



First Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026 | Second Sunday of Easter

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.



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.**

GATHERING SONG | *My Lighthouse*

In my wrestling and in my doubts, In my failures You won't walk out. Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence You won't let go, In the questions Your truth will hold. Your great love will lead me through, You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus: *My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness. I will follow You, whoa. My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing. My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa, You are the peace in my troubled sea, oh! **Chorus**

Fire before us, You're the brightest. You will lead us through the storm. **(2 times) Chorus**

HOLY BAPTISM

*Names of Baptized: Kynslee MaKayla Klotz | Parent: Jeana Ketter
Sponsors: Jason and Annie Klawuhn*

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.

KYRIE | *Create in Me a Clean Heart* | ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE | *Glory be to God* | ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth. We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and eternal God, C: **the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL MESSAGE | *Sunday is Coming*

FIRST READING | *Acts 2:14, 22-24, 29-32*

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalms 16:1-5, 8-9*

R: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

R: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.

C: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

R: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

R: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

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 | *John 21:4-17*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

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

SERMON | Pastor Joe Skogmo

HYMN OF THE DAY | *Thine Is the Glory* | ELW #376

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

**Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! **Refrain**

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

SHARING OF PEACE

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

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *March: Becker County Food Pantry*

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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG | *Resurrection Power*

You called me from the grave by name. You called me out of all my shame.
I see the old has passed away, the new has come.

**Chorus: Now I have resurrection power living on the inside.
Jesus, You have given us freedom. No longer bound by sin and darkness,
Living in the light of Your goodness. You have given us freedom.**

I'm dressed in Your royalty, Your Holy Spirit lives in me.
I see my past has been redeemed. The new has come. **Chorus**

*Bridge: Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom. My chains are gone.
Freedom, You have given us freedom. You have given us freedom. Hallelujah! (Repeat Bridge)*

Chorus (3 times)

SENDING

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN IN THE DISCUSSION

Today @ 10:30am in the library
Each week, the pastors have been sharing confirmation questions with the congregation. Join us today as we take the opportunity to dig in and the discussion the topics a little deeper, in an informal and fun environment!

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

WELCA GATHERING

April 14, 8:15am-noon
Join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wadena. We will meet in the FLC parking lot to carpool. Registration is \$15, due ASAP

FLC WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Saturday May 2, 9:30am
This annual event will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will feature a speaker from the Boys and Girls Club.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

April 16 & 30 @ 7pm at Bucks Mill
Only two more sessions left until we break for summer.

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.**



Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for:
Bill Wegschie, Cole Woltjer, Gretta Frisch, Judy Wood, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, the Blake Family, Dale Amundson, Bette Wammer, and Ruth Olsen.

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

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 1 pm. in the library Through May 5.
Now watching season 2!

Youth & Family

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25
Open to kids completing K-5th grade. Cost: FREE! Registration now open on our website.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 26
If you would like to make a blanket for a graduating senior, a sign up is at the Info Table.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 3 @ 12:30am

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

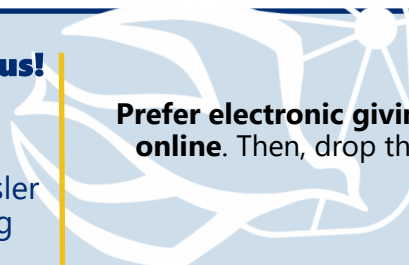
July 19-23
Register today! Info on the FLC website

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

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

Thanks for worshipping with us!

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



Prefer electronic giving? Scan the QR code to give online. Then, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate.

GIVE ONLINE

