

# *Second Sunday of Easter*

**April 27, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. – Worship**

*First Lutheran Church*

Pastor Bryan Anderson



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## **Welcome**

### **\*Call to Worship**

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice and be glad. †

### **\*Opening Hymn #499 (LBW) - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

### **\*Confession of Sin**

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

*(Self-examination)*

C Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know – the thought and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may have peace.

### **\*Promise of Grace**

#### **First Reading: Acts 5:12-20**

Many miracles and wonders were being performed among the people by the apostles. All the believers met together in Solomon's Porch. **13** Nobody outside the group dared join them, even though the people spoke highly of them. **14** But more and more people were added to the group - a crowd of men and women who believed in the Lord. **15** As a result of what the apostles were doing, sick people were carried out into the streets and placed on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. **16** And crowds of people came in from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing those who were sick or who had evil spirits in them; and they were all healed. **17** Then the High Priest and all his companions, members of the local party of the Sadducees, became extremely jealous of the apostles; so they decided to take action. **18** They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. **19** But that night an angel of the Lord opened the prison gates, led the apostles out, and said to them, **20** "Go and stand in the Temple, and tell the people all about this new life."

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

From John to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace be yours from God, who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits in front of his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world. He loves us, and by his sacrificial death he has freed us from our sins **6** and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen. **7** Look, he is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see him, including those who pierced him. All peoples on earth will mourn over him. So shall it be! **8** "I am the first and the last," says the Lord God Almighty, who is, who was, and who is to come.

### **Children's Message**

## **Hymn of Praise #551 (LBW) – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

### **\*Gospel Reading: John 20:19-29**

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. **20** After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." **22** Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." **24** One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (called the Twin), was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the scars of the nails in his hands and put my finger on those scars and my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** A week later the disciples were together again indoors, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; then reach out your hand and put it in my side. Stop your doubting, and believe!" **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

### **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day #143 (LBW) – Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

### **\*Apostles' Creed**

### **\*Prayers of the Church**

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

### **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn #260 (LBW) – On Our Way Rejoicing**

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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Organist: Brian Wick  
Reader: Bert Petersen  
Greeters: Liz Johnson, Matt Steffen & Angie Peterson  
Ushers: Travis Anderson & Tim Wyss  
Counters: Neil Larson & Richard Selvig  
Fellowship Servers: Diane Paulson and Aaron & Cassie Paulson  
April 20<sup>th</sup> (Easter) Worship Attendance: 8:00 AM – 72; 10:00 AM – 200; Total: 272

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome** to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

**We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:** Jack Jungmann, Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, Jim Greger, brother-in-law of Cindy Nilssen & Terri Moe, Brad Peterson, uncle of Dylan Peterson, Laurie Newville, daughter of Keith & Mary Anderson, Mae Robers, mother of John Robers & Patti Wyss, Jan Nelson, grandma of Mariah Anderson, and Bonnie Burns at the loss of her mother, Norma Solum. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

**Please complete the Summer Worship Survey** on the bulletin insert and return to the office ASAP. The Council desires to hear from you all concerning the possibility of another joint Service of Unity during the Summer months.

**My Devotions** family devotionals are available to pick up in the entry. Use this resource to bring Christ into your home every day with your children.

**Church Rummage Sale:** If you are spring cleaning your home and/or garage, remember to save things for the church rummage sale held during Clear Lake Days. Donations can be brought to the church during office hours starting the second week of May, after Sunday school is done. More information on insert.

**We are still making Little dresses for Africa and britches for boys** and welcome any help sewing these together. Please feel free to grab a few from the box in the display above the children's coat rack. They are already cut out and only need to be sewn together and can be returned to the quilting room when you are done. Also, if you would like to donate pillowcases, they could be dropped off at the quilting room. You can also make a money donation if you like.

**Shopping cards** for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

**Lawn mowing volunteers** are needed by the week throughout the spring and summer. A sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

## THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	11:00 AM-Fellowship 11:00 AM-Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 PM-Evening Grace Men & Women Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM-Quilting
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM-Prayer Shawl Group 9:00 AM-Work Day/Prep. for May Day Dinner <b>Fellowship &amp; Fun Night</b> 5:30 PM-Supper 6:00 PM-Fellowship & Fun 6:15 PM-7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 7:30 PM-9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Annual May Day Community Senior's Dinner</b> <b>11:30 AM-Program</b> <b>12 Noon-Dinner</b>
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 AM-2:00 PM-Turtle Lake HeadStart & Polk County HeadStart Recruitment Mtg.
<b>Saturday</b>	7:00 AM-Men's Bible Study
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship with Communion 9:30 AM-Fellowship 9:40 AM-Last Day of Sunday School 10:00 AM-Traditional Worship with Communion ( <b>High School Senior Recognition</b> ) 11:00 AM-Fellowship

