



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.



INVOCATION

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN | *Baptized and Set Free* | ELW #453, vs 1, 3-4

1. We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

HOLY BAPTISM

Names of Baptized: Kolten Knox Trusty | **Parents:** Jesse Trusty and Jena Ortiz
Sponsors: Jeffrey and Jessica King; Cody Nordquist

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, ...

ALL: We renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL: 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

MUSICAL MESSAGE | *Consider the Lilies* - arr. A. Laurence Lyon | Jubilate Choir

FIRST READING | *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]. ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19*

R: I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

C: for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.

R: The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

C: Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

R: How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?

C: I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

R: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.

C: Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.

R: O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

C: I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.

R: I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,

C: in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL | *Luke 24:13-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON | Pr. Matthew Rossler

SONG OF THE DAY | *Graves Into Gardens*

I searched the world, but it couldn't fill me. Man's empty praise, and treasures that fade are never enough.

Then You came along and put me back together. And ev'ry desire is now satisfied here in Your love

**Chorus: Oh there's nothing better than You. There's nothing better than You.
Lord there's nothing, nothing is better than You.**

Now I'm not afraid to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all, and You still call me friend.

'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley.
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again. **Chorus (2 times)**

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes. You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can. You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can. **Chorus (2 times)**

You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies. You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can. You're the only one who can. You're the only one who can.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *April: Lakes Area YES! Network*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN | *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* | ELW #389, vs 1, 4-5

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

Interested in becoming a member of FLC? Scan the QR code for more information.



New members are welcome all year, however, our **next New Member Welcome is May 3 & 6.**

PERSONAL CARE KITS

The Circles are collecting items to make Personal Care Kits through the end of May. Items needed are: *nail clippers, adult toothbrushes, combs, lightweight, dark colored bath towels & bath sized, bar soap.* A collection box is available outside of the church office.

FABRIC NEEDED

The FLC Quilter's fabric stash has run low and they need YOUR help! If you have extra/unused fabric at home that you would like to donate, a donation box will be outside of the office. Cotton fabric preferred, all fabric accepted.

FLC WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Saturday May 9, 9:30am
NOTE DATE CHANGE

All FLC women are invited ~ bring your kids ~ bring a friend! A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of DL. Bring an item for the hygiene kits. Door prizes! Food! Fun!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

April 30 @ 7pm at Bucks Mill

Only one more session left until we break for summer.

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 1 pm. in the library Through May 5.

Now watching season 2!

BLESSING CLOSET NEEDS

Currently we are need of: spring/summer clothing, reusable shopping bags/tote bags & blankets.. Donations can be brought to the church office. Thanks!

Prayers for God's People

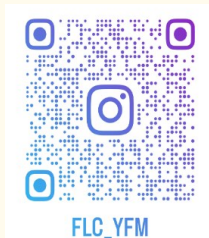
Ongoing prayers for: Bill Wegschie, Gretta Frisch, Judy Wood, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Marlys Douglas, Ruth Olsen, Dorothy Havercamp, Vicky Havercamp.

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, including the families of Don Johnson, Ramona Amundson, and Dolly Cleveland.

UPCOMING DATES

Ap 22 | 1st grade Service Project
Ap 26 | Sr Recognition Sunday
May 3 | Confirmation Sunday
May 3 & 6 | New Member Welcome
May 6 | Last Day of Oasis
May 17 | Annual Meeting
May 24 Outdoor worship begins

Youth & Family



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25

Open to kids completing K-5th grade. Cost: FREE! Registration now open on our website.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you are applying to ELCA Lutheran Colleges, there is a scholarship available. Applications forms are in the office & are due April 30.

KID'S FELLOWSHIP

Sundays @ 10:30 for all kids grade prek-5. Last day >> May 3!

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

April 23, May 14 & 28 @ 11:30am At Pizza Ranch

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

July 19-23
Register today! Info on the FLC website

Thanks for worshipping with us!

Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo
Associate Pastor: Matthew Rossler
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

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GIVE ONLINE

