

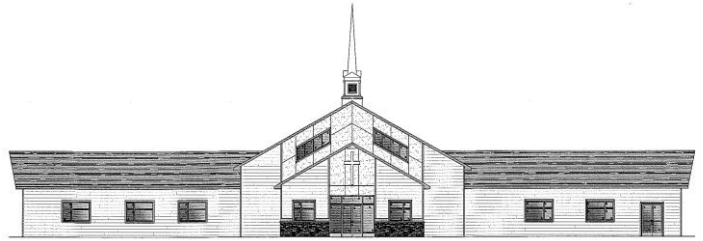
Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

First Lutheran Church

Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

*Call to Worship

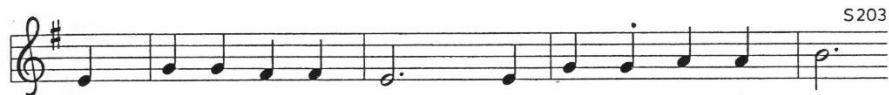
P From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same.

C The name of the Lord be praised. †

*Opening Hymn #306 (LBW) – Chief of Sinners though I Be

*Prayer of the Day

*Confession of Sin



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice but you take no delight in burnt offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart you will not despise. Have mercy on me according to your loving kindness, in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Promise of Grace

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

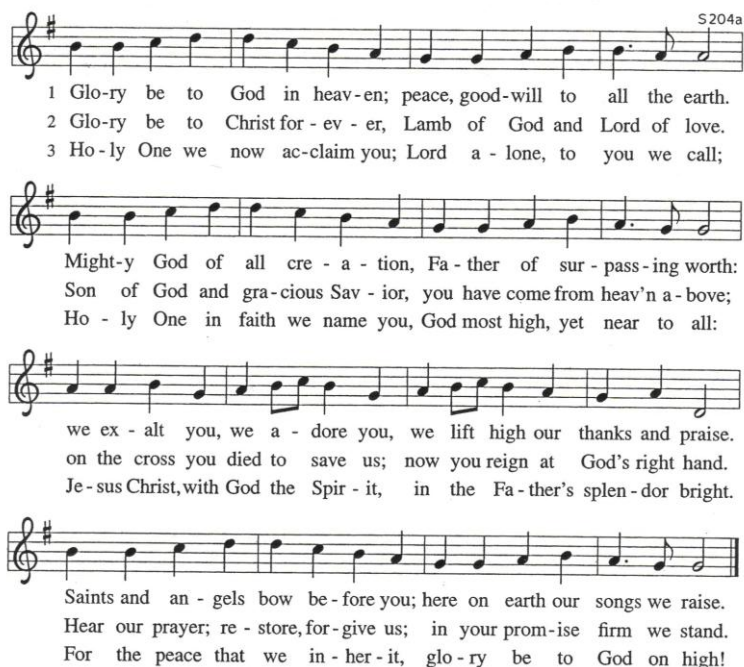
Then Peter stood up with the other eleven apostles and in a loud voice began to speak to the crowd. **36** "All the people of Israel, then, are to know for sure that this Jesus, whom you crucified, is the one that God has made Lord and Messiah!" **37** When the people heard this, they were deeply troubled and said to Peter and the other apostles, "What shall we do, brothers?" **38** Peter said to them, "Each one of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, so that your sins will be forgiven; and you will receive God's gift, the Holy Spirit. **39** For God's promise was made to you and your children, and to all who are far away - all whom the Lord our God calls to himself." **40** Peter made his appeal to them and with many other words he urged them, saying, "Save yourselves from the punishment coming on this wicked people!" **41** Many of them believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-25

You call him Father, when you pray to God, who judges all people by the same standard, according to what each one has done; so then, spend the rest of your lives here on earth in reverence for him. **18** For you know what was paid to set you free from the worthless manner of life handed down by your ancestors. It was not something that can be destroyed, such as silver or gold; **19** it was the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw. **20** He had been chosen by God before the creation of the world and was revealed in these last days for your sake. **21** Through him you believe in God, who raised him from death and gave him glory; and so your faith and hope are fixed on God. **22** Now that by your obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves and have come to have a sincere love for other believers, love one another earnestly with all your heart. **23** For through the living and eternal word of God you have been born again as the children of a parent who is immortal, not mortal. **24** As the scripture says, "All human beings are like grass, and all their glory is like wild flowers. The grass withers, and the flowers fall, **25** but the word of the Lord remains forever." This word is the Good News that was proclaimed to you.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise



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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-27

On that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. **15** As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; **16** they saw him, but somehow did not recognize him. **17** Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?" They stood still, with sad faces. **18** One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?" **19** "What things?" he asked. "The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. **20** Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. **21** And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. **22** Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, **23** but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive.

24 Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him." 25 Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! 26 Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" 27 And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #145 (LBW) – Thine Is the Glory


*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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: Patti Wyss
Greeters: Liz Johnson and Matt & Angie Steffen
Ushers: Matt & Angie Steffen
Communion Asst: Jackie Goodmanson
Counters: Jackie Goodmanson & Richard Selvig
Altar Guild: Brad & Jo Nilssen
Fellowship Servers: Mike & Becky Schramski
April 13th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 30; 10:00 AM – 107

GIVING

Total offering for March \$20,965.10 (*\$21,874.25 needed monthly*)

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. All are invited to a time of fellowship in the hall after worship.

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

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Miles Johnson, 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), Missy Getschel (niece of Tracy Olson), and Kay (friend of Linnae Seaman). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Workers needed (Men & Women) to help with the Community May Day Dinner, which is Friday, May 1st. Help is needed on Thursday and Friday. Sign-up sheets for workers and food donations are in the entry. Take one or more food donation Post-it notes from the board and record your donation on the sheet.

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-Fellowship
11:00 AM-New member Class

Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting

Wednesday **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 7:30 AM-Women's Book Study

Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM-Fellowship
10:00 AM-Sunday School
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship (**New Members Received**)
11:00 AM-Fellowship