

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 16, 2023**  
**11:00 am**

God raised Jesus from  
the dead. Repent  
and be baptized.



**THE APOSTLE PRISCILLA  
PREACHES TO THE GENTILES.**

[ROM 16:3]



**First Lutheran Church**  
**BOTHELL**

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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## WORSHIP NOTES

- + Please sign the card in the pew rack and place in the offering plate with your offering before Holy Communion.
- + The service is printed in this bulletin. Some hymns are located in the red hymn book.
- + Hearing enhancement receivers, large print bulletins are available. Feel free to ask an usher for assistance.
- + Our expectation is that children will be in worship. We understand, though, that there are times when your wiggly ones need a distraction. There is a "Pray Space" under the stairs in the inner narthex with soft toys and books. If you desire the nursery ask an usher for directions.
- + If you would like to have a digital copy of the bulletin, go to our website and download the PDF. [www.flcbothell.org](http://www.flcbothell.org)
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# Easter Explained

When Mary came to the tomb and discovered it empty, she became the first to proclaim Christ risen to her sibling disciples. This proclamation, “Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!” is an echo of her words down through the centuries. It is this moment of victory over death that we celebrate on Resurrection Sunday or Easter Day.

The term “Easter” dates back to the time of Bede. He identified the root of this word came from the goddess Eostre, for whom the month of April was called at that time. Bede translated it as “Paschal” which originally comes from the Greek via Hebrew to denote the Jewish festival of Passover. We, here in the USA, use the word “Easter” while most of the rest of the world uses the word “Pascha.” Regardless of what we call this important day and season—it is all about the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah.

From the earliest church this festival became the most central expression of our faith. Luther stressed it in this way:

*In Christ, suffering and triumphant, he has decisively asserted his Godhead in the midst of a hostile world; and in the Incarnate and Crucified Savior we behold the supreme majesty of that ‘uncreated love, that is God.’*

Jesus, who was arrested, abused, tried, convicted, and hung on a cross until he died, did not acquiesce to the powers of this world. The powers of earth only know violence and death. The power of God that is revealed in Jesus, is about peace and life! This is what we celebrate. This is why we sing Alleluias!

Though we celebrate an Easter Day, we also make it a full season. The season is marked by seven Sundays—to remind us that we have a new creation in Jesus. It begins with Easter Day and then Ends on Pentecost Sunday. “Pentecost” is derived from the Greek meaning “fiftieth.”

Here at First Lutheran Church in Bothell, we adorn our space with flowers and white banners to signify this special season. You may have put a flower in our cross. This symbol is a way for us to take what was meant as a sign of oppression and death and to turn it into a witness to resurrection and victory. We give thanks for the work that is done for us through Jesus. It is truly a gift of Grace that we do not deserve or earn. Jesus says to us, you are mine and I am yours. Nothing can take that from us.

Peace be to you this Easter Season.

# EASTER 2023

## Setting by Ray Makeever

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

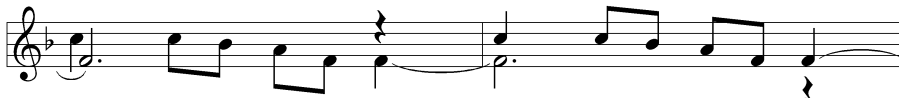
**PRELUDE: *He Is Exalted* (Twila Paris)**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP: *Come, Let Us Worship God* (DATH 2)**



1	Come,	let	us	wor-ship	God...	Come,	let	us	wor-ship	God...
2	Rest	for	the	wea-	ry...	Rest	for	the	wea-	ry...
3	Food	for	the	hun-	gry...	Food	for	the	hun-	gry...
4	Hope	for	the	chil-	dren...	Hope	for	the	chil-	dren...



Come,	let	us	wor-ship	God...	Come,	let	us	wor-ship	God...
Rest	for	the	wea-	ry...	Rest	for	the	wea-	ry...
Food	for	the	hun-	gry...	Food	for	the	hun-	gry...
Hope	for	the	chil-	dren...	Hope	for	the	chil-	dren...



Wel-	come	ev-'ry-	one...	Wel-	come	ev-'ry-	one...
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Wel-	come	ev-'ry-	one...	Wel-	come	ev-'ry-	one...



To the	love of	God...	To the	love of	God...
To the	love of	God...	To the	love of	God...
To the	love of	God...	To the	love of	God...
To the	love of	God...	To the	love of	God...

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* (ELW 385)



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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## GREETING

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

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - be - ing



of the church of God, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

*Refrain*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry  
for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
This is the feast, al-le-lu-ia.  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and  
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.  
*Refrain*  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry  
for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.





This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and



might to God and the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.



*Refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry



for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia. 3 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of vic-t'ry  
 for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.  
 This is the feast, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** Bless the Lord (Jonas Myrin)

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## PSALM: Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

**Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**You show me the path of life.**

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

**in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## WELCOMING THE WORD: *Christ Has Been Raised* (DATH 66)



## THE WORD 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God,  
word of life.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: NOW TH GREEN BLADE RISES (ELW 379)



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God.  
Your mercy is great.

#### PEACE

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

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING: *Come, Bring Them to the Table* (DATH 19)

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in

rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (DATH 21)

*Refrain*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Refrain*

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**COMMUNION:** *We will receive the body of Christ as bread with these words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire gluten-free this option is available. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these words: The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

**WHO MAY COMMUNE?** *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. It is a free gift given to all for the forgiveness of sins. The words "for you" really mean FOR YOU! Children may commune at the discretion of their parents. If you wish to receive a blessing: cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the communion assistants.*



**DIRECTIONS FOR COMMUNION:** *Please come forward by the center aisle at the direction of the ushers to receive the sacrament and return to your seat down the side aisle. Please register each person taking communion on a pew card.*

## LAMB OF GOD (DATH 25)



1 Lamb of God, come take a - way the sin of all the  
 2 Lamb of God, who'd give your soul to see a bro - ken  
 3 Lamb of God, ris - en Lord, ‡ heal us with your  
 4 Lamb of God, Ho - ly One, ‡ bring us peace when



world to - day: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -  
 world made whole: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -  
 liv - ing word: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -  
 day is done: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -



on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
 on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
 on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
 on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: Ray Makeever

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## COMMUNION HYMN: THE PEACE OF THE LORD (ELW 449)



1 *La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la*  
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the  
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



*paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -*  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the  
 peace of the ris - en Lord Je - sus: the peace of the



*ñor a ti ya mí, a to - dos al - can - za -*  
 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's  
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -  
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



*rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya*  
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for  
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right  
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



*mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.*  
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.  
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.  
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

## RAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION SONG: *Now the Body Broken* (DATH 31)



1 Now the bod - y bro - ken; now the blood is shed;  
now the eyes are o - pen to the liv - ing Bread:  
Bread of life, Bread of hope, Bread of peace.

2 Now with wills u - nit - ed, now with o - pen hands,  
now with hearts de - light - ed hear our God's com - mand:  
"Share the life, share the hope; share the life, share the  
hope; share the life, share the hope, share the peace."

Text: Ray Makeever

Music: GOD GIVE US LIFE: SENDING, Ray Makeever

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ☐ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

## SENDING SONG: *We Know That Christ is Raised* (ELW 449)



- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
- 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
- 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
- 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: *Praise Him! Praise Him (Chester Allen)***

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