



First Lutheran Church

“Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ”

Ascension of Our Lord *(Observed)*

May 12, 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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

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 AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord,

All: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

All: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

All: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord”

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him for He is
your health and salvation
All you who hear,
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully,
Wondrously made us
Shelters us under His wings
And so gently sustains us
Have you not seen?
All you have needed has been
Granted because He ordains it

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord who does prosper
Your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Will daily attend you
Ponder anew what the
Almighty can do
And with His love He befriends you

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now
With praises before Him
Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath come now
With praises before Him
Let the "amen"
Sound from His people again
Gladly because we adore Him

PROMISE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Pastor: Our Resurrected and Ascended Lord is with You.

All: And also with You. Amen!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 1

Reader: ¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**All: nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

Reader: ²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

All: and on his law he meditates day and night.

Reader: ³He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,

**All: and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.**

Reader: ⁴The wicked are not so,

All: but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Reader: ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

All: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

Reader: ⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

All: but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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 5

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him.

²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey

His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His

commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has

overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because

the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the

testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in

himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is

the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have

toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests

that we have asked of Him.

¹⁶If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death.

There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

¹⁸We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

¹⁹We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. ⁵¹While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

"Nicene Creed"

On Screen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

“King of Kings”

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Refrain

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

Refrain

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Ending

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings
Praise forever to the King of Kings

MESSAGE

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Deacon: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF CONFESSION

Verse 1

Most merciful God
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

Chorus

We have not loved You with our whole heart
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ
Have mercy on us and forgive us
That we may delight in Your will
And walk in Your ways

Ending

To the glory of Your Name
Amen amen
To the glory of Your Name
Amen amen

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, rose, and ascended 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.

Please return to your seat before the first table comes to communion.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONG "Nothing But the Blood"

Verse 1

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow
no other fount I know
nothing but the blood of Jesus

Verse 2

For my pardon this I see
nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
nothing but the blood of Jesus

Refrain

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.

Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. Christ is Risen!

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN

“Living Hope”

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such
boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped
down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Refrain

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me
free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope (Repeat)

Verse 3

Then came the morning
That sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
(Repeat)

Jesus, Yours is the victory, yeah!

Refrain

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me
free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Ending

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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Volunteers Serving Our Lord Today (Please contact the office to sign up for Children’s Messages or to be an Usher. Please see Nancy Peterson to be a Reader.)			
Elder	Max Schaller	Pro Presenter	Tess Alfama
Reader	Dolores McAllister	Altar Guild	Nancy Peterson
New Testament Praise Band	Erin Lewis, Jim Alfama, Sandy Cole, Cheryl Vanick, Anna Baker, Mike O’Brien	Flowers	“Happy Mother’s Day - to all the wonderful mothers in my life” <i>Given by Julie Fellows</i>
Children’s Message	Jim Alfama	Editors	Nancy Peterson James Fearn

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

May 12th, 2024 – May 19th, 2024

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

Sunday 5/12 <i>Mother's Day</i>	8:45am	<i>Adult Bible Study "Life Together" (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
	10:00am	<i>Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
Monday 5/13	8:00am	<i>Staff & Leadership Prayer w/ Holy Communion</i>
	10:00am	<i>First Ladies Prayer Group (Contact Maria Austin for Location)</i>
	5:30pm	<i>Shining Stars End of Year Party @ Polliwog Park</i>
Tuesday 5/14	9:40am	<i>COL Chapel (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
Wednesday 5/15	12:00 – 1:00pm	<i>Midweek Holy Communion</i>
	5:45pm	<i>Bell Choir Rehearsal</i>
Thursday 5/16	4:30pm	<i>LWML Society Meeting</i>
	5:45pm	<i>New Testament Praise Band Rehearsal</i>
Friday 5/17		
Saturday 5/18		
Sunday 5/19	8:45am	<i>Adult Bible Study "Life Together" (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
	10:00am	<i>Sunday Worship Service (In-Person or Live on Facebook)</i>
	1:00pm	<i>Vision Team Meeting</i>

May 5th		April Totals:		Fiscal Year (Sept-Apr)	
Offering	\$7,326	Income	\$20,501	Income	\$185,455
Other	\$	Expenses	\$24,600	Expenses	\$195,176
Total	\$7,326	Over/(Under)	\$(4,099)	Over/(Under)	\$(8,721)
		M&M Plan	3,116	M&M Plan	(8,003)

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.

\$260

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Birthdays	12: Helen Moshia; Charlie Mannion; Landon Ryu; 14: Callan McCann; 15: Robert Hodgeon; 18: Annika Nelson
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 last week: Connie's sister, Judy, diagnosed with breast cancer + Prayers of guidance for Connie's nephew + Connie's mother, Ida, struggling with dementia + Nancy & John Durkovic's granddaughter, recovering from motorcycle accident + Kay Wells' cousin, Kirkby Holbrook, diagnosed with bone cancer + Healing for Max Schaller's right shoulder tendons + Lucy Santana, struggling with cancer, fear, and loneliness + Prayers for doctor's wisdom and God's healing to Justin Alfama, struggling with constant stomach pain
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 Moshia 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 Badaway'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.