

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 25, 2025

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10:30 am

Holy Communion

Gathering Music



“Christ The Lord Is Risen Today”

arr. Lyra Davidica

Reed Wagner, organist

MAY 24/25, 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Presiding
Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Preaching





“Sharing Shelf”
S.A.F.E. Center Donations for May:
disposable plates, cups, and silverware.



Please set donated items on the shelf in the Narthex.

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual Abuse Family Education Center.
The S.A.F.E. Center’s mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

Preschool Kitchen Shower

Help **us** stock our **NEW Preschool Kitchen!**

List of items needed:

Microwave, refrigerator, desk chair, step ladder, Visa Gift Cards (*for cookware, plates, measuring cups, etc.*)

Details can be found on the board in the Narthex.





Playdate In The Park

31
May

10
AM

Sponsored by Pastor Logan and Erin Ellis

FAMILY FUN | PLAYGROUND | SPLASH PAD

Parents of Elementary Aged Kids:
Bring your kids, for a playdate in the park and potential
splashpad fun!

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Greeting

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of
the Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



Worship Song

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

ELW 625



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround
the throne.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**Let those refuse to sing who
never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may tell their joys abroad,
may tell their
joys abroad.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the
golden streets.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we’re marching through
Immanuel’s ground,
we’re marching through
Immanuel’s ground,**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.**



“Come, We That Love the Lord”, ELW 625

**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.**

Text: Issac Watts, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, refrain. Music: Robert Lowry
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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

L: Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life.



Prayer of the Day

Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Word: Acts 16:6-15

L: A reading from Acts, the sixteenth chapter.



Word: Acts 16:6-15

L: ⁶They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; ⁸so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas.



Word: Acts 16:6-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.



Word: Acts 16:6-15

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.



Word: Acts 16:6-15

¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.



Word: Acts 16:6-15

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. *(Acts 16:6-15)*



Word: Acts 16:6-15

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel: John 14:23-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



Gospel: John 14:23-29

P:²³ Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.



Gospel: John 14:23-29

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives.



Gospel: John 14:23-29

Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.



Gospel: John 14:23-29

²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.” (*John 14:23-29*)



Gospel: John 14:23-29

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Children's Message

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND “NOISY” OFFERING

*Children's Offering goes to
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Sermon



SERMON

Pastor Rick Carlson

Worship Song

“Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word”

ELW 663



“Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word”, ELW 663

**Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
spread the reign of God the Lord.
Send forth our Creator's call,
heaven's gifts extend to all.**



**Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
who, to save our human race
and to pay rebellion's price,
gave himself as sacrifice.**



**Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
now to guide us on to heav'n,
strong and holy, just and true,
working both to will and do.**



“Spread, Oh Spread, Almighty Word”, ELW 663

**Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.**

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774-1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: J.A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord and Savior. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian
church, the forgiveness of sins
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: 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.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict.

Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents.



Prayers of Intercession

L: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. We pray especially for...



Prayers of Intercession

Skylar Marie Adams
Jim Anderson
Bertha Boyer
Vicki Buschelman
Gregory Carrico
Wayne Deterding
Terry Eirich
Leonard Fowler

Tyler Freeland
Randy Fritson
Rocky Geiser
Larry Giddings
Kelsey Gronewold
Kerry Journey
Ron Kruse
Emily McArthur



Prayers of Intercession

Lane Nansel
Eileen Richter
Brent Roemmich
Garth Scism
Denise Scott
Addison Sullivan

Tony Tauer
Eunice Warner
Misty White
Dean Wiese
Miranda Wright



Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- *Sharon Liljehorn on the death of her husband, Jim*
- *Carl Weber's family and friends on his death*



Prayers of Intercession

L: We give thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give.



Prayers of Intercession

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.



Meal

OFFERING

“In Christ Alone” arr. Jan Sanborn
Reed Wagner, organist

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Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.



Confession and Forgiveness

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.



Confession and Forgiveness

We have denied our need for daily new birth. We have scorned the means you provide to fertilize and cultivate our growth in grace. We have closed ourselves to pollination by others of your redeeming, particularly those whose fruits differ from ours.



Confession and Forgiveness

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, revive us, and open us to your gifts, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.



Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.



Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.
Risen One,
you have gathered us
around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.



Offertory Prayer

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.



The Great Thanksgiving

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

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



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.



Words of Institution

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.



Words of Institution

P: 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.



The Lord's Prayer

**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.



Communion

We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

arr. Phillip Keveren

Reed Wagner, organist



Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

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

C: Amen.



Prayer after Communion

L: 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: Amen.



Worship Song

“This is My Song”

ELW 887



“This is My Song”, ELW 877

**This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace
for lands afar and mine.
This is my home,
the country where
my heart is;**



“This is My Song”, ELW 877

**here are my hopes,
my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts
in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams
as true and high as mine.**



“This is My Song”, ELW 877

**My country's skies
are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams
on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands
have sunlight too,
and clover,**



“This is My Song”, ELW 877

**and skies are ev'rywhere
as blue as mine.**

**So hear my song,
O God of all the nations,
a song of peace
for their land
and for mine.**



“This is My Song”, ELW 877

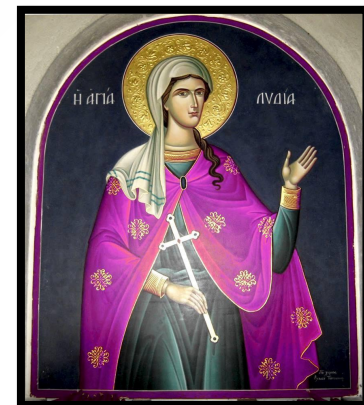
**This is my prayer,
O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come;
on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up
till all shall serve you,**



“This is My Song”, ELW 877

**and hearts united
learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer,
O God of all the nations;
myself I give you;
let your will be done.**

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Dismissal

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Sending Music



“The Hallelujah Chorus”

Jan Sanborn

Reed Wagner, organist