

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:00 a.m. – Worship

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad. †

***Opening Hymn #296 (LBW) – Just as I Am, without One Plea**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know – the thought and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may have peace.**

***Promise of Grace**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

My dear friends, do not believe all who claim to have the Spirit, but test them to find out if the spirit they have comes from God. For many false prophets have gone out everywhere. **2** This is how you will be able to know whether it is God's Spirit: anyone who acknowledges that Jesus Christ came as a human being has the Spirit who comes from God. **3** But anyone who denies this about Jesus does not have the Spirit from God. The spirit that he has is from the Enemy of Christ; you heard that it would come, and now it is here in the world already. **4** But you belong to God, my children, and have defeated the false prophets, because the Spirit who is in you is more powerful than the spirit in those who belong to the world. **5** Those false prophets speak about matters of the world, and the world listens to them because they belong to the world. **6** But we belong to God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever does not belong to God does not listen to us. This, then, is how we can tell the difference between the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. **7** Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** And God showed his love for us by sending his only Son into the world, so that we might have life through him. **10** This is what love is: it is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the means by which our sins are forgiven. **11** Dear friends, if this is how God loved us, then we should love one another.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise #551 (LBW) - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

***Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8**

"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. **3** You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. **4** Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. **5** "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in

me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. **6** Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. **7** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. **8** My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #469 (LBW) – Lord of All Hopefulness

***Apostles' Creed**

***Prayers of the Church**

***Lord's Prayer**

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Organist: Brian Wick
Reader: Bill McIntire
Greeter: Liz Johnson
Ushers: Travis Anderson & Tim Wyss
Counters: Aaron Buhr & Tim Wyss
Fellowship Servers: Dinae Paulson and Aaron & Cassie Paulson
April 21st Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 37; 10:00 AM – 118; Total: 155

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

Prayer List: We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), Maddi Wilson (daughter of Paul & Heidi Colbeth), and Dixie Croes at the loss of her brother, Mike Stener. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

My Devotions family devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. Use this resource to bring Christ into your home every day with your children.



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at United Covenant Church June 17th-20th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Register online TODAY for this fun, FREE & faith-filled event! Scan this code, OR go to www.firstluthclearlake.com and click on VBS Registration. On the sign up table are opportunities to serve and donations are being accepted in the beach pail bucket.

Rummage Sale: We are seeking leaders for the Clear Lake Days Rummage Sale. Please notify the office (715-263-2846) ASAP if interested.

Lawn mowing volunteers are needed by the week throughout the spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Fishermen Wanted! We seek to know Jesus and make him known. Your Council is excited to get the word out by dropping off welcome material to new movers to our area. Volunteers are needed to make this outreach possible. We hope to do this once a month, probably on a weekend. More information is available in the brochure attached to the sign-up sheet. Please sign up if you can help us “fish for People”.

Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 8th

7:00 PM

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Featured groups are the
United Methodist Bell Choir and
First Lutheran Choir*

There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments after the concert.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM-Fellowship
7:00 PM-Choir Practice\

Monday 7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study

Tuesday **NO QUILTING**
9:30 AM-Prep. Day for May Day Dinner

Wednesday 7:00 AM-First Brew & You
4th Annual May Day Community Senior's Dinner
11:30 AM-Program
12 Noon-Dinner
5:30 PM-8:30 PM-Supper with Open Youth Room
6:15 PM-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
7:30 PM-9th Grade Confirmation

Saturday 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion
9:30 AM-Fellowship
9:40 AM-Last Day of Sunday School
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion (**High School Senior Recognition**)
11:00 AM-Fellowship
7:00 PM-Choir Practice