



First Evangelical
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO CHURCH

MAY 10, 2026 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Truly, we are glad you are here. There are so many places in the world that we wonder if we are welcome. In this place you are welcome and celebrated!

About Communion

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at First Lutheran. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, or ability.

There are gluten free wafers for those who need them.

There is red wine and white grape juice.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. She will be happy to give you a blessing.

If you need to receive communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

About Offering

This worship service is a gift to you. The members and friends of this church choose to share their money so that we can host a place where all are welcomed, all are served, and all can grow in faith through the work of the Holy Spirit. If you want to join us in this and share your wealth You can give online by scanning this QR code or you can use the brown envelopes in your pew to make an offering by cash or check.



About You

Please also take a moment to fill out the "Count Me In" card in your bulletin and drop it in the offering basket on your way to receive communion. Even if you just put down your name and nothing else, these little cards go a long way to helping us evaluate our worship and plan for the future. Don't worry, we won't track you, share your information, or spam you, it just helps our staff to do their jobs.

For families with children there are worship bags on a wooden stand by the doors to the sanctuary that have toys and activities to do during worship. There are also other activities in that same spot that you're welcome to take and keep. We welcome wiggles and chatter during worship but if you would be more comfortable in the playroom, you are welcome there too!

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EASTER SEASON | gather

PRELUDE

Piano Reflections

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW #396

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor Blessed be the Trinity, + one God the fountain of living water. The rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

Pastor Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let's give thanks for the gift of baptism.
Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

**All You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Pastor Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

**All who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Pastor Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

**All Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Pastor Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.

**All We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. Amen.**

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ELW #404

EASTER SEASON | word

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

Reader Our first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles.

After the reading is finished:

Reader Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:15-21

Reader This morning we hear the good news of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John.

All Glory to you, O God.

After the reading is finished:

Reader This is the good news of Jesus Christ, the gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW #804

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Merciful God,

All hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Marlys Olson

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader I invite you to stand as you're able and pray with me.

Generous and surprising God,

All When we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

As we prepare to feast on God's grace, let's pray as Jesus taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION SONGS

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

ELW #754

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader I invite you to stand as you're able and let's pray together.
Holy, gracious, God,

**All Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible.
We have rested in the depth of your love;
We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence;
We accept you into our bodies, into our lives.
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.
Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.
And we give you thanks. Amen.**

EASTER SEASON | send

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW #392

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Miles Lane

by Maurice C. Whitney