

This is a home holy communion service. Toward the end of worship you can participate in holy communion. All you need is a little bit of bread and wine or juice. If you only have bread, that is fine. This is totally optional. If you want to take part go ahead and gather that bread and wine ahead of time and place them on the table. Light a candle if you want. If you have a small cross, that is always a good thing. Our Synod Bishop, Kristen Kuempel, has authorized and encouraged this practice as “Holy Communion in extreme circumstances.” COVID-19 cannot stop the risen Jesus! Stay well and safe my friends!

Pastor Dennis

First Lutheran Church

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4th Sunday of Easter

First Lutheran Church ~ May 3, 2020

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

Welcome to All Our Guests and Visitors: The people of First Lutheran Church extend a very sincere welcome to you. For this morning's worship we will be using the Red Book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)). We ask everyone (including CWU Students) to please sign an attendance form, including your address and phone number and pass it to your neighbor, to the inside of your row. We have qualified staff in the nursery to care for children up to 4 years old. Ushers are available anytime for your assistance.

P: Pastor **A:** Assisting Minister **C:** Congregation * Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE: *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"* ~ Ore

P Christ is Risen!
C He is Risen indeed!

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"My Shepherd, You Supply My Need"* **ELW # 782**

Budget amounts:
March only: \$188.26
January-March: \$4,976.37

If you are interested in Lazy F Camp this summer, we do have 5 coupons for new campers in the office for \$100 off. Please, contact the Church office if you are interested in these at 925-2844 or flceburg@yahoo.com

How Many Ways can I give my Offering?

1. Normal Sunday morning offering or mail it in, or drop it by the church office Monday-Thursday 9-noon.
2. Use the online bill pay through your bank.
3. Set up an electronic fund transfer from your savings or checking account using the Vanco Simply Giving program. Forms are located on the board to the right of the doors going into the sanctuary.
4. Use the Vanco Give Plus app that can be downloaded to your phone and make a contribution using your credit/debit card or savings/checking account any day or time. Once the app is installed search zip code 98926 and select First Lutheran Church. More info can be found on the board to the right of the doors going into the sanctuary. If you want to give to a fund that is not listed, let the church office know and it can be added.

See James Stolte if you have questions on the Simply Giving or the Give Plus programs or email the church office at flceburg@yahoo.com

† GATHERING †

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

C **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GREETING:

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

C **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE:**



☐ Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Prayer Requests

Estelle Johnson at the death of her husband Al Johnson, Pastor Neal & Tina Buckaloo at the death of their daughter Leslie, The Blaisdell family at the death of Tor's father and Gayla's mother, Ida Malde and family at the death of Bob, Geraldine Childress, Fred Watterson, Katie & Kalan Hope Klosterman (Debbie Butler niece & baby), Jan Riggs, Lani Maier, Ken Hunter, Ann Ringe, Erleen Beckley, Brooklyn Dawson, Alex Herron (Dee Linder's granddaughter) & little Samuel, Yang-ae-Kim (Min's mother, dementia), Shane Williams, the people in the countries of the Middle East, for safety for all U.S. Service Men and Women and their families, especially Jake Ferris, Micah Barnhart, Tim Hurson, Erik Hurson, leaders of all nations, Immigrant families, and for peace in our world and in our families.

We pray also for our Companion Synod, the Ulanga Kilombero Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Bread for the World, and FISH Food Bank.

*~Please update Pastor Dennis about people on the prayer list~
If you have a prayer request, fill out the blue prayer request sheet located in the pew in-between the pencils and hand it to an usher.
(Please remember that our Service is broadcast live on KXLE radio.)*

FLC Announcements

Women's Bible Study "Life Lessons from Imperfect Bible Heroes" by Jennifer Cowart. This is a 6 week study starting in May via Zoom. All interested please either call or email the church office.

FISH Food Bank, is helping more families than usual. If you feel the call to help, financial donations or food is always appreciated. Financial donations can be sent into the church for FISH (write checks out to FLC, on the memo line "FISH") or mailed directly to 804 Elmview Rd or on their website <https://kvfish.org/donate/>

Thank you, to everyone for helping out with church services and getting them on the air and zoom: James Stolte, Bruce Palmquist, Chuck Boss, Raphl & Betty Kramlich and Tor Blaisdell.

✠ ~Mission Statement of First Lutheran Church~ ✠

*God's love inspires us to unite in worship, grow in Word and Sacrament,
and serve the need of others as the Holy Spirit empowers us.*

*To this end, as members of First Lutheran Church,
we believe we are each called to proclaim, share,
and daily live Christ's Gospel of Love.*

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Dennis Hickman, Ministry Associate - Carla Bergman

Organist - Betty Kramlich, Youth Director - Vacant

Choir Director - Tor Blaisdell, Office Administrator - Christine Rice

Custodian/Preschool Director - Carla Bergman

C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
C Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

A O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

~ Solo by Tor Blaisdell

† **WORD** †

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42–47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM:

Sing

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2:19–25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

A God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

† **SENDING** †

***BLESSING:**

P God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***SENDING SONG:**

“To Be Your Presence”

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***DISMISSAL:**

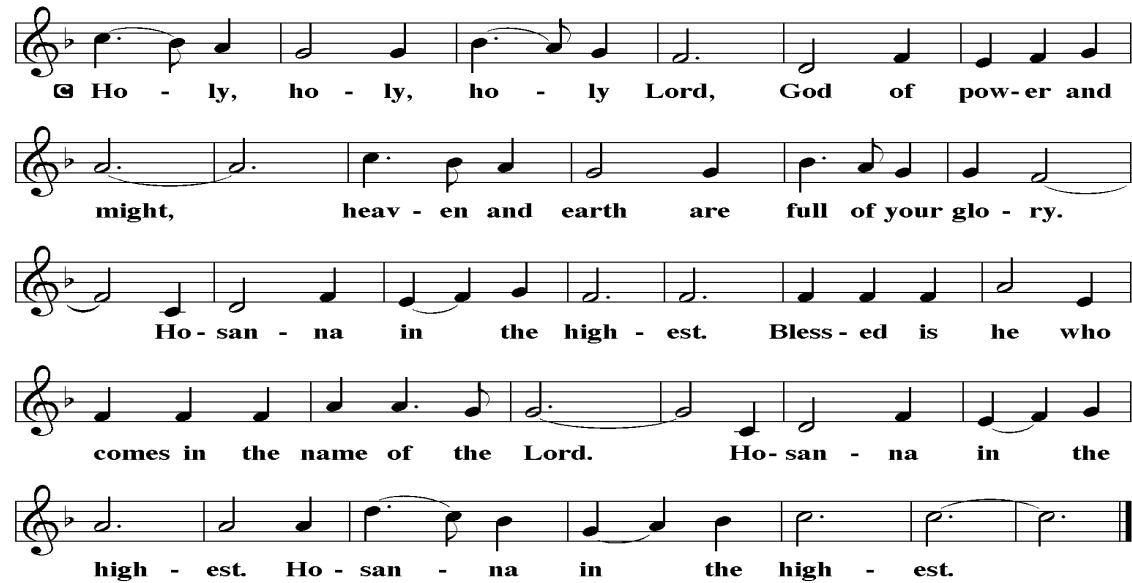
A Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

~ Schack



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P The Words of Institution

C Amen

***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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

For those who are taking part in the Lord's Supper at home; Please give the bread to one another or yourself with the words "The body of Christ given for you." Then give the wine or grape juice to one another or yourself with the words "The blood of Christ shed for you." If you have children please lay your hands on their heads and bless them with words such as "The risen Jesus loves and saves you." (Or similar words)

After worship please consume any remaining bread and wine/grape juice or return it to the ground from which it came. (Don't throw it in the garbage.)

OTHER HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

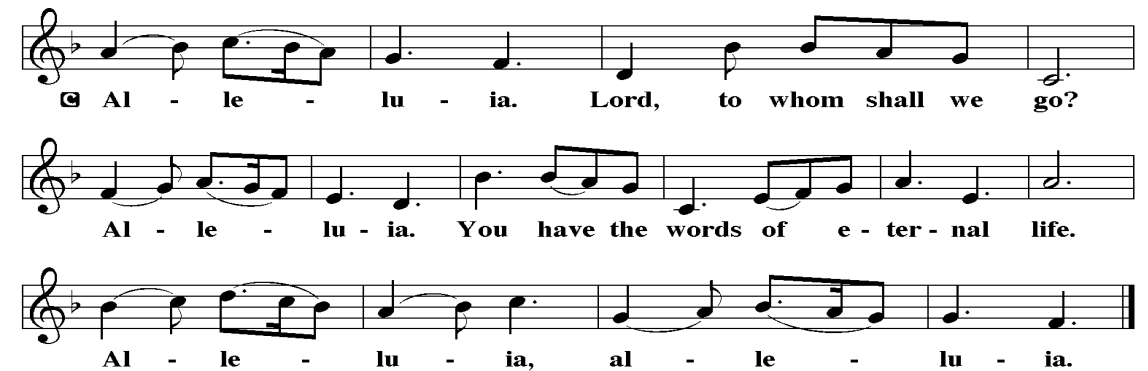
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endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
 and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**



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

***HOLY GOSPEL:**

John 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the

sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor Dennis Hickman

HYMN OF THE DAY:

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

** catholic means universal*

***SHARING OF THE PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord: "Peace be with you.")

OFFERING:

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

~ Bach

(Download Vanco Give Plus app to give via your phone.)

***OFFERTORY:**

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW #764

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

A Risen Christ, receive these gifts, with our hopes, dreams, and prayers. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread, that our eyes may be opened to see your presence among us, and our lives filled with the new life of your resurrection.

C Amen.

‡ PRAYERS ‡

A Rejoicing in the wonder of new life in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

P Accept these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, O God, for the sake of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

C Amen

‡ THE LORD'S SUPPER ‡

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn: