

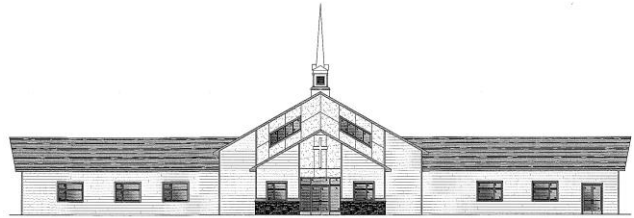
# *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m. – Worship

*First Lutheran Church*

Pastor Bryan Anderson



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## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall declare your praise. †

### \*Opening Hymn #165 (LBW) – Holy, Holy, Holy

### \*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 2:42-47**

They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers. **43** Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. **44** All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. **45** They would sell their property and possessions, and distribute the money among all, according to what each one needed. **46** Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, **47** praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people. And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

God will bless you for this, if you endure the pain of undeserved suffering because you are conscious of his will. **20** For what credit is there if you endure the beatings you deserve for having done wrong? But if you endure suffering even when you have done right, God will bless you for it. **21** It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps. **22** He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. **23** When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous Judge. **24** Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed. **25** You were like sheep that had lost their way, but now you have been brought back to follow the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls.

## **Children's Message**

### **Hymn of Praise #352 (LBW) – I Know that My Redeemer Lives!**

#### **\*Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10**

Jesus said, "I am telling you the truth: the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a robber. **2** The man who goes in through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. **3** The gatekeeper opens the gate for him; the sheep hear his voice as he calls his own sheep by name, and he leads them out. **4** When he has brought them out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. **5** They will not follow someone else; instead, they will run away from such a person, because they do not know his voice." **6** Jesus told them this parable, but they did not understand what he meant. **7** So Jesus said again, "I am telling you the truth: I am the gate for the sheep. **8** All others who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. **9** I am the gate. Those who come in by me will be saved; they will come in and go out and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness.

#### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day #456 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

#### **Reception of New Members**

#### **\*Prayers of the Church**

#### **\*Lord's Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn #260 (LBW) – On Our Way Rejoicing**

#### **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.

Pianist: Sherry Wirth  
Reader: Chris Petersen  
Greeters: Liz Johnson and Matt & Angie Steffen  
Ushers: Travis Anderson & Tim WYSS  
Counters: Jackie Goodmanson & Richard Selvig  
Fellowship Servers: Diane Paulson and Aaron & Cassie Paulson  
April 19<sup>th</sup> Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 22; 10:00 AM – 112

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## **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 to greet our new members over cake.

**Today we welcome** the following new members into our church fellowship:

**Jack & Suzanne Barker**  
**Gabe & Emma Flandrick (Clara, Griffin, Hadley)**  
**Andrew & Amy Stender (Wesley)**  
**Dale & Bernadette Strobach**

**We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:** Mark Gilbertson, Levi Ramsey, Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner), and Jim Peterson (husband of Dawn Peterson and brother of Kathy Eggert & Leann Martinson). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** will mark the one year anniversary of the passing of Dennis Luehman, loving husband of Nancy. We remember their generosity for gifting the church the playground for our children and paying off the balance of the mortgage. Prayers of thanks for Dennis and comfort for Nancy.

**Workers needed (Men & Women)** to help with the Community May Day Dinner, which is this Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Help is needed on Thursday and Friday. Sign-up sheets are in the entry.

**Spread the "Good News" Sponsor a Child through COMPASSION.** Child packets are in the entry way OR scan the QR code to find another child. There is no shortage of children in need. Learn about the child, learn about their culture, learn what helping others is all about. 98% of your monthly donation goes to helping the child with food, clothing, school, and learning about Jesus. This outreach program is completely run by volunteers and churches. You will get photos and letters from your child. You can send photos and letters to your child. Any questions please contact Jackie 715-607-0621.

**My Devotions** family devotionals are available to pick up in the entry.

**Hope Alive June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Michael Park in Amery.** Will need volunteers to serve ice cream at the First Lutheran tent. Donations of ice cream are also needed. Sign-up sheet in back of worship.

**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  
**Monday** 7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study  
**Tuesday** 9:00 AM-Quilting  
**Wednesday** 9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group  
**Fellowship & Fun Night**  
5:30 PM-Supper  
6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun  
6:15 PM-7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
6:15 PM-High School Bible Study  
7:30 PM-9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
**Thursday** 9:00 AM-Work Day/Prep. for May Day Dinner  
**Friday** **6<sup>th</sup> Annual May Day Community Senior's Dinner**  
**11:30 AM-Program**  
**12 Noon-Dinner**  
**Saturday** 7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study  
**Next Sunday** 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion  
9:30 AM-Fellowship  
10:00 AM-Last Day of Sunday School  
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion (**High School Senior Recognition**)  
11:00 AM-Fellowship