



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31, 2024
9:00am & 11:00am

Prelude

Was It A Morning Like This

Connie Knott and Derrick Watson

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Welcome to Worship

L: Christ Is Risen!

All: *Christ Is Risen Indeed! (3x)*

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

Call to Worship

L: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

All: Merciful God, who raised Jesus from death and enthroned him Lord of Life, may we reflect your Son's selfless love as we share his body and blood here, and as we share our lives with those who need us most.

L: Grant, O loving God, that the glory of the Risen Lord may shine from the faces and lives of your followers.

All: Help us, O Lord, to celebrate your gift of life and love for all people, that all may know the wonders of your grace. Amen.

The Prayer of Day

God of mercy, 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.

Chancel Choir

Now the Green Blade Rises

arr. by Bradley Ellingboe

Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (v. 1)

ELW 384

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 367

Sermon

Pastor Sara Vanderpan

Interlude with Time for Reflection

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace	(Place your hand on your heart as you share the peace.)	
Offering		
Offertory Offering Prayer	<i>We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1)</i>	ELW 686
The Lord's Supper The Lord's Prayer Communion and Distribution	<i>Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!</i> <i>Thine Is the Glory</i> <i>Alleluia! Sing to Jesus</i>	ELW 369 ELW 376 ELW 392
Communion Blessing and Benediction Sending Hymn	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives (v. 1, 2, 8)</i>	ELW 619



Announcements

March 31, 2024

This weekend's radio broadcast is sponsored by Mark Schwanebeck
in memory of Clarence & Elly Schwanebeck

This broadcast will air @ 11am on 101.7FM & 1400AM.

Local Cable TV 10am Wednesdays and 5pm Thursdays; Spectrum 180 & Bluepeak 17

Easter Sunday	9:00am	11:00am
Acolyte	DaVinci Sanchez Damien Henning	Thomas Maxwell Dakota DeCamp
Greeters	Terry + Denise Schneekloth Family	Schlenner Family
Ushers	Ron Halgerson Tim Tomasek	Ryan + Magnus Schlenner
Lectors	Denise Schneekloth	Angela Fischer-Sussner
Communion Assistants	Mark Schwanebeck Bran Kruse Twila Henning Marlene Nordby	Twila Henning Brian Kruse Diane Taylor
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers	Hennings	
Altar Guild	Emily Coequyt, Judy Werner, Tina Nielsen, Pam Odland	
Van Driver	Call Dan Marks @ 828-1769 by 5pm if a ride is needed	
Video/Audio	Steve Hamner + Ed Henning	
Projection	Dan Marks	

Sunday, March 31

9:00am Worship Service
11:00am Worship Service

Monday, April 1

Office Closed
2:00pm Coloring for Christ
6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday, April 2

9:00am Senior Coffee
5:30pm Social Ministries Committee

Wednesday, April 3

6:30am Women's Bible Study
7:00am Men's Bible Study @ Perkins
2:30pm Boulder Estates Worship Service (Pr. Sara)

3:30pm Morning Side Worship (Pr. Sara)
5:15pm TLC
6:00pm Worship Service
6:30pm Meal in Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Confirmation
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Game Changers & Grace Gang
7:00pm Little League
8:00pm Senior High Alive

Thursday, April 4

1:00pm Peace by Piece Quilters
5:30pm Bible & Brew @ Bros. Brewery

Friday, April 5

7:00am Grub Club @ McDonald's (Senior High)

HyVee Cards available for Purchase! Hy-Vee gift cards are available throughout the year in the office or after worship services. 5% of the money goes to the Senior High NOLA summer trip in July.

Coloring for Christ: Coloring for Christ will meet on Monday, April 1 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome who enjoy adult coloring. Please bring coloring supplies if you have them. Call Paulette Hanson at 507-530-0284 if you have questions.

First Lutheran Family Spring Fling will be held on Friday, April 12th from 6:30-9:00pm. Mark it down! This will be another fun family fun night. Spread the word and invite other families to join us, too!

The Summer Trip Youth from First Lutheran are hosting a **“Dine-In Night” at the Hitching Post in Marshall on Monday, April 15th from 5-8pm!** Bring yourself! Bring your families! Bring your friends! Bring anyone you can think of!! Money earned will go toward our trip this coming summer to New Orleans for the Gathering. We will get 20% of the profits that night during the time we are there! We're telling you early so you can get it on the calendar and tell your friends. Thanks so much for your support!

NEW FLY FUNDRAISER: The Pink Flamingos will be landing soon!! Sponsored by the youth attending the ELCA Gathering in New Orleans this summer. Starting April 15th-29th, these obnoxious long-legged creatures could possibly land on your lawn! We're excited to have fun with this! Here's how it works if they land on your lawn:

- Option 1: A \$25 donation will send the flock of flamingos to land on the next yard at the end of the day
- Option 2: A \$50 donation will send the flock to land on a yard of YOUR choosing at the end of the day
- Option 3: You can do nothing and the flock will roost in your yard for 2 days!

Flock Insurance can be purchased after April 4th for \$50 to prevent the flock from landing on your lawn We hope everyone can have fun with this FUNdraiser! For questions contact the church office.

Winter Weather Policy: In the event of severe winter weather, a cancellation decision will be made by 7:00am Sunday morning. Listen for an announcement on Marshall Radio. It will also be posted on First Lutheran's Facebook page. For Wednesday programming, if school is **released early or canceled** due to severe weather, there will be no TLC, Worship, or youth activities.

Marshall Lions collecting glasses: As you are doing your spring cleaning, please share your old glasses. There is a drop off box located by the office entrance. Thanks in advance.

It's Spring Cleaning at First Lutheran on April 6th! We are looking for volunteers to sign-up and help clean the church on Saturday, April 6 from 9-12pm. We will meet in the office area at 9:00am. Jobs will include cleaning the church pew cushions, washing chairs and tables in the Fellowship Hall, washing windows, dusting and sweeping, etc. Please sign-up by calling the church office at 532-2429 or send Ann an email: ann@1stlutheranchurch.org

Print Church Directory: If you want a printed First Lutheran Directory, please contact Tonya. The Instant Church Directory site link is: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/> You can update your information or photo whenever you want. You can also download the app on your phone and have access to it wherever you go. (It's a lime green icon app that says Instant Church Directory.)

Maggie Jean Foundation Project: If you have finished blankets and hats, please bring them to the church office. We will continue to make and distribute blankets and hats. If you need yarn, please call Twila Henning at 507-360-0828. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this project.

Free Garage Sale: If another group would like to take on and be responsible for the Free Garage Sale project from Social Ministries, they would be happy to share notes with you.

Prairie Conference WELCA Spring Gathering: Will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Bethany Lutheran in Arco at 9:00am. Special Speaker is Scott Gottschalk and the theme is "Angels Among Us." Contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:30-3:0pm at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Redwood Falls. Registrations and fee of \$40 are due by April 22. Registration includes program, coffee and lunch. Pick up the registration form in the office if you are interested or contact Corlys at 507-828-6106 for more information.

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20: All First Lutheran 8th Grade students will travel to Shetek Lutheran Ministries for their Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Sara, Sam, & Bailey along with the 8th Grade Confirmation Captains will be joining them on this Faith Journey.

The Lasts of the Education programs for the school year: First Lutheran Education programs are wrapping up for the school year soon. The last day of TLC Wednesday is April 17. The last day of TLC Sunday is April 21. The last day of Confirmation Classes will be on April 24. The last day of Wednesday Worship Services will be on April 17th.

Summer Office Hours: It's great to look ahead to the summer season and a few changes from school year routines. As you look ahead, please note the church office hours will change for the summer (June through August) as follows. You will find staff members at the church at other times, too, and you may reach them via phone, text or email with questions to set something up.

Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am to 1pm

Bible and Brew: Spring session is April 4-May 16. Please NOTE: We will meet at KB's Bar & Grill on April 11 with a guest leader. Reminder- All are welcome to join us on Thursdays at 5:30pm for a brew or beverage of choice, along with a menu item, if desired. Dutch treat of course. We study the upcoming Sunday's Bible reading while enjoying camaraderie, asking lots of questions and gaining insight. All are welcome!

Call Process Update: Hello! I'd like to provide an exciting update on the First Lutheran Church Call Process. A quick review of the 7-step process: Step 1 Say goodbye to our pastor. Step 2 Interim pastor discernment. Step 3 Complete the Congregation Mission Assessment and Ministry Site Profile. Thank you to that team for their hard work! Step 4 Establish a Call Committee. Step 5 Consider candidates. Step 6 Extend the call. Step 7 Welcome our new Pastor. We are currently on Step 4. We have established a Call Committee! The committee members are: Jeff Larsen serving as Chair, Jason Anderson, Dave Gifford, Scott Griebel, Marcy Heemeyer, Sonya Kayser, Sydney Meister, Mitchell Maxwell, Carol Purrington and Grace Rokeh. The Committee has a Synod orientation March 24th and will be installed April 21st. The Call Committee will interview potential candidates and make a recommendation to the Council. Process details: <https://swmnelca.org/call-process> Please keep the Call Committee and candidates in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you! - Stacy Frost, Council President

Prayer List:

~ Prayer list will be updated every Tuesday ~

John Doyle, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Dorwin Swenson (father of Jason Swenson), Jerry Vogel, Jane Linder (mother of Penny Sommervold), John Thooft, Matt Moen (nephew of Sharon Miller), John Lund, Neil Peterson (father of Jason Peterson), Carrie Sueker, Jim Ray (Steve & Karen Meister's daughter-in-law's father), Sue Christoffer (sister of Holly Sorum), Eugene DuBrey (Bridget Albright's father), Amber Poppen (friend of Terri Wiblemo), Marquita Banks, Perry Banks, Brandon Athen, Ashley Eick

Easter Lily given in memory of:

David Peters
Melvin Coudron
Lloyd Powell
Our Parents
Carl & Elaine Hamner & Allen & Clara Cady
Arlen Voss
Harold Hansen & Wayne Schultze
Arthur & Millie Pagel
Reuben & Edith Miller, Larry Miller & Julie Kennedy
Clarence & Elly Schwanebeck
Adolphe & Imogene Porisch, Marilyn Green
Ronald & Dorothy Anderson
Alice Vinor, Willard & Ginny Krogen
Judy Koepf
Teresa Cardenas
Helen, Mervin & Doug Gilbertson
Dave & Liz Koster
Darwin Zahrbock
Elmer & Gwen Geistfeld, Bill & Clarice Versaevel
Lester & Lucille Christianson, Paul & Patty Olson
My parents and siblings
O. Elof & Mildred Johnson, Sean-David Doyle,
J. Byron & Clara Doyle
Wayne Enderson
Steven Neet
Doris Engler & Harry Freeburg
Gerald and Mary Hetland

Easter Lily given in honor of:

FLC Family thanks for making us feel so welcome
Our kids Logan, Bailey & Derek
Denise Schneekloth
Maynard Koepf
Curt Sorum
Our children & grandkids

Given by:

Brian & Lorinda Coudron & Suzanne Powell
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Bill & Kathy Engler
Steve & Janet Hamner
Nicole & Tania Brewers
Tom & Sherri Schultze
Lu, Sandy & Kristi Miller
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Mark Schwanebeck
Karl & Shirley Porisch

Doug & Dorothy Krogen
Jason & Tonya Ormberg & girls
Tania Muro-Cardenas
Don, Deb, Denise & families
Dan & Kitsi and family
Hans & Shana Zahrbock & family
Ken & Sue Versaevel Family
Jim & Kim Christianson
Carol Purrington
John & Bonny Doyle

The Enderson Family
Pamela Neet
Paul, Tanya & Taylor Freeburg
Caryn Hetland

Given by:

David & Janet Landby
Tim & Tonya Tomasek
Nicole & Tania Brewers
Jason & Tonya Ormberg & girls
Rosie Sorum & family
Leon & Judy Werner

Easter Sunday Readings

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Response: ***Glory to you, O Lord!***

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent

over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

"The Gospel of our Lord"

Response: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***