



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
408 9TH STREET NW  
MANDAN, ND 58554**

Building Faith and Transforming Lives in Christ

**May 5, 2024**

**9:30 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* ELW #836 or Page 8

## **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray....

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 98**

*Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands. (Ps. 98:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the  
earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**



**GOSPEL: John 15:9-17**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**“Praise to you, O Christ.”**

**SERMON**    *Pastor Phil Leer*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW #367 or Page 9*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: "God of grace,"      Congregation: "hear our prayer."

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;" and "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace."

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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## 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 feel 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**

*“We Are an Offering”*

*ELW #692 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.**

**MEAL**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN** *“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW #389 or Page 11*

\*Sunday School children and parents are welcome to dismiss during the sending hymn.

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

## 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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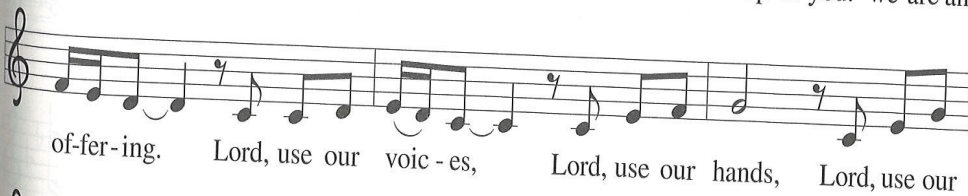
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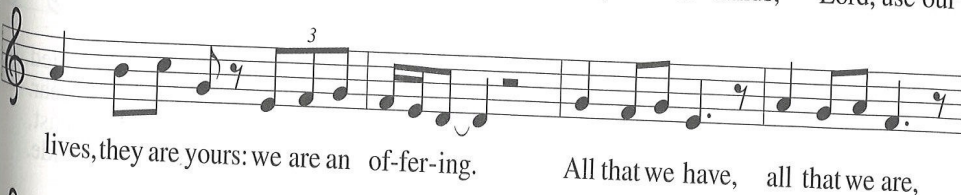
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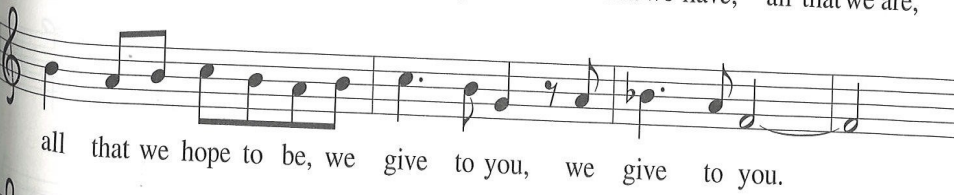
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

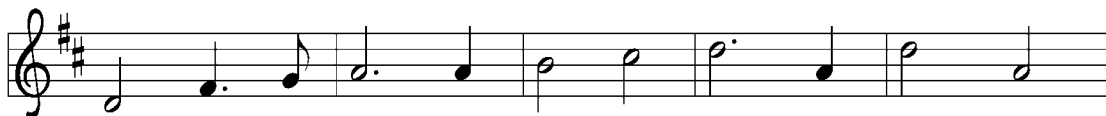


we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Lyrics: Dwight Liles, b. 1957  
Music: Dwight Liles  
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## 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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**Attendance last Week: Sunday 8:30 - 113 10:45 - 90**  
**Wednesday 6:30 - 34**

**ON-GOING PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Noel Albrecht, Amy McNalley, Brad Schmidt, Joan Hanson, Elsie Rader, Wayne Walker, Debbie Martineson, Hal Lang, Patrick Lang, Jason Bjorgen, Ken Charvat, Karen Rothmann, Dave Thomas, Milo Miller, Joann Meyer, Preston Joyce, Susan Voigt, Toby Kienzle, Tom Frank, Pam Weng, Claudette Thompson, Lois Smith, Barb Carl, Jeff MacIver, Keith Pfaff, Saxon Russell, Brady Mattson, Darin Hinsz, Gary Kincaid, Jerome Bauer, Diane Stotz, Wendel Mongeon, Brenda Hersch, Jared & Jenn Barnhart, Ray Stenmoen, Earl Moen, Connor Hertz, Teresa Seeman, Preston Fleck, Linda Stastny, Linda Harm, Sally Wolf, Rachel Hankin, Opal Renken, Kathleen Lachenmeier, David Jung, Julie Friesz, Dina Walker, Emily Gustafson, Kay Link, Kari Fleck, Tammy Krein, Mark Evanger, Terry Tanaka, Beau Schaff  
**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:**

**Reader:**

Jeanne House

**Communion Servers:**

Julian Payne

Leon House

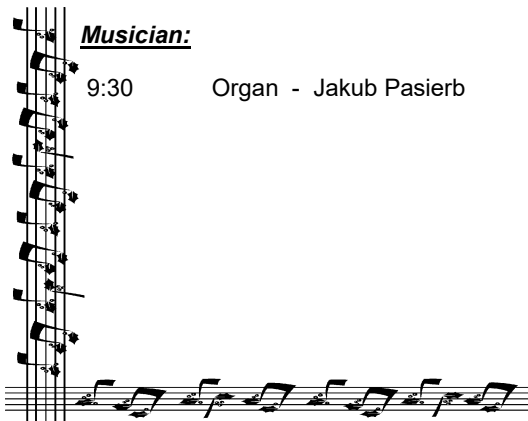
**Communion Set-Up:**

Lori Meyers

**Musician:**

9:30

Organ - Jakub Pasierb



## **Mission of the Month - Camp of the Cross Ministries**

Items needed are Food, Crafts, Paper Goods, Office Supplies, & Miscellaneous Items. You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Please check the bulletin board for a detailed list, thank you.

**If you or a loved one goes into the hospital (especially through the ER) please let us know so Pastor Phil can visit. Thank you so much!**



We are looking for people to help weed around the church grounds. We have a whole city block that needs attention and if we can get some people together we could divide the block up so it would be easier for everyone to keep up with. (We have divided up the church grounds into zones). If you are interested please email Lanny Harris at [lannyharris@bis.midco.net](mailto:lannyharris@bis.midco.net). This would be from early spring through late fall. Thank you!!

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the "May Day" baskets or assisted with the assembly and delivery on Sunday, April 28th to our nursing home, assisted living, and homebound members. You've brought a smile to these 32 faces! THANK YOU!!!

The Mission Trip Youth would like to THANK everyone that donated items &/or came shopping for the rummage sale! They brought in \$6,852.68. THANK YOU ALL FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH!

The Mission Trip Youth have some left over Mint Meltaways. If you are interested please stop by the church office. They are \$3.00 a box.

## 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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There will be an open house here at First Lutheran for Frank Miller on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. for his 80th birthday. All are welcome!

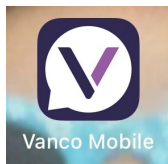
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Dakota Pro Musica is presenting their 4th annual Mother's Day concerts on Saturday, May 11th at 5:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in Minot, and on Sunday, May 12th at 3:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The concert "My Favorite Things" will celebrate moms and some of the things they love like coffee, flowers, family, and themselves! The concert has no admission cost but a free will donation will be accepted.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of David Weller, Jim Weller's brother. His funeral was held here on Friday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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## 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. The cards will then be collected after worship and placed back in the pew racks.

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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.*

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY 5	7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 10:30 COFFEE 1:30 BOY SCOUTS
MONDAY 6	6:30 FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
TUESDAY 7	9:00 STAFF
WEDNESDAY 8	6:00 WORSHIP 7:15 BELL CHOIR
THURSDAY 9	11:00 LAF ~ CHEF'S CHOICE
FRIDAY 10	
SATURDAY 11	2:00 FRANK MILLER'S 80 <sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY
SUNDAY 12	<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b> 7:00 COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNEL 12 OR 612 9:30 WORSHIP/LIVE STREAM WORSHIP 10:30 COFFEE

