

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

April 20, 2025

8:45 am

Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

**“A Festal Song” by Donald R. Noller
Bell Choir**

Please stand as you are able.

Easter Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Since we have such a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus Christ our Lord, let us with confidence draw near to God, that we may receive mercy and find grace in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit. Amen.

P: God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Processional Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory" ELW 376



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** Amen.

Please be seated.

8:45 Anthem

“Christ is Risen” by Gregg Sewell

Chancel Choir

Word

P: A Reading from First Corinthians the Fifteenth Chapter.

P: 15:19-22 If only in this life, we continue to have hope, we are more pathetic than all other people. But now, Christ has been raised from the dead, first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death is through an individual, so also resurrection from the dead is through an individual. For just as in Adam all die, thus also in Christ all will be made alive.

15:23-26 But each will be made alive in their assigned order. Christ, the first fruit, then Christ's own (that is, the ones who belong to Christ) at Christ's future coming. Then comes the end when Christ hands over his reign to God the Father, when he obliterates every opposing rule and every authority and power. For it is necessary that Christ reign until which time he places all the enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be obliterated is Death.

15:27-28 For God subjected all things under Christ's feet. When it says, "All things have been subjected" it is clear that God, who subjected all things to Christ, is exempted. And when all things are subjected to Christ, then the Son himself will be subjected to God who originally subjected all things to Christ in order that God would ultimately be the everything in everything.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Acclamation.



Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. *(Luke 24:1-12)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

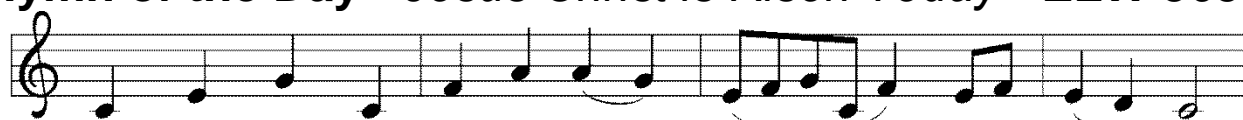
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering

Sermon Pastor Rick Carlson

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayers of Intercession

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence for reflection.

P: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls.
 God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving. We pray especially for...

Skyler Marie Adams	Rocky Geiser	Garth Scism
Jim Anderson	Larry & Jane Giddings	Denise Scott
Bertha Boyer	Chuck Gilson	Addison Sullivan
Vicki Buschelman	Kylie Kotrc	Tony Tauer
Gregory Carrico	Ron Kruse	Eunice Warner
Jim Catterson	Bob Lammers	Carl Weber
Wayne Deterding	Emily McArthur	Misty White
Terry Eirich	Lane Nansel	Dean Wiese
Leonard Fowler	Bob Placzek	Miranda Wright
Tyler Freeland	Eileen Richter	
Randy Fritson	Brent Roemmich	

P: God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering

“Rigaudon” by Gordon Young

Reed Wagner, organist

Please stand as you are able.


Offertory Response

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465

Refrain




As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



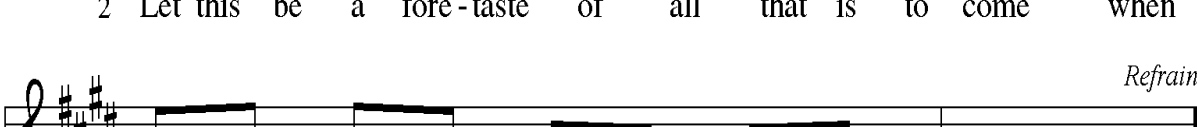
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

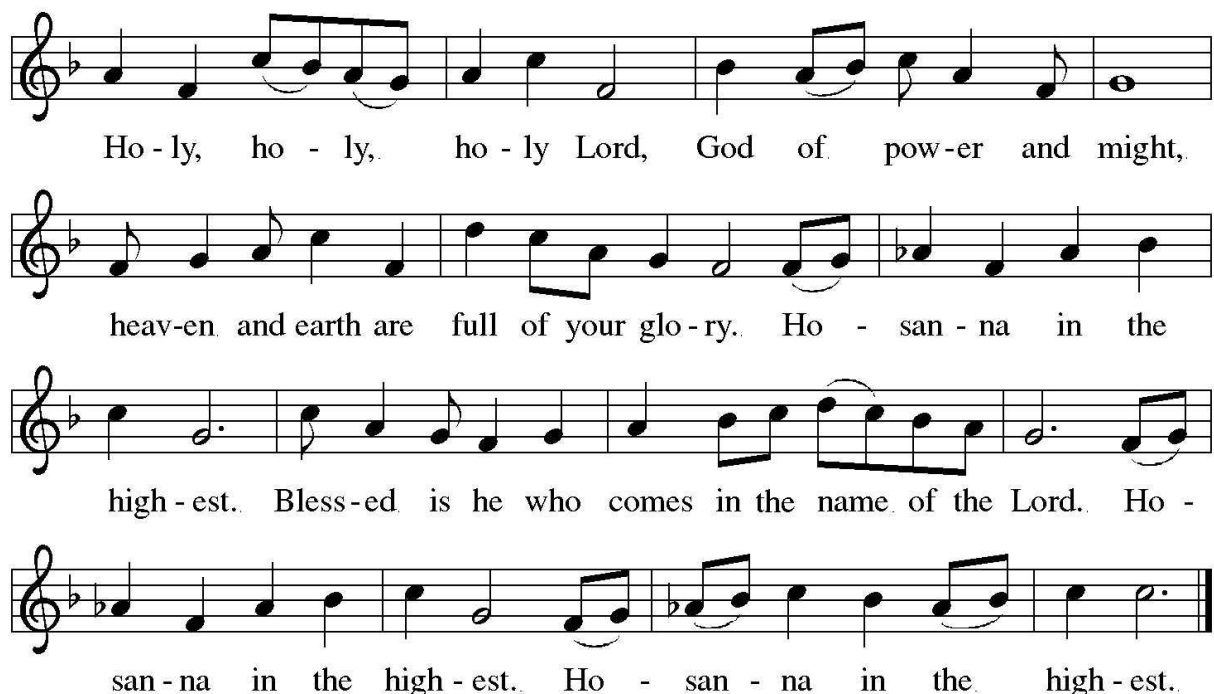
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord"*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Please be seated.

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran.
All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let
the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.
The wine is red and the grape juice is clear in the chalices. We
will commune by intinction, dipping the wafer into the
wine/grape juice.*

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Music

"Meditation: All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Reed Wagner, organist

Please stand as you are able.

Table Grace

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sending Hymn

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" ELW 382



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turms to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris-ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.

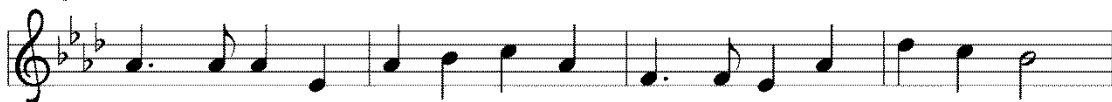


Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

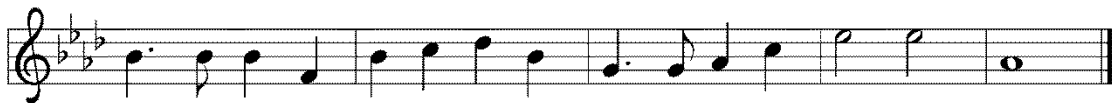


bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

“Toccata” by Charles-Marie Widor

Reed Wagner, organist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The New Nursery is OPEN!** – Do you need a quiet place to take your child? The nursery is available for you to use. Services will be live streamed inside. Located by café area.
- **Worship Schedule**—Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 8:45 am & 11:00 am
- **Church Office Hours**—Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- **Brookestone Garden Services: First Sunday** monthly at 2:00 pm
- **For the hard of hearing FLC offers a loop system** for wearers with a “T” (t-coil) setting; the coverage works best on the main floor in the center aisles. (It is not available in the balcony.)
- **S.A.F.E. Center donations** - for April are Ziplock bags, plastic food containers and aluminum foil! Please put donations on the sharing shelf in the Narthex.
- **Volunteer of the Month** – for April is Beth Jochen. Thank you, Beth, for the many years of creating baptism banners and taking care of our church tablecloths!
- **Communion registration**—Please register annually to maintain membership. Registration cards in pew racks & on Welcome Stations.
- **Visitors**—please complete a visitor card, found in the pews.
- **First Lutheran Church Preschool Registration is open to the public.**
- **Sundays: Sunday School** – Pre-K through 8th grade 9:50 am - 10:50 am. (Sunday School will NOT be in session Easter Sunday)
- **Saturday, April 19** – Holy Saturday Service – 6:00 pm
- **Sunday, April 20** – Easter SONrise Service: 7:00 am (N. parking lot)
- **Sunday, April 20** – Easter Services: 8:45 am and 11:00 am (No Sunday School)
- **Monday, April 21** – Easter Monday – Church Office closed.
- **Wednesday - April 23 & 30.**
 - (The last evening of youth activities for summer break will be April 30th)
 - **Feeding the Flock** –meal is open to everyone – not just the youth. Served 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in Centennial Hall.
 - **FROG** – Pre-K through 5th grade 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm.
 - **FLY**—Wednesday night Youth Group, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.
 - **Confirmation Class** – 6:50 pm – 7:55 pm.
 - **Heavenly Treble Makers** – 6:15 pm. (April 30th)
 - **Chancel Choir** – 6:30 pm.
- **Saturday, April 26** – Women’s Luncheon – 11:00 am – Centennial Hall. Everyone is welcome! Sign up on the bulletin board.
- **Sunday, April 27th** – Together for Joy and Thanksgiving Unity service.
 - 9:45 am – Sunday School
 - 11:00 am ONE Service– Traditional with the Cantata
 - 12:00 noon – Open House to view the new office area.
 - 12:15 pm – Pot luck luncheon.
 - Members with last names A-L bring a salad, side or dessert
 - Members with last names M-Z bring a main dish.
- **Monday, April 28** – Preschool Fundraiser: Family Fun Night at Pizza Ranch
- **Sunday, May 4** – Affirmation of Baptism.
- **Sunday, May 18** – 8:45 am service - recognition of all high school graduates.
- **Sunday, May 25** – 11:00 am service changes to 10:30 am
- **July 14 – 17 & 20** – Vacation Bible School



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