



# Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

**April 5, 2026**

**8:00 A.M.**

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*” ELW #389 or Page 8  
(v. 1, 3 & 5)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray....

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.           **RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al- le- lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**“Glory to you, O Lord.”**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.



## **PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **OFFERING**

*Thank you for your financial offerings to First Lutheran. Your generosity enables us to carry out the mission of Christ through our life together here in this congregation and through our loving service to our neighbors beyond our walls. We now have resumed the traditional offering practice of "passing the plates." For those who contribute to First Lutheran's ministry in ways other than weekly in-church offerings and would still like to be included in the in-worship gathering of the offering, laminated "Offering Cards" are now included in the pew racks for you to place in the offering plates.*

**OFFERTORY**      *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (v. 1)      ELW #836 or Page 10*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936  
 Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789  
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## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he -  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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**Attendance last Week: Sunday 8:30 - 126 10:45 - 192**  
**Wednesday 6:30 - No Service**

**ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:**

*Noel Albrecht, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Dave Thomas, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Pam Weng, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Brady Mattson, Darin Hinsz, Jerome Bauer, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Jared & Jenn Barnhart, Ray Stenmoen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Linda Stastny, Rachael Hankin, Opal Renken, David Jung, Dina Walker, Kay Link, Tammy Krein, Terry Tanaka, Wanda House, Tom Bureau, Judy Walters, Monte Olmsted, Pat Kincaid, Victor Saeman, Lualice Stockert, Katy Anseth, Sarah Weishaar, Howard Moldenhauer, Anna Anderson, Brenna Blankenship, Ted (Theodore) Delfs, Allen Janz, Justin Hankin, Judy Anderson, Rori Messer, Jayar Kindsvogel, Kristen Rasmussen, Jerry Iverson, Jason Klipfel, Lois Helmer, Carrie Hille, Pius Johner, Cori Musolf, Stan Hepper, Eunice Wolf, Adam Walker, Mary Hogan*

**First Lutheran Church will be updating the prayer list periodically. If a name is not listed and you would like it re-listed please call the church office at 663-3594. We will re-list names for prayers.**

**PLEASE KEEP THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED TO SERVICE FOR OUR COUNTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

*Todd Bauer, Alex Dove, Jacob Selzler*

**If you know of anyone who has ties to our congregation and is called to active duty, please contact the church office.**

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Pastor Phil Leer's phone number: 701-341-7784  
(If you need to reach him please give him a call)

**Ushers:**

Jim Mellmer

**Reader:**

Lori Meyers

**Communion Servers:**

Donna Mellmer

Jeanette Erickson

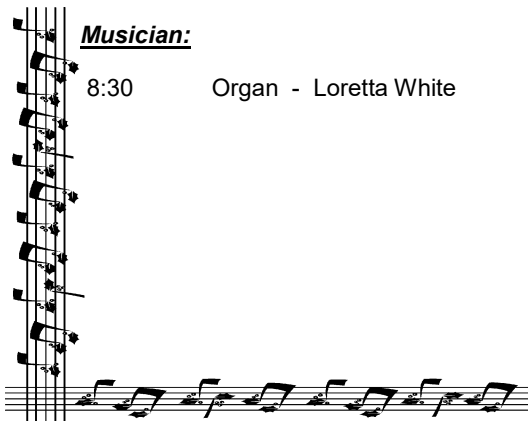
**Communion Set-Up:**

Corby Rachel

**Musician:**

8:30

Organ - Loretta White



## Mission of the Month - Weekend Meals For Mandan Kids

Items needed are Chap Stick, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Canned Ham, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee', Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup.

**NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!**

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATES!  
First Lutheran Church  
welcomes

Camp of the Cross Ministries

for 3 fun filled days of Vacation Bible School



**When:** Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Who:** Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders

(PreK kids should be going into Kindergarten in the 26-27 school year).

**Cost:** \$20.00 per child / \$40.00 per family

Additional details will be provided closer to June.

# RUMMAGE SALE

The mission trip kids are going to be having a **rummage sale on Saturday, April 25 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We are looking for GOOD used items/ clothes you are not needing anymore. **Please DO NOT drop off broken items, torn/stained clothing etc.** (if you would not purchase it please do not drop it off).

**IF YOU ARE DROPPING OFF CLOTHING PLEASE PUT THEM IN A BAG/BOX AND HAVE THEM SORTED ACCORDING TO SIZE AND LABELED FOR US. (EXAMPLE: 18 MONTH GIRLS, 2T BOYS, MENS SMALL, WOMANS LARGE), ETC.!**

**Drop off hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by the South Sunday School door.**

**Drop off donations are being accepted starting April 13 - April 22.**



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for ushers, communion servers, readers & communion set up for all worship services. Since we have gone back to passing the offering plate we need at least 2 ushers for every service. If you could help out please sign your name on the sheets provided, by the bulletins, in the narthex.



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We will be having a new member orientation on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. If you are interested in becoming a member here at First Lutheran please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Women of First Luncheon will be held at Stage Stop on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. If you are planning on attending please call the church office at 663-3594 as soon as possible so we can have an accurate count for them. Please bring a food item for the food boxes outside.

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Missouri Slope is looking for volunteers to wheel residents to worship on Sundays. Their worship time is 1:15 p.m. Please call Samantha at 221-9368 if you are interested.

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thank you

The council would like to thank Jared, Katina & Jace Sprenger, Mike Wieland & Tim Schwagler for hauling in the new chairs and taking the old chairs out.

# **“May Day” Baskets**

We are collecting spring/summer/early fall items and personal care items for our homebound, assisted living, and nursing home residents.

Please consider being a blessing to these precious members by donating items, assembling baskets, and/or delivering them.

There are boxes in the narthex to drop off your donation items.

Questions? - please call Lori at 701-471-9436.

**“May Day” baskets  
will be assembled & delivered on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2026.**

If you would like to help with assembly and/or delivery, please come to the First Lutheran Church chapel after the 10:45 AM service on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



**DOWNLOAD THE “VANCO MOBILE” APP TODAY!**



**OR TEXT 8449340609 TO DONATE**

**If you would like to give electronically, visit our website or contact the church office.**

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We have to stay financially strong. The ongoing ministry of our church is dependent on the tithes and offerings of our people. Electronic giving is the best way to do this. Many of you are already on our giving platform. If you are not giving electronically, this would be a good time to do that. You can sign up here <https://firstlutheranofmandan.com/>. Simply click on the button on the right hand side that says “Give Online”. If you prefer to make your gifts by check, you can drop it off at the church or mail it to 408 9th St NW Mandan, ND 58554. Staying strong in worship, caring ministries, and finances are important as we work to love and serve hurting people during this tumultuous time.

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If you provide your financial offerings to First Lutheran through other ways besides the weekly worship gathering of gifts (e.g.: Vanco, automatic bank withdrawal), you are welcome to place one of the laminated “offering cards” in the pew rack in the offering plate during the Offering.

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**Notes on Holy Communion:**

**Practice:** *We practice Open Communion, which means if you are here, you are welcome at the table of Christ. If you do not take Communion, or you do not take Communion yet, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. We can also bring Communion to you in your pew if you are unable to come forward. Please notify one of the ushers.*

**Procedure:** *You will receive a wafer of bread and a small cup of communion wine (juice and gluten free wafers are also available; please let your server know). Please place the empty cup in the waste basket by the communion assistant as you return to your pew.*

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 5	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 8:00 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 8:30 EASTER BREAKFAST NO COFFEE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 WORSHIP
MONDAY 6	OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY 7	8:30 HOME SCHOOLERS 9:00 STAFF
WEDNESDAY 8	11:30 LADIES LUNCHEON @ STAGE STOP 5:15 CHOIR PRACTICE NO CHURCH SCHOOL 6:30 WORSHIP 7:15 BELL CHOIR 7:30 CONFIRMATION
THURSDAY 9	11:00 LAF ~ NACHOS 6:00 HOME SCHOOLERS
FRIDAY 10	
SATURDAY 11	9:30 SCRAPBOOKING
SUNDAY 12	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 8:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 9:30 COFFEE 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 WORSHIP 2:00 FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE