeger	Altar Guild	Nancy Peterson
Children’s Message	Jim Alfama	Flowers	Happy Birthday Julie! <i>Given by Cheryl James</i>

First Lutheran Staff			
Pastor	Rev. Bart Loos	Deacon	Paul Lang
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Activities This Week

May 5th, 2024 – May 12th, 2024

For details on the church calendar, please visit <http://www.flcmb>

Sunday 5/5	8:45am 10:00am	<i>Adult Bible Study "Life Together" (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i> <i>Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
Monday 5/6	8:00am 10:00am 5:30pm	<i>Staff & Leadership Prayer w/ Holy Communion</i> <i>First Ladies Prayer Group (contact Maria Austin for location)</i> <i>Shining Stars</i>
Tuesday 5/7	9:40am 6:30pm	<i>COL Chapel (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i> <i>Elder's Meeting</i>
Wednesday 5/8	12:00 – 1:00pm 5:45pm	<i>Midweek Holy Communion</i> <i>Bell Choir Rehearsal</i>
Thursday 5/9	5:45pm 7:00pm	<i>New Testament Praise Band Rehearsal</i> <i>Council Meeting</i>
Friday 5/10		
Saturday 5/11		
Sunday 5/12	8:45am 10:00am	<i>Adult Bible Study "Life Together" (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i> <i>Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>

April 28th		March Totals:		Fiscal Year (Sept-Mar)	
Offering	\$3,395	Income	\$29,553	Income	\$165,953
Other	\$3,242	Expenses	\$20,902	Expenses	\$170,570
Total	\$6,637	Over/(Under) M&M Plan	\$8,651	Over/(Under) M&M Plan	\$(4,617)

Our May Monthly Mission is:

The Hutton Family

Ethan and Amanda (and their three children) work as missionaries in Costa Rica. For more information, see MissionofChrist.org

Our April Monthly Mission was:

One Tree Planted

They make it simple for anyone to help the environment by planting trees to restore forests, create habitat for biodiversity, and make a positive social impact around the world.

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Birthdays	5: Dolores McAllister; 7: Zayumi Martin; 9: Rory Kennedy; 19: Beverly Gloth; 11: Garrett Bailey; Carol Beck; Julie Fellows; Sienna Abbasi
New Prayer Requests <i>(If your prayer request has exceeded two weeks, and you would like it continued, please resubmit your prayer request via our website or yellow Welcome Connection cards.)</i>	Submitted two weeks ago: John Durkovic's unborn baby great grandson, diagnosed with DiGeorge Syndrome + Nancy Klomp's brother and family, undergoing procedure to remove blood clot in chest + Jamie & wife Patricia, friends of McAllisters, lost their son, Miguel, in a car accident + Cristy, Ken Redeker's niece, diagnosed with cancer + The Wilson Family, as they mourn the loss of their mother, Ashley Wilson + Lucy Santana, struggling with cancer, fear, and loneliness + Karen Bearns, recovering from final radiation treatment – thank God for progress and health and continued prayers of cancer free confirmation
For Homebound Members	Pastor John Durkovic, DeeDee Sutton, Bonnie Stull, Terry Hlebasko
For those suffering from cancer	Cristy (Ken Redeker's niece), Tyler Barajas (Dane Kennedy's friend), Lucy Santana, Amy (Morgana Kennedy's friend), Karen Bearns, Annuka (Cheryl Vanick's friend), Julie Arciaga, Zoey (Kay Wells friend), Betty Long, Justine (Lynn Imamoto's sister-in-law), John Durkovic, Carol Bermans husband's aunt, Karen, Michelle (Julie Fellows' friend), Anna Baker's friend Gail Chambers, and Diana (Becca Itow's aunt).
For those mourning (past year)	The Mosha Family, The Fitzgerald Family, The Patrick Family, The Lubs Family, The Hlebasko Family, The Aguirre & McAllister Family, The Berman Family, The Lewan Family, The Jaeger Family, The Glassford & Allen Family, The Schaller Family, The Redeker Family, and The Kennedy Family.
For those suffering from Ongoing, Chronic Illnesses (autoimmune diseases, etc.)	Linda (Bob Badway's friend), Debbie Pifer, Maxine Loos, Avery & Finley Boyer, Lucy Santana, Hannah Rose, Emily Mendez, Bryana Haas
For Ongoing General Prayers	The ministries of First Lutheran Church & Circle of Love Preschool, Concordia Irvine, Pacific Lutheran Junior/Senior High School, the South Bay Community, elected officials, our nation, unemployed and underemployed, Armed Forces, medical professionals, those who suffer from natural disasters, police, and firefighters, those who are traveling, and for all persecuted Christians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **FLC**

SUNDAY 5/5/2024

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COUNCIL MEETING

The Council will meet this upcoming **Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

LWML SOCIETY MEETING

LWML will meet on **Thursday, May 16th @ 4:30pm** in the Fellowship Hall.

HEALING SERVICE

If you or a loved one are in need of healing and prayer, please join us on **Sunday, May 26th following worship @ 11:30am.**

SIGN-UPS & REQUESTS

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UPS

The 2024 flower chart is available in the narthex. Sign-up now (or call the church office) for the dates you would like to place flowers on the altar. We will be cancelling the flowers when nobody is signed up, so sign-up now for all the dates you want! The cost is \$60 and you are encouraged to take the flowers home after worship.

DONUT PICKUP SIGN-UPS

If you've ever eaten a donut or had a cup of coffee after worship then please volunteer and sign up in the Narthex to be a Deliberate, Delicious Dunkin' Donut Deliverer. See sign-up sheet for more details.

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