

Easter Sunday Worship

April 5, 2026

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



(congregation stands)

Pastor: The Light of Christ returns!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

*Opening Hymn #151 – Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*Responsive Reading

P: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,

C: **Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.**

P: Mary said, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

C: **When she had said this, she turned and saw Jesus there.**

P: Jesus said, "Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

C: **Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples,**

All: **"I have seen the Lord!"**

Scripture Reading

(congregation stands) "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" #551

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

*The Easter Gospel

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!
(congregation is seated)

Sermon

Hymn #145 – Thine Is the Glory

1. Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, Risen conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
(Refrain)

3. No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life; Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
(Refrain)

*Nicene Creed *(congregation stands)*

All: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Easter Bell Choir

*Words of Institution *(congregation stands)*

*The Lord's Prayer

All: **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** *(congregation is seated)*

Communion (*We practice open communion. All baptized Christians who believe Christ is truly present in this meal to offer forgiveness invited to commune.*)

*Blessing (*congregation stands*)

*Closing Hymn #143 – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1. Now all the vault of heav'n resounds, In praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has Triumphed! He is living!" Sing choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Eternal is the gift he brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life, And by his presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, fill us, Lord with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above, That we conquer through your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day, That by our lives we truly say: Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring, And with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, To Spirit blest, must holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Dismissal

P: He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**



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

WELCOME to all who join us for worship this Easter Celebration! A special welcome to those guests joining us today. We hope to see you again soon. Take a gift for your children as you depart.

We give thanks for the Easter lily flowers which adorn our sanctuary and hall. Those who purchased flowers may take them home after the 10:00 AM service.