



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**4th Sunday of Easter**

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## Order Of Service

### Gathering

*Pastoral Greeting*  
*Announcements*  
*Prelude Music*

### Experiential Liturgy

*Starting Fresh*  
*The Peace*  
*Opening Hymn*  
*Litany of Praise for Creation*  
*Prayer of the Day*

### The Word

*Lessons*  
*Sermon*  
*Hymn of the Day*

### Response to the Word

*Creed*  
*Prayers of Intercession*  
*Offering Prayer*

### Communion

*Thanksgiving at the Table*  
*Lord's Prayer*  
*Distribution*  
*Post Communion Prayer*

### Closing

*Closing Hymn*  
*Benediction*  
*Dismissal*  
*Postlude*

*Worship Assistant: Jim Johnson*  
*Usher: Linda McGuire*  
*Musician: Jamie Reynolds*  
*Flowers:*



Acts 6:1-7                    *The growing movement of Jesus' followers needs more leaders to see ministry is done fairly for everyone*

Psalm 23

1 John 2:18-28            *Abiding in Christ gives us confidence when he returns*

Luke 24:36-49            *The Risen Jesus meets the disciples, eats with them, and commissions them as his witnesses.*

## Prayer of the Day

Triumphant Jesus, it is easy to grumble about who is not with us in our time of worship; yet why would they if they haven't been told about your Good News? Empower us once more as your witnesses, give us hands to serve, and a voice to speak your love. We have seen you; help us help others see you as well. In your holy name we pray. Amen

Please keep in your prayers:

Bradley Anderson, Josie Blake, Nancy Dowell, John Ellison, Linda Ellison, Dave Erlandson, Jim Erlandson, Cassie Jern & Family, Ila Roseberry, Norman Worthington, Beckie Bean, Joy Johnson, Pat Root, Diane Bradley, Matthew Council, Rose Youngquist, Kathi Cruce, Rob Kerschke, Gary Gaskill, Amber Kerr, Julie Kerr, Jaxson, Chris

*Please let the church office know any updates that are needed to our prayer list.*

## Acts 6:1-7

**6** Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup> while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” <sup>5</sup> What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup> The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

## 1 John 2:18-28

<sup>18</sup> Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they did not belong to us; for if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us. But by going out they made it plain that none of them belongs to us. <sup>20</sup> But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and all of you have knowledge. <sup>21</sup> I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie comes from the truth. <sup>22</sup> Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup> No one who denies the Son has the Father; everyone who confesses the Son has the Father also. <sup>24</sup> Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you will abide in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is what he has promised us, eternal life. <sup>26</sup> I write these things to you concerning those who would deceive you. <sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and so you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, abide in him. <sup>28</sup> And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he is revealed we may have confidence and not be put to shame before him at his coming.

## Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”