

**May 4, 2025**  
3rd Sunday of Easter, Year C



*Ringling of Bell*

PRELUDE *BELL CHOIR*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ☩ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Water! Water!

We praise you, O God, for water—  
the *Zumbro and Mississippi Rivers*  
and our many lakes,  
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,  
the water for drinking and bathing.  
We praise you, O God, for water.

**C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: We praise you, O God, for our water stories—  
a flood that cleansed the earth,  
the sea that drowned the enemy,  
a river that healed leprosy.  
We praise you, O God, for water.

**C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—  
baptized in the Jordan River,  
calming the Sea of Galilee,  
drinking from Jacob's Well,  
healing at the pool of Bethesda,  
washing the disciples' feet.  
We praise you, O God, for water.

**C: We praise you, O God, for water.**

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,  
for through this water you have birthed us

into the family of Christ, bathed us in forgiveness,  
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

**C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.  
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.  
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us  
health and well-being. We praise you, O God,  
today, tomorrow, forever. Amen, and amen.

**C: Amen, and amen.**

HYMN v. 1,2,4,5 No. 389

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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.**

2 **Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant  
years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and  
now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels  
and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.

**C: By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself  
to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-20]

*Paul's conversion, baptism, and preaching*

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the  
disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and  
asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus,  
so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men  
or women, he might bring them bound to  
Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and  
approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven  
flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard  
a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you  
persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The  
reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

<sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told  
what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with  
him stood speechless because they heard the voice  
but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and  
though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so  
they led him by the hand and brought him into

Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### PSALM 30 We read responsively

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

<sup>5</sup> God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>6</sup> **While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

<sup>7</sup> You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

<sup>9</sup> "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup> **Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

<sup>11</sup> You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>12</sup> **Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

### SECOND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

*The song of the living creatures to the Lamb*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

*"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"* <sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

*"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"* <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### ◆ THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 21:1-19

**C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD**

*Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias*

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same

with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> 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." <sup>16</sup> 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." <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S WORD

SERMON *Pastor D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY v.1,2,3,6 No. 495

*We Who Once Were Dead*

1 We who once were dead now live, fully knowing Jesus as our head. Life is overflowing when he breaks the bread.

2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us strength to fight; death is all around us. Jesus, be our light.

3 He became our bread; Jesus died to save us. On him we are fed, eating what he gave us, rising from the dead.

6 This is your design; in this meal we meet you. Be our bread and wine, Jesus, we entreat you. This shall be our sign.

## ◆ APOSTLES CREED

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING—BELL CHOIR—GLOBE OFFERING

*Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe in the front of the church.*

## ◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

**C: Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Come to the table of grace.*

*Receive the gift of new life.*

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

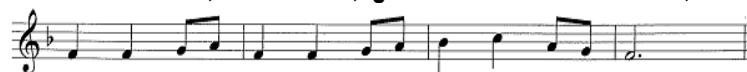
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*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

### REFRAIN

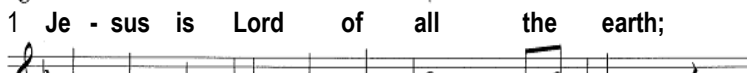


Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, give thanks to the risen Lord; al-le



lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, give praise to his name.

### VERSES



He is the king of cre-a-tion. (refrain)

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. *REFRAIN*

3 We have been crucified with Christ;

now we shall live forever. *REFRAIN*

4 God has proclaimed the just reward:

life for all people, alleluia. *REFRAIN*

5 Come, let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. *REFRAIN*

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

**C: Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The triune God, who was, who is,  
and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and  
Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. **C: Amen.**

## ◆ SENDING SONG No. 674

*Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ*

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy; bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

REFRAIN-- 2X **Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.** REFRAIN--2X

**3 Jesus calls us in, send us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!** REFRAIN--2X

*Ring of Bell*

## DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *BELL CHOIR*

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**Su/5-4** 9 AM WORSHIP

10:00 COFFEE

*Last Day of Sunday School Party*

*Caramel Roll Orders & Pymt Due Today*

10:15 Men's Ministry

**Mo/5-5** 5 PM Worship/Evangelism

**Tu 5-6** 12 – 1 PM OPEN PRAYER

**We 5-7** NO CONFIRMATION - 7 pm KWHS Concert

**Th 5-8** 1 PM LOVE DAY

7 PM AA

**Sa 5-10** 8 AM Synagogue Visit

**Su 5-11** 9 AM WORSHIP-Mother's Day

10:00 COFFEE

*Pick Up Caramel Rolls by 11 AM*



## **Mother's Day Caramel Roll Orders**

*Purchase homemade (prepared & frozen)*

**Take-and-Bake Caramel Rolls**

**6 rolls - \$12    12 rolls - \$20**

**ORDER BY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sign Up Sheets at Church**

*Checks Payable to First Lutheran Youth*

**PICK UP ROLLS ON SUNDAY MAY 11  
(before 11 am)**

*Support our Youth Summer Ministries: 2027 ELCA  
National Youth Gathering, Bible School and More.  
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