



May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter
Confirmation Sunday

You are invited to read responses found in **bold*
**An asterisk * invites you to stand in body or in spirit*

Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

Gathering in God's Presence

Prelude — "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Setting by Michael Burkhardt
Heidi Engman, organ

***Processional Hymn**

"Peter Said, 'I'm Going Fishing'"
Sung to the tune HYMN TO JOY

Peter said, "I'm going fishing,"
so his friends went out with him.
Through the night, they labored, watching,
Hauling empty nets back in.
In the gray of early morning,
Jesus, you came walking by.
From the beach you called a greeting,
"Cast out on the other side!"

Soon their nets were filled to brimming;
Someone cried, "It is the Lord!"
Jumping in, he started swimming;
Christ, you met him on the shore.
Guiding them to better waters,
Eating fish, and sharing bread —
You showed Peter and the others:
You were risen from the dead!

Risen Christ, you send us fishing!
God's great sea is everywhere.
You have guided us in mission,
You have given love to share.
Through the years, our church has heard you,
We have answered your great call:
"Cast your nets where I have told you.
Bring my word of love to all!"

Lord, be with our congregation;
By your spirit, send us forth!
May we care for your creation;
May we work for peace on earth.
In our worship, in our giving,
In our serving those in need,
May we know, Lord; you are living,
Guiding us in ministry.

***Words of Welcome**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless
God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth, through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ,
you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved
and holy people.

**Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts;
wipe away every tear.**

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

May God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

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

Hearing & Responding to Scripture

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles — Acts 9:1-20

1Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 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. 3Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8Saul 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. 9For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

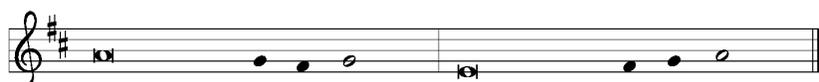
10Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, 12and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; 14and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your

name.” 15But 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; 16I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” 17So 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.” 18And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, 19and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20and 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 — *sung responsively by verse*



1I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift- | ed
me up

and have not let my enemies triumph | over
me.

**2O Lord my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

3You brought me up, O Lord, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to
the grave.

**4Sing praise to the Lord, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

5God’s wrath is short; God’s favor | lasts a
lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in
the morning.

**6While I felt se- | cure, I said,
“I shall never | be disturbed.**

7You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong |
as the mountains.”

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with
fear.

8I cried to | you, O Lord;

I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

9“**What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to
the pit?**

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your
faithfulness?

**10Hear, O Lord, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O Lord, | be my helper.”**

11You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me
with joy.

**12Therefore my heart sings to you | without
ceasing;**

**O Lord my God, I will give you | thanks
forever.**

A Reading from Revelation — Revelation 5:11-14

11Then 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, 12singing 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!”

13Then 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!”

14And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation** — from *ELW* Setting Three

“Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel** — John 21:1-19

The Gospel of John, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [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. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon 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.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He 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. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But 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.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So 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. ¹²Jesus 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. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶A 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.” ¹⁷He 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. ¹⁸Very 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.” ¹⁹(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.

Sermon — “Breakfast on the Shore with Jesus”

Pastor Chris Culuris

***Hymn** — no. 817

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

Sung in this format: Stanzas 1-2, Refrain Stanzas 3-4, Refrain

***Affirmation of Baptism** — page 234, front of hymnal

*Prayers of Intercession

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. We give thanks today for our confirmation students affirming their baptism. Be with their friends, family, and church in continuing to set an example of God's love, and guide these confirmands in the ups and downs of their faith journey God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Stir us to revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. Be with those who are currently suffering from drought and wildfires in Western America. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Kindle in employers the calling to give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you. Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Please use a sign of peace such as a bow, an elbow tap, a wave, a verbal greeting, and/or a peace sign!

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering

"This Child of Ours"

Setting by Carl Schalk

*This child of ours, this miracle,
you have a dream and plan for it;
you wash it clean, you cradle it;
you bless it and you call it yours:
this child of ours, this child of yours.*

*This child of yours, this miracle
reborn of water and the word;
the Book of Life records its name;
you smile and angels celebrate:
this child of yours, this child of ours.*

*This child of ours, this miracle
whom Christ would die for, we may love,
and train and raise, and teach and praise,
and watch the Spirit mold a life:
this child of ours, this child of yours.*

-Jaroslav J Vajda

Departing to Serve God's World

Announcements

*Blessing & Dismissal

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.** Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. Tell what God has done! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — “Now Thank We All Our God”

Setting by Paul Manz
Heidi Engman, organ

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Announcements

- We wish a very happy 90th birthday to Maralyn Flinner on May 5! Those wishing to send cards can send them to Mark Flinner: 1192 Galtier Street, St. Paul, MN 55117
- An update from the Health Advisory Team: We are urging people to continue wearing masks, but they are no longer required at First Lutheran. Please make your decision based on your personal health status.
- To support Lutheran Disaster Response to aid the people of Ukraine, you can make a donation <https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>
- Would you like to be commissioned to administer Holy Communion to our homebound members? There will be another commissioning during worship next Sunday, May 8 at our 10:00 a.m. worship. Contact Pastor Chris if you are interested!
- On Saturday, May 7, the congregation is invited to the visitation for Dale Haack at 10 a.m. and memorial service at 11 a.m. here at First Lutheran.

Prayers

- We lift up prayers for those on our long-term list: Tom and Deb Johnson, Abigail Christenson, Betty Gustafson, Elgene Lund, Chuck Petry, Bob Cady, Joan Williams, Myrene Bunge, Glenn Stryker, Erika Schuldt, Gloria Kane, Gwen Powell, Nancy Maag, Patricia Friert, Tim Sebring, Claire Cardwell, Ursula McRostie
- We pray for the families of those who have recently died and all who continue to adjust to the loss of loved ones: Mary Bell Gordenier (mother of Kim Bovee) and Joe Antrim (son-in-law of Kay Moline)

Celebrate FLC's 2022 Confirmation Class



Name: Luke William Banks

Baptismal Date 8-26-2007

Parents: Aaron and Heather Banks

Godparents/Sponsors: Sarah Banks, Charles and SalliBanks, Jason and Lori Banks

Mentor: Tom Thorkelson

Memorized Scripture: Proverbs 23:18

"My favorite memory at FLC thus far was making Christmas cookies with Calleigh and my confirmation class!"



Name: Evan Philip Buffington

Baptismal Date 10-14-2007

Parents: Angie and Bryan Buffington

Godparents/Sponsors: Gina Hibbard Brown, Peter and Julie Buffington

Mentor: Brett Petersen

Memorized Scripture: Revelation 7:9

"My favorite memory at FLC thus far was getting muffins before church every Sunday "



Name: Caleb Damien Krueger

Baptismal Date 9-16-2007

Parents: Chakara Dauffenbach

Godparents/Sponsors: Molly Murillo

Mentor: Rachel Ribar

Memorized Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:8

"My favorite memory at FLC thus far has been hanging out with my friends during confirmation and meeting new friends through our Combined HS Youth Group"



Name: Ezekiel Joel Ribar

Baptismal Date 9-18-2008

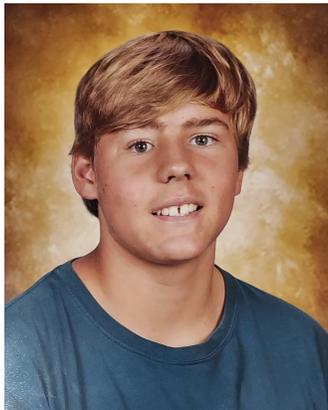
Parents: David and Rachel Ribar

Godparents/Sponsors: Joel & Nina Ribar (Uncle and Aunt) and MaryLou Estocuinios, Ireneo Dispasupil (Manila, Philippines)

Mentor: Tyson Twait

Memorized Scripture: Philippians 4:13

"My favorite thing about FLC thus far is playing sardines at the Youth group and being the best hider out of the group."



Name: Henry Timm

Baptismal Date 9-23-2007

Parents: Nancy and Jerry Timm

Godparents/Sponsors: Lynn Wunderlich and Ruth Hall

Mentor: Sharon Malm

Memorized Scripture: Revelation 22:21

"The best thing about FLC is being with my friends from school and basketball."



Name: Tobias Dean Twait

Baptismal Date 11-11-2006

Parents: Michelle and Tyson Twait

Godparents/Sponsors: Amy & Travis Lachinski, Matt Anderson, Val Anderson

Memorized Scripture: Psalm 23:4

"My favorite memory at FLC thus far has been the Christmas Eve services."