

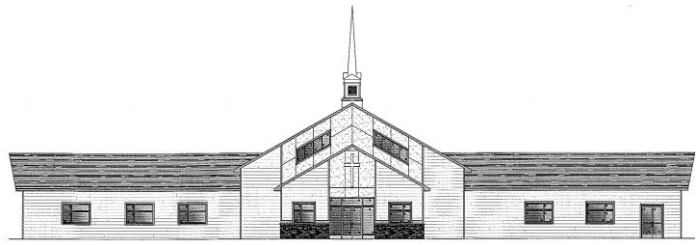
Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

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 #448 (LBW) – Amazing Grace

*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

First Reading: Acts 5:27-33

They brought the apostles in, made them stand before the Council, and the High Priest questioned them.

28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in the name of this man," he said; "but see what you have done! You have spread your teaching all over Jerusalem, and you want to make us responsible for his death!"

29 Peter and the other apostles answered, "We must obey God, not men. **30** The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross. **31** God raised him to his right side as Leader and Savior, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven. **32** We are witnesses to these things - we and the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to those who obey him." **33** When the members of the Council heard this, they were so furious that they wanted to have the apostles put to death.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, **4** and so we look forward to possessing the rich blessings that God keeps for his people. He keeps them for you in heaven, where they cannot decay or spoil or fade away. **5** They are for you, who through faith are kept safe by God's power for the salvation which is ready to be revealed at the end of time. **6** Be glad about this, even though it may now be necessary for you to be sad for a while because of the many kinds of trials you suffer. **7** Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold, which can be destroyed, is tested by fire; and so your faith, which is much more precious than gold, must also be tested, so that it may endure. Then you will receive praise and glory and honor on the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** You love him, although you have not seen him, and you believe in him, although you do not now see him. So you rejoice with a great and glorious joy which words cannot express, **9** because you are receiving the salvation of your souls, which is the purpose of your faith in him.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise #518 (LBW) – Beautiful Savior

*Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. **20** After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." **22** Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." **24** One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!" **30** In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. **31** But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #143 (LBW) – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Choral Benediction

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: Lacey Kamm
Greeters: Liz Johnson and Matt & Angie Steffen
Ushers: Matt & Angie Steffen
Counters: Jackie Goodmanson & Richard Selvig
Potluck Servers: LeRoy & Liz Johnson
April 5th Easter Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM – 71; 10:00 AM – 201

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Visitors are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted and place in offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. Potluck will follow worship in the hall.

Those considering church membership are invited to the New Member Orientation to be held after the 10:00 AM service next Sunday, April 19th. New members will be received on Sunday, April 26th.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dylan LaBeree, Jane Scholz, Mark Gilbertson, Brian Wick, Tiffany Wagner, Carrie Buhr, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), Jim Peterson (husband of Dawn Peterson and brother of Kathy Eggert & Leann Martinson), Dave & Sue Anderson (brother & sister-in-law of Mary Jo Lien), and Mary Jo Lien at the loss of her husband Larry Lien. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Our Daily Bread home devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. We invite you to share with a friend.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM-Potluck
Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting
9:00 AM-Pastor at Clergy Meeting
6:30 PM-Church Council
Wednesday 10:00 AM-Staff Meeting
Fellowship & Fun Night
5:30 PM-Supper
6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun
6:15 PM-7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
6:15 PM-High School Bible Study
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
10:00 AM-Sunday School
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship Service with Communion
11:00 AM-Fellowship
11:00 AM-New Member Class