Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST May 5 – May 12

Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Property Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ascension Day WELCA Rose Ringers Choir
Sunday	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Happy Mother's Day

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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!

Come, We That Love the Lord

Text & Music: Isaac Wats, 1674-1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899, MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry



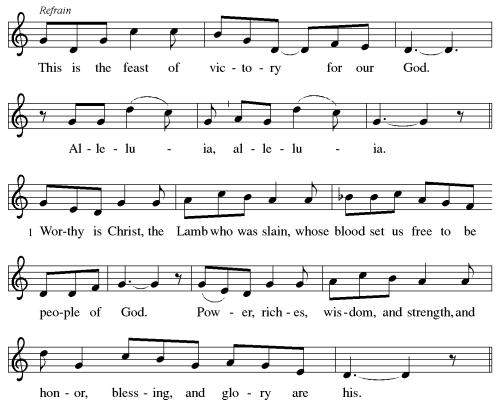


GREETING

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

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

PSALM

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

²O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

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

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Psalm 98

Acts 10:44-48

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

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

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

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

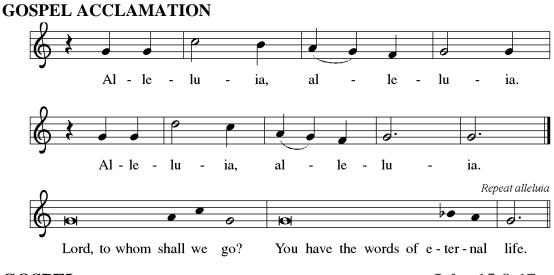
SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This 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. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

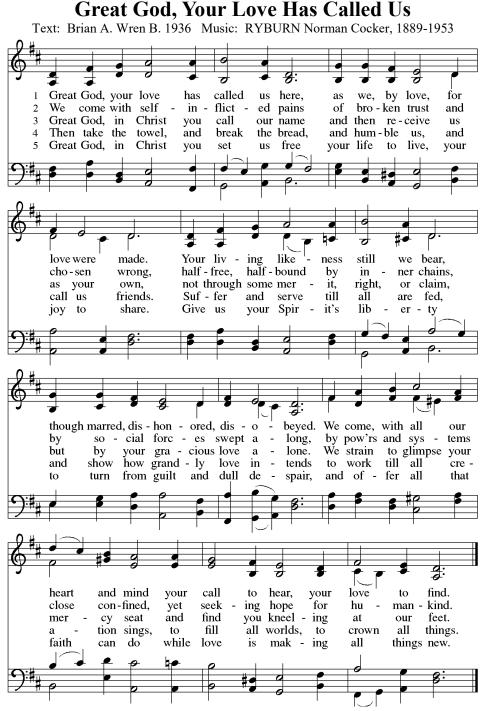
¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON Following the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

PASTORAL PRAYER Following the pray, please stand as you are able.



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.

MEAL

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.

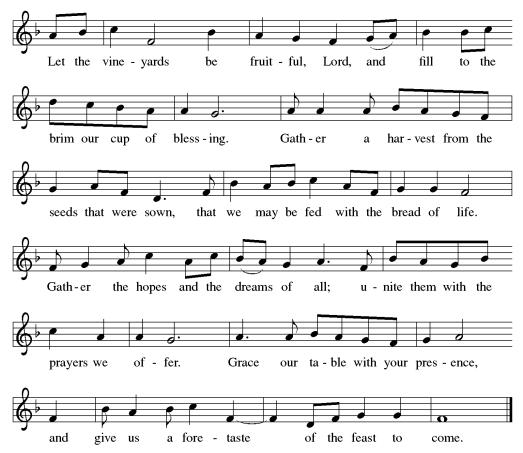


ANTHEM

"We Would See Jesus"

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



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 true vine.** Amen.

DIALOG

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

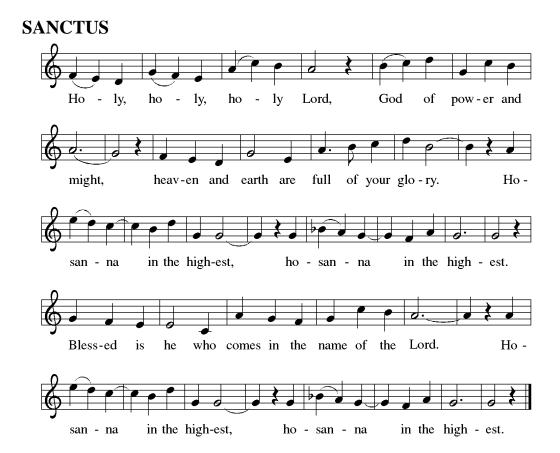
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

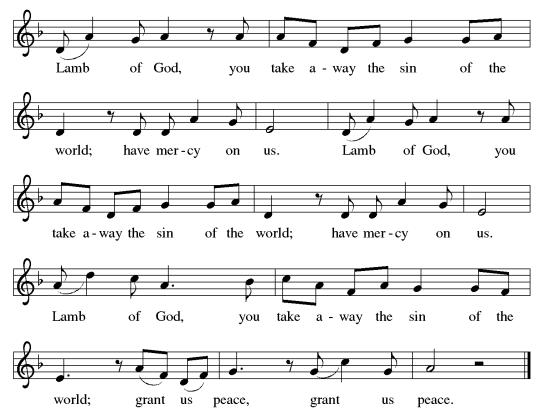
The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion: All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD



Beautiful Savior

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph a. Seiss, 1823-1904 Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.



TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. 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.**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistlich Kirchengesánge, Köln, 1623



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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The altar flowers are given in memory of William A. and Nelle D. Nelling by the family.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Douglas Baysinger (5/23), Kathy Blough (5/20), Bonnie (5/30), Joanne Caskey (5/6), 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), Emmet and Sherrill Kessinger (5/18), Tyler & Sharon McKeon (5/19), Dia Schumacher (5/25), Garry Shatzer (6/3), Juanita Shaw (5/8), Don Shoop (5/27)

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

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

<u>ATTENDANCE</u> April 28 62 in person 11 on line **PENTECOST CEPANILIMS** final day to order geraniums. You wi

<u>**PENTECOST GERANIUMS**</u> final day to order geraniums. You will find forms at the elevator and entrances to the Sanctuary.



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!

<u>GIVE - N - TAKE</u> 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 LUNCH 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 FOOD KITCHEN Saturdays 9am-1pm Volunteers from First have signed up through May. We just need 2 people for each Saturday that First is assigned. First serves one Saturday/month. 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. Our new schedule will start in June.

<u>ANNUAL SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN CHAMBERSBURG AUXILIARY</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP DRIVE</u> 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, SpiriTrust 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.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>May 5</u>	<u>May 12</u>	<u>May 19</u>
Lector:	Doris Burdick	Ralph Burdick	Kate Nientstedt
Soundboard:	Mark Nicholson	Marlin Maclay	Rose Wilson
Communion Assistants:	Donna Ross Mike Ross Karen Sloan		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
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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.