

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024



WELCOME

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome at worship.

*If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children
on the second floor in first classroom on right side of hallway after restrooms.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*



GATHERING

WELCOME & PRELUDE

INTRODUCTION TO SACRAMENTS Coleton Rankin and Brynn Sekel

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.
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!**

All Are Welcome

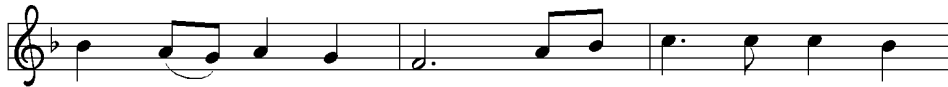
Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

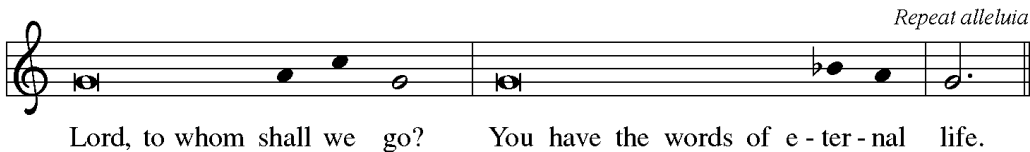
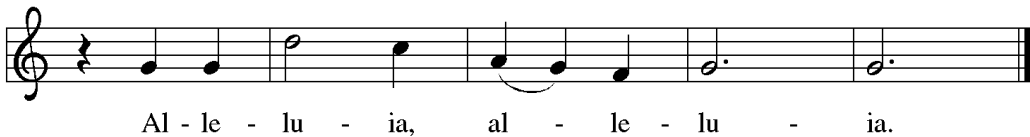
⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence is kept to reflect upon God's message to us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt. Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

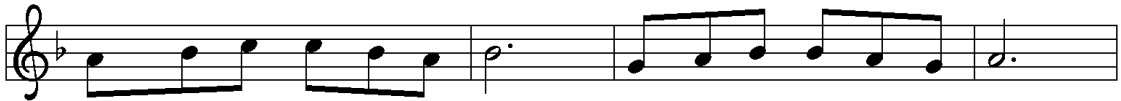
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,
- 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Online giving is available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.



ANTHEM

Special Music

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in God; the Father, the Risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

LORD'S PRAYER INTRODUCTION Sam Nienstedt and Tyler Johnson

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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

O God Beyond All Praising

Text: Michael Perry, 1942-1996 Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Flowers are available at entrances for all women.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God on this Mother's Day in memory and honor of all the ladies who have contributed their gifts and talents to the life of this congregation given by Rose and Gerry Wilson.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Douglas Baysinger (5/23),
Kathy Blough (5/20), Bonnie (5/30),
Joanne Caskey (6/6), Kira Coy (5/15),
Diane & Gary DaRe (5/22), Jay (5/8),
Julie Diehl (5/23), June Diehl (5/14), LaVonne Dorseth (5/15),
Joanne Fisher (5/22), Destinee Gray (5/17), Denise Heinbaugh (5/28), Karen Hockensmith (6/8), Emmet and Sherrill Kessinger (5/18), Tyler & Sharon McKeon (5/19), Dia Schumacher (5/25), Garry Shatzer (6/3), Juanita Shaw (6/8)



Long Term Care: Pat Dent, Charles Kampmeyer and Joe Pine

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, Rubens Paul, and Paul Whelan

ATTENDANCE May 5 65 in person 6 on line

NEIGHBORHOOD TASK TEAM MEETING will be held Monday May 13, 1:30 pm. in Meeting Room #2.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be held at Chris's Kitchen (Across from Perkins) 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15. **All ladies are welcome.**



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT If you like to shop, we are collecting small, medium and large underwear for boys and girls. Please purchase briefs for boys and girls. No hipsters please. If you would like to purchase shirts/camis we are collecting gray t-shirts for the boys and camis for the girls. Small, Medium and Large children's sizes for both. This collection will last until June 30. Please find envelopes enclosed for donations. Thank you for your support!

GIVE - N - TAKE to maintain a supply of non-perishable food please bring one food item with you when you come to church. A container will be in Memorial Hall for collecting. Blessings from the Neighborhood Task Team.



FIRST LUTHERAN'S SCOUT TROOP #128 is selling \$5 Camp Cards to help raise money for the boys to attend summer camp in June. The card includes discounts and coupons for Sunnyway Foods, Karn's, Papa John's, Red Robin, Jiffy Lube, Hoss's, Firehouse Subs, JoAnn Fabrics and many more! See Sam or KristyNienstedt if you would like to purchase a card and help support our Scouts!

PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION LUNCHEON On May 19 you are invited to attend a luncheon in honor of our four young people who will be affirming their faith in worship that morning. A sign up sheet is in Memorial Hall or you may call the church. This will help us know the amount of food to prepare. There is no cost for the lunch. Come and celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in these young people's lives!



PLEASE TAKE NOTE: For those folks who have or will place altar flowers, Everlasting Love Florist is very willing to fulfill your order. They are aware of the process to pick up empty altar vase holders and return them filled with your order. Their minimum cost per altar vase is \$35 (\$70 for two vases). There may be an additional cost for specific flower requests. Please call 717-263-5009 and place your order by Wednesday for the following Sunday.



ST. SERAPHIM volunteer dates available: May 25-one person needed, June 29-two volunteers needed, and August 10-two volunteers needed. Please contact Mary Gotwald @ 717-264-4759 or email <mailto:mgotwald@embarqmail.com>.

The Soup Kitchen is located near the Salvation Army. Our work consists of making sandwiches, setting up a drink station, serving soup and chatting with those who come in for a meal.

ANNUAL SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN CHAMBERSBURG AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE will take place during the month of May. Anyone can join with a minimum contribution of \$1.00. Your generous support will continue to allow the auxiliary to make donations to The Inn and Skilled Care Endowment Funds at The Village at Luther Ridge, SpiritTrust Lutheran Home Care & Hospice. If you would like to join the Auxiliary or need more information, please contact Tudy Gates or Mary Beth McGraw-Warne.



STIRRING UP MEMORIES the SpiritTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary is preparing a custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes from our local Lutheran congregations, as well as team members and residents at the Village at Luther Ridge. For more information, please go to the Church bulletin board and for Recipe Collection Sheets (deadline for submission is May 31). Please call Mary Beth MaGraw-Warne at 717-372-8282 for any questions you may have.

CONTACT INFORMATION We are working on updating our membership rolls and are unable to find current contact information for Carl Holt and Kim Wertz. If you have any information related to these people, the church office would be grateful to receive it. Thank you.



NTT COLLECTING TOTE BAGS from businesses and nonprofit, etc. We will use the donated bags at our Back to School event. Please place them in the NTT Box in Memorial Hall or give them to Mary Gotwald. Please share this request with your friends, family and neighbors.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST
May 12 – May 19

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Happy Mother's Day
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Breakfast at Chris's Restaurant
	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters FNF Deadline
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Saturday		Synod Assembly
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship w/ Holy Communion Pentecost & Confirmation
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch Reception



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 12

May 19

May 26

Lector:	Ralph Burdick	Kate Nientstedt	Gary Fleegal
Soundboard:	Marlin Maclay	Rose Wilson	Scott Carbaugh
Communion Assistants:		Donna Ross Mike Ross Karen Sloan	
Greeters:	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick	Doris Burdick Ralph Burdick
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods	Barb Evans Karin Woods
Ushers:	Jim Brown Denny Love Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Rick Gates	Jim Brown Denny Love Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Rick Gates	Jim Brown Denny Love Bill McCoy Carol McCoy Rick Gates



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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.