

# Seventh Sunday of Easter



**June 1, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**10:30 am**

**Holy Communion**

# Gathering Music



*“My Lord, What A Morning!”*

Arr: Cindy Berry

**Betty Heggemeyer, organist**

MAY 31 / JUNE 1  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor Logan Ellis,  
Preaching



Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,  
Presiding



Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,  
Co-Pastor



# **S.A.F.E. Center Donations for June:** *Shelf Stable & Microwavable Foods*

Please put on the sharing  
shelf in the narthex.

**Peanut Butter**

**Crackers**

**Trail Mix**

**Rice or Pasta Pouches**

**Instant Mac and Cheese Cups**

**Ramen Noodles**

**Instant Soup**

**Pudding Cups**

**Jello Cups**

**Chips**

**Canned Tuna or Chicken**

**Instant Oatmeal Cups**

**Cereal**

**Pop Tarts**

**Protein/Granola Bars**

**Canned Fruit**



**S.A.F.E. Center**

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# Preschool Kitchen Shower

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



**Items needed:**

**Children's Plates, Cups, Cooking  
Utensils, Step Ladder,  
Microwave, Refrigerator,  
Visa Gift Cards (to purchase small items).**

**A complete list can be found on the  
bulletin board in the Narthex.**

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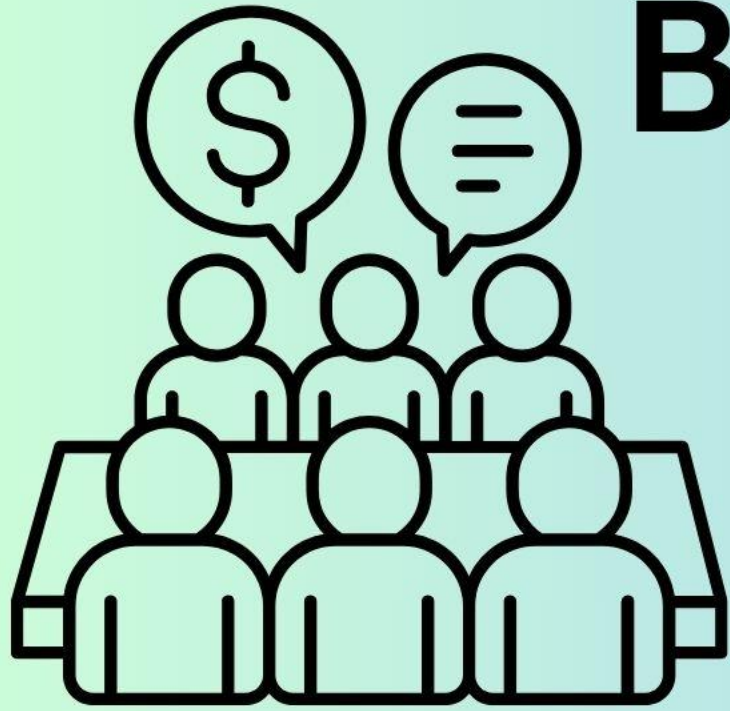
**FIRST LUTHERAN**  
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**June 2nd  
DEADLINE  
to sign up!**  
Contact Pastor Logan  
or Pastor Rick

***Mission Trip***  
**September 14-20**







# Budget Forum

- Sunday, June 15
- 9:45 am
- Centennial Hall

**Please attend the budget forum.  
The 2025/2026 financial plan will be  
discussed and congregational  
input is needed!**

# **Annual Congregational Meeting**

- **Sunday, June 29**
- **9:45 am**
- **Centennial Hall**

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND. WE WILL VOTE ON ELECTED OFFICIALS, VOTE ON THE BUDGET AND CELEBRATE THE CONGREGATION'S ACTIVITIES.





# Greeting

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

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



# Worship Song

## *“Making Their Way”* **ACS 979**



**“Making Their Way”, ACS 979**

**Making their way down  
through the ages,  
sinners and saints have heard  
God's call:  
wealthy and poor, powerful, lowly,  
Jesus' disciples, one and all.**





**Gathered for worship,  
offering thanks,  
the greatest with the least  
have come to share this feast.**



**Making their way all the world over,  
Christians assemble on this day,  
hearing the Word,  
sharing the Banquet,  
learning to walk in Jesus' way.**



**Members of Christ, united in love,  
they seek our God to know,  
and so together grow.**





# **“Making Their Way”, ACS 979**

**Making our way season by season,  
pilgrims, we journey till life's end,  
traveling light, sharing the riches,  
caring for stranger as for friend,**



# “Making Their Way”, ACS 979

**till in the joy of longing fulfilled,  
together we will come  
to our eternal home.**

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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.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will.



## Prayer of the Day

Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# Word: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

**L:** A reading from Revelation, the twenty-second chapter.





## Word: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

**L:** <sup>12</sup> “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”



## Word: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup> “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”



## Word: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”

And let everyone who hears say,  
“Come.”

And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water  
of life as a gift.



# Word: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

*Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21*



**Word: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

**L: Word of God. Word of Life.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel: John 17:20-26

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**





## Gospel: John 17:20-26

**P:** [Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup> “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.



## Gospel: John 17:20-26

<sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



## Gospel: John 17:20-26

<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.



## Gospel: John 17:20-26

<sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” (*John 17:20-26*)



## Gospel: John 17:20-26

**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  
Operation Shine*

**OPERATION  
SHINE**

The logo for Operation Shine features the words "OPERATION" and "SHINE" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter "O" in "SHINE" is replaced by a lightbulb. The lightbulb is composed of several interlocking puzzle pieces in red, yellow, and blue. The lightbulb has a black base and a few short lines radiating from the top, suggesting it is lit.



# Message

*Pastor Logan*



*Keeping the Robes Clean*

# Sermon



## **SERMON**

### **Pastor Logan Ellis**

# Message

*Pastor Logan*



*Keeping the Robes Clean*

# Worship Song

*“Come Down, O Love Divine”*



**Come down, O Love divine;  
seek thou this soul of mine  
and visit it with thine own  
ardor glowing;**



**O Comforter, draw near;  
within my heart appear  
and kindle it, thy holy flame  
bestowing.**





**Oh, let it freely burn,  
till worldly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its  
heat consuming;**



# **“Come down, O Love Divine”, ELW 804**

**and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round,  
the while my path illuming.**

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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:** Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations.



# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire, earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land.



# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy.





# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool.



# Prayers of Intercession

Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people.



# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart. 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

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 Lane Nansel's family and friends on his death.*



# Prayers of Intercession

**L:** Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died. We look toward your coming again among us.



# 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

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERTORY

*“The Power of the Cross”*

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

**Betty Heggemeyer, organist**

*Communion Servers,  
Please come forward at this time.*

Arr: Carol Tournquist

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# Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*



# Confession and Forgiveness

**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.*

## **Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands**

*If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.*

## **Communion Music**

*“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (In the setting of “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring)*

*by J. S. Bach, Thomas J. Williams, Arr. Virginia Halberg*

**Betty Heggemeyer, 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.**



# Sending of Communion

**L:** Let us pray.

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound.



## Sending of Communion

May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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



*“Take the Name of Jesus”*



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Precious name, oh, how sweet!**  
**Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**  
**Precious name, oh how sweet!**  
**Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Take the name of Jesus ever  
as a shield from ev’ry snare;  
if temptations round you gather,  
breathe that holy name in prayer**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Precious name, oh, how sweet!**  
**Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**  
**Precious name, oh how sweet!**  
**Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Oh, the precious name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us,  
and his songs our tongues employ!**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Precious name, oh, how sweet!**  
**Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**  
**Precious name, oh how sweet!**  
**Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**At the name of Jesus bowing,  
falling prostrate at his feet,  
King of kings in heav’n  
we’ll crown him,  
when our journey is complete.**



# **“Take the Name of Jesus”**

**Precious name, oh, how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.  
Precious name, oh how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heav’n.**

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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!**



# Postlude



*“Easter Triumph”*, E.L. Ashford  
**Betty Heggemeyer, organist**