## First Evangelical Lutheran Church

 The Third Sunday of EasterApril 14, 2024 10:30 AM


## Our Identity

- We are a diverse, welcoming, loving, grace-filled community.
- We are a safe place of acceptance and forgiveness.
- It feels good to be here.

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# Now The Feast and Celebration Holy Communion 

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

We are so glad you are able to worship with us today. We hope you feel the love of God and the friendly warmth of our church family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

## + + GATHERING + +

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PRELUDE

We turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the Altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(P) Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
C Amen.
(P) Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

## (We pause for reflection.)

(P God of grace and glory,
C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and $\ddagger$ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
C Amen!
(P) Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

## KYRIE

A In peace, in peace,
Refrain


Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



## HYMN OF PRAISE (continued)



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
P Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## + + WORD + +

## FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

${ }^{12}$ Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ${ }^{13}$ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ${ }^{14}$ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ${ }^{15}$ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ${ }^{16}$ And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.
${ }^{17}$ "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.
${ }^{18}$ In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ${ }^{19}$ Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

## L The word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 4 (read responsively)

${ }^{1}$ Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
${ }^{2}$ "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"
${ }^{3}$ Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.
${ }^{4}$ Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
${ }^{5}$ Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.
${ }^{6}$ Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.
${ }^{7}$ You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.
${ }^{8}$ In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, $\mathbf{O}$ Lord, make me rest secure.

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

${ }^{1}$ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ${ }^{2}$ Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ${ }^{3}$ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
${ }^{4}$ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ${ }^{5}$ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ${ }^{6}$ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ${ }^{7}$ Little
children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

## L The word of the Lord. <br> C Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48
P The holy gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

## C Glory to you, O Lord.

${ }^{36 b}$ Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." ${ }^{37}$ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ${ }^{38} \mathrm{He}$ said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ${ }^{39}$ 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." ${ }^{40}$ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ${ }^{41}$ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ${ }^{42}$ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ${ }^{43}$ and he took it and ate in their presence.
${ }^{44}$ 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." ${ }^{45}$ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ${ }^{46}$ 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, ${ }^{47}$ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ${ }^{48}$ You are witnesses of these things."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
SERMON

C Praise to you, O Christ!
The Rev. Matthew L. Miller

## A BRIEF MOMENT OF REFLECTION

## APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us his people through our baptism in Christ. Living together in trust and hope let us confess our faith.
C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

(after each petition)......... God of grace,
C hear our prayer.
P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
C Amen.

## PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.


## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Risen One,
C 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.


## + + MEAL + +

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is our duty and delight . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.


The minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer
(P Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.


P Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.


## THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST



P Make us bold, O Merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung)


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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P) The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

## c Thanks be to God!

All are welcome to the table to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to receive communion at the altar, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Please refrain from conversation during the distribution of Holy Communion in respect for those who may be in prayer.

If you prefer to receive a gluten-free communion wafer, please tell the minister or assisting minister as you are served. White grape juice is also available at each wine station in the center ring.

## LAMB OF GOD


peace:
love.

## Final Stanza



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION - A time for quiet reflection.

## TABLE BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
c Amen.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE










Rais-ing high the weak and low-ly: Thanks be to you for


## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray. Shepherding God,
C you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

## + + SENDING + +

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

A Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are unable to be with us today. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

## BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
c Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope $\ddagger$ bless you now and always.
C Amen.
During the sending hymn, we face the cross as it passes to the rear of the sanctuary, it reminds us, it is Christ who leads and calls us into God's World to bring God's healing love as we carry out his mission and ministry.

HYMN: (Bulletin, pg. 20) "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"
Brain A. Wren

## DISMISSAL

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

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## Ұ 4 ANNOUNCEMENTS $4 ~+~$

SERVING DURING WORSHIP - April 14, 2024
Assisting Minister: Danny Leonard
Communion Stewards: Teena Walker, Judy Conrad
Communion Preparation: Debra Kitzman
Acolyte: Sydney England
Crucifer: Lauren Mabry
Lector: Sabrina Conrad
Ushers: Pat Richardson, Bob Sink
Sound System: Lee Conrad
SERVING DURING WORSHIP - April 21, 2024
Assisting Minister: Aaron Barr
Communion Stewards: Teena Walker, Judy Conrad
Communion Preparation: Debra Kitzman
Acolyte: Sydney England
Crucifer: Lauren Mabry
Lector: Sabrina Conrad
Ushers: Pat Richardson, Bob Sink
Sound System: John Leonard

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Altar are given by Danny and Carol Leonard to the Glory of almighty God and in celebration of their grandchildren.

SCRIPTURES - April 21, 2024
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

## PRAYER LIST

Please take a moment to carefully review the prayer list. If there are changes or updates that may be made, please notify the church office.

## WE ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE

We have been experiencing a significant increase of doors being found unlocked. If you come into the church building for any reason throughout the week, please take that extra moment to be certain the doors are locked as you leave.

## PERICOPE

Join us for Pericope at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at Southern Lunch.

## WEDNESDAY DEVOTION

Join Pastor Matt each Wednesday for devotions on Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. Join the devotion here: http://www.facebook.com/flclex

## CHOIR AND HANDBELLS

- The Handbell Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30 PM.
- The Chancel Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 PM.


## PROPERTY TEAM WORKDAY

The Property Team will have a workday on Saturday, April 20, 2024, with work beginning at 8:00 AM. It is anticipated that work will be completed by noon.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CLOTHING CLOSET

The Good Shepherd Clothing Closet will be open on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 9:00 AM until Noon. We can always use some additional volunteers.

## WELCA SPRING GATHERING - This coming Saturday.

The WELCA Spring Gathering will be at Shiloh Lutheran Church in Lewisville, NC on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Please see Sabrina Conrad or Debra Kitzman for further details.

## BEER AND BIBLE

Join us at Goose and the Monkey at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to participate!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl ministry will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Family Life Center. We welcome newcomers!

## PASTORS PANTRY

We are collecting bags of dry beans during the month of April Please place your donations on the rack on the Chapel hallway off the Narthex.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

- Property Team: May 6, 7:00 PM
- Agape Circle: May 6, 7:00 PM
- Beer and Bible: May 7, 6:00 PM
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: May 9, 7:00 PM


| Stewardship and Attendance <br> April 7, 2024 |  |
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| Attendance | 64 |
| Current | $\$ 3,601.44$ |
| Youth | $\$ 10.00$ |
| Building | $\$ 225.00$ |
| Clothing Closet | $\$ 100.00$ |
| Mortgage | $\$ 200.00$ |
| Noisy Offering | 38.00 |
| TOTAL |  | $\mathbf{\$ 4 , 1 7 4 . 4 4}$|  |
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## By Your Hand You Feed Your People



1 By your hand you feed your peo-ple, food of an-gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun-ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour-age to the hun-gry, lost, be-reaved.


Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,


Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789
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Let us remember in prayer:

## CHURCH FAMILY:

Christopher Bartholomew
Sam Campbell
Lorraine Carlson
Jean Conrad Darstein
Craven Ford
Phil Foster
Norma Heath
Matt Hogrefe
Dan Huber
Steve Ketner
Katie Lemly
Lewis McMillan
Tracy Miller
Frank Mills
Willie Ruth Pless
Bob Redwine
Barbara Carlson Romaine
Joe Romaine
Ron Sink
Gracie Shepherd
Jody Shepherd
Dan Smith
Debbie and Terry Triplett
Laura Turlington
Deborah Wertman
Pr. Bob Young

## LOVED ONES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

Tonya Adams (Friend of David Smith)
Larry and Donna B. (friends of John and Sabrina Conrad)
Richard and Toni Berish (Brother and sister-in-law of the Wertman family)
Brad, Melody, and Erick Bizzell (Son and family of Susan Bizzell)
Mary Brink (Niece of Pauletta Conrad)
Anne Burkhart (friend of Pam Mabry)
Mike Byrd (Friend of Bob Sink)
Eula Carroll (Joe Carroll's mother)
Elaine Childress (friend of Sabrina Conrad)
Paul and Dawn Cohen (friends of the Wertmans)
Paul and Carolina Conrad (Larry Conrad's aunt and uncle)
Don and Jackie Craft (parents of Rebecca Moretz)
Margie Coggins (friend of Kelly Newsome and FLC)
Amy and Wes Cups
Greg D'Ambrosio (friend of John Conrad)
Robert Dasch (Father of Keith Dasch)
Connie Dillard (friend of the Wertman family)
Marina Dunaway\& family (friends of Karen Riggs)
Juan Escobedo (cousin of Amanda Hathcock)
Danny Fine (Lynn Smith's brother)
John Fisher (Bleasha Carroll's uncle)
Abby Fobes (friend of Bing Grubb)
Kay Fortner (friend of Dalane Kitzman)
Marc Frye (friend of Craig and Robin Deal)
The Greer Family (friends of Karen Riggs)
Mike and Sharon Heffner (friends of John and
Sabrina Conrad)
Marion Hibbett (Rebecca Moretz' aunt)
Kenny Hirsch (friend of Rick Grubb)
Capt. Matthew Honeycutt (friend of the Carroll and Scott Family)
Scott Hummel (friend of the Turlingtons)
Betty Jordan (friend of the Carlsons)

Larry Kerns (Tim Welther's husband)
Bob and Karen Kernstine (friends of Sabrina
Conrad)
Mandy Kiser and son, Sammy Jones (friends of Patti Grant)
Thomas and Toni L. (friends of John and Sabrina Conrad)
Larry Leonard (John Leonard's brother)
Franklin Mabry
Mandy Marshall (Debbie Triplett's daughter)
Billy McGuinn (friend of Lewis and Connie McMillan)
Donna Miller (friend of Kelsey Lambert)
Sarah Montross (friend of the Turlingtons)
Matthew and Faith Moretz (nephew and wife of Rebecca Moretz)
Dermont Morris (friend of Ken Clodfelter)
Todd Morris (father of Michael Gauldin)
Becky Osborne (friend of Karen Riggs)
Linda Owings (friend of John and Sabrina Conrad)
Hap Palmer (Pauletta Conrad's brother-in-law)
Mickey Persinger (Tracy Miller's cousin)
Brenda Safrit (Beth Huber's cousin)
Kim Schlueter (Trisha Reichard's mother)
Robin Schuster (friend of FLC)
Doug Sink (Bob Sink's brother)
Peggy Sipe (mother of Pr. Ray Sipe)
Mark Sives (Bleasha Carroll's cousin)
Aubrey Smith (Dan Smith's dad)
David Smith (Nephew of Bob Sink)
Marilee Strasser (friend of Bill and Patsie Baker)
Johnny and Pat Straughn (friends of Sylvia Sink)
Denny Swimley (brother-in-law of Scott and Deborah Wertman)
Jackie Taylor (Lorraine Carlson's sister)
Juliet Teachey (great-granddaughter of Jon and Celie Lough)
Stephen Thompson (Danny Thompson's father)
Mary and Doug Walser (friends of Sylvia Sink)
Charlie Ward (friend of Kim Odum)
Jennifer Way (Sylvia Sink's niece)
Jon Whalen (Denny Whalen's brother)
Mary Louise Wilkerson (Friend of FLC)
Devone Wohl (Dalane Kitzman's sister)
Nathaniel Wohl (Dalane Kitzman's nephew)
Ken Woisin (Lorraine Carlson's brother)
The families of those who have passed to life eternal:

## Expectant Parents:

Kathleen Lockwood and Munashe Magarira
JJ and Trisha Reichard
Jeb and Hailee (Moretz) Smith


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