

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25/26, 2026
6:00 pm | 11:00 am
Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church, Kearney, NE

Music Prior to the Service

“Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace” ELW 528

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of eighth and quarter notes.

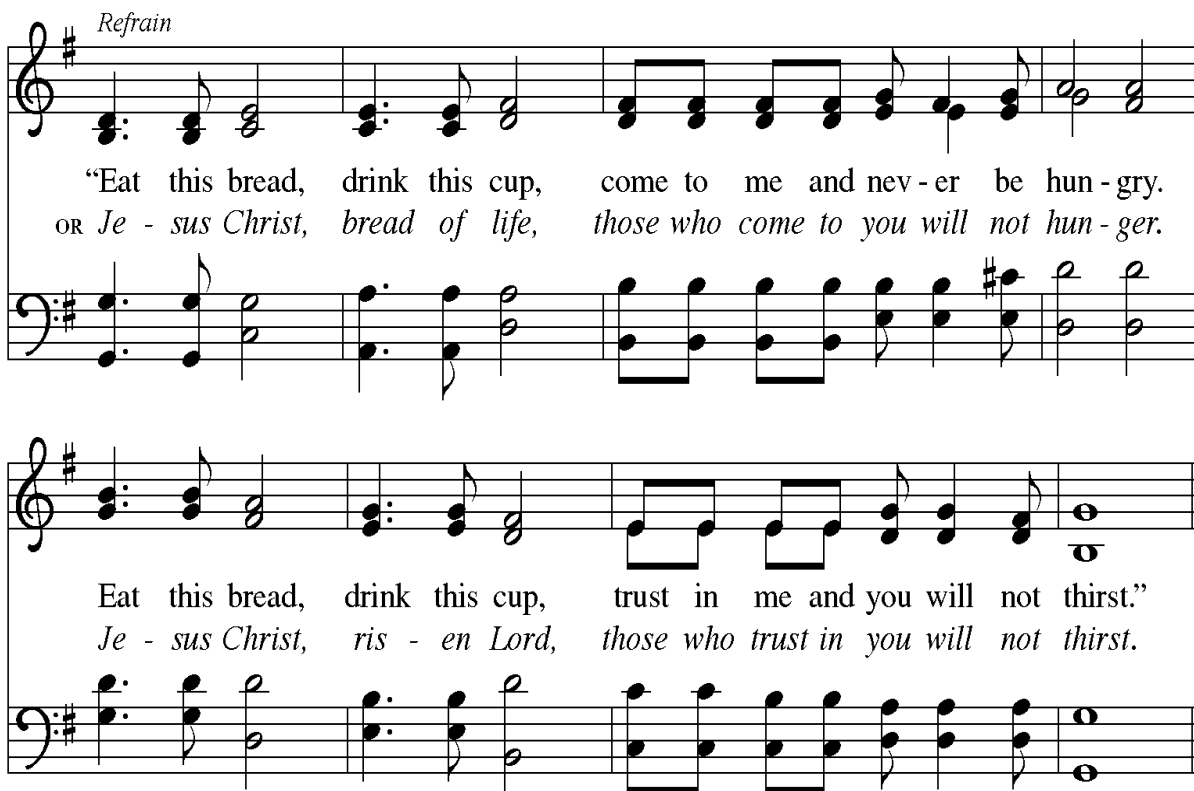
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of music also consists of two staves. The upper staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line. The lower staff continues the accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are split across two lines.

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"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" ELW 472

Refrain



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Announcements

CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA

"Our Father", Pepper Choplin

Prelude

"We Are Not Alone", Chancel Choir Jonathan Reece, soloist

Please stand as you are able.

Processional Hymn

“Day of Arising”

(Sung to the tune Bunessan, ELW 689)

- 1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

- 2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

- 3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

- 4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.**

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.

Please be seated.

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“Our Father in Heaven”, Chancel Choir

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CANTATA

“Let Your Kingdom Come”, Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” **ELW 752**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#).



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a final cadence in the treble staff. The key signature remains two sharps.

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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] ⁹“Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be revered as holy.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come.

May your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one. (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message and “Noisy” Offering

*(Children’s offering goes towards ELCA North Carolina
Disaster Relief Fund)*

Homily Pastor Rick Carlson

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

“Our Father, God in Heaven Above”

(Sung to the tune Melita, ELW 756)

- 1 Our Father, God in heav'n above,
we pray, united in your love:
Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,
in faithfulness to keep your word.
Your kingdom come; your will be done
On earth as there before your throne.**
- 2 Give us today our daily bread;
let ev'ryone be clothed and fed.
Forgive our sins, as we forgive
When others hurt us as we live.
Help us to dwell in harmony
and serve each other willingly.**
- 3 In time of trial, rescue us.
Let your word give success to us
when, on our left and on our right,
temptations challenge us to fight.
Deliver us from evil's pow'r
and comfort us in life's last hour.**
- 4 Amen. Yes, yes, it shall be so!
Build up our faith and make it grow;
Beset by doubt, help us believe
what here we ask we shall receive.
So, by your promise, in your name,
with loud Amen your Yes we claim!**

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Prayers of Intercession

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence for reflection.

L: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer

L: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer

L: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. We pray especially for:

Jim Anderson	Patty Ibsen	Garth Scism
Bertha Boyer	Tami Jobman	Sue Springer
Vicki Buschelman	Derek Johnson	Debbie Steinbrecher
Pastor John Carlson	Renee Mentzer	Carrie Stithem
Gregory Carrico	Laura Morton	Joanne Suing
Rich Ferris	Natalie Radcliffe	Patty Suing
Corinne Fischer	Russell Radcliffe	Tony Tauer
Jenna Forbess	Mary Renshaw	Martha Tiede
Leonard Fowler	Daniel Rheome	Misty White
Randy Fritson	Eileen Richter	Dean Wiese
Larry Giddings	Kristen Richter	Miranda Wright
Keith Halliwell	Daryl Rodgers	Paula Yoachim
Jerry Ibsen		James Ziebarth

Prayers of comfort and peace for:

- Maxine Grassmeyer's family and friends on her death.
- Lorene Krenke and family on the death Lorene's husband, LaVern Krenke.

L: Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer

L: Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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.

Offering

"Give Us This Day", Chancel Choir

11:00 am: Communion Servers: Please come forward at this time.

Offertory Response

"Forgive Us", Chancel Choir

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity,
✠ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: To you, O God,

C: all hearts are open, to you all desires are known. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Help us embrace each day as a precious gift. Help us not allow the sins and mistakes of our past steal away the blessings of the present. Help us when we struggle to forgive those who hurt us and caused us pain. Help us forgive ourselves. As we embrace forgiveness and release our pain, lead us not into temptations. Show us a path far from the things that tempt us, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. May the God of prayer and presence strengthen you and keep you.

C: Amen.

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“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”, **Chancel Choir**

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus.

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.

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.

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. 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 new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Please be seated.

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

“Holy Be Thy Name”, Chancel Choir

11:00am *“Adagio” from Concerto in A Major,
W.A. Mozart, arr. Dan Fox*

Natalie Radcliffe, flute

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

L: Let us pray.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

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“Thine is the Kingdom”, Chancel Choir

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“We Are Not Alone” (Reprise), Chancel Choir

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 Adult and Children’s Coloring Books, Colored Pencils and Crayons. Please put donations on the sharing shelf in the Narthex.
- **Volunteer of the Month** – for April is Michelle Johannesen. Michelle serves on several committees and is always willing to jump in and help – even on ones she’s not officially part of. Thank you, Michelle, for all you do!
- **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.
- **The Nursery** is available for anyone to use with services livestreamed inside. A toddler restroom is located inside.
- **Tuesdays** – 5:30pm – Chancel Bells – Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Evening Activities**
 - Praiser Bells – 5:15 pm.
 - Feeding the Flock Meal 5:30pm – 6:30pm. (open to all)
 - FROG – Pre-K through 5th grade 6:15 pm - 7:45 pm.
 - Heavenly Treble Makers – 6:15 pm.
 - FLY—Wednesday night Youth Group, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.
 - Chancel Choir – 6:30 pm.
 - Confirmation Class 6:50 pm – 7:55 pm.
- **Sun. Apr. 26** – Spring Together for Joy Unity Sunday:
 - One Sunday Service 11am. (Traditional)
 - Potluck Luncheon following service.
- **Sat/Sun Apr. 25/26** - Spring Cantata Sat. 6pm & Sun. 11am
- **Wed. Apr. 29** – 6:15pm-7:45pm: F.R.O.G. End of Year Celebration! If you can’t make it for the whole evening, feel free to stop in any time for some family fun. For all past, present & future F.R.O.G. families & volunteers.
- **Sun. May 3** – 8:45am service: Affirmation of Baptism
- **Sun. May 17** – 8:45am Service: Recognition of Graduates
- **Sun. May 24th** – New Sunday Service time: 9:45am
- **Save the DATE:** Vacation Bible School July 13-16 & 19th



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Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson, Preaching**

**Assisting Ministers:
6:00 pm – Sara Davis
11:00am – Amanda Lewis**

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