

**May 1, 2022  
8:30 AM  
Third Sunday of Easter**



The conversion of St. Paul on the Road to Damascus, Hans Speckaert, 1577, oil on canvas, Louvre Museum.

# 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 white 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 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)
- + Public WiFi: FLC Wireless Password: MartyLuther

**Assisting With Today's Service:**

Presiding: Rev. Tor K. Berg

Music Director: Lucy Kay Osborne

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Greeter	Roger Wolter	Sound Tech	Andrew Phelps
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## GATHERING

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

**PRELUDE:** *Slane (H. Hopson)*

**WELCOME**

**GATHERING SONG:** *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (ELW 382)*



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (ELW 389)



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

## WORD

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

**ANTHEM:** *Be Thou My Vision* (A. Parker)

**PSALM:** Psalm 30

- <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.

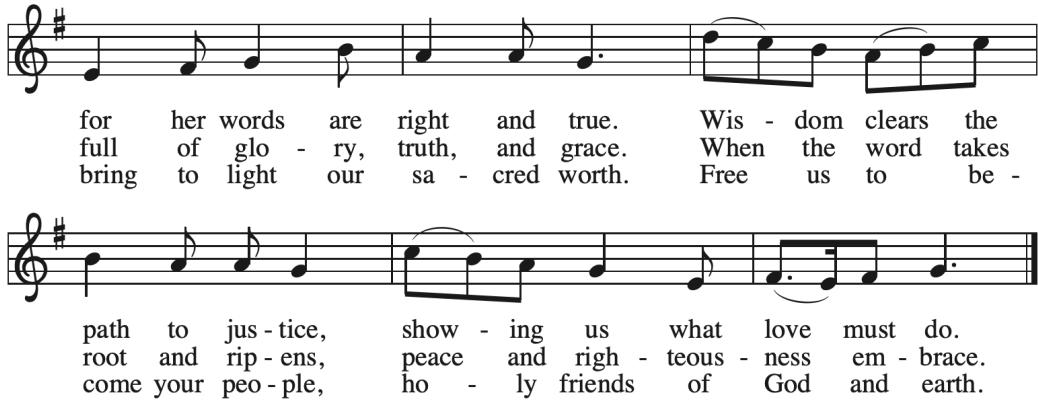
**WELCOMING THE WORD:** *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom* (ACS 971)



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



### THE WORD: Acts 9:1-19a

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile 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.

Word of God.

Word of life.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)



1	Be	thou	my	vi - sion,	O	Lord	of	my	heart;
2	Be	thou	my	wis - dom,	and	thou	my	true	word;
3	Rich - es	I	heed	not,	nor	vain,	emp - ty	praise,	
4	Light	of	my	soul,	af - ter	vic - to - ry	won,		



naught	be	all	else	to	me,	save	that	thou	art:
I	ev - er	with	thee	and	thou	with	me,	Lord.	
thou	mine	in - her - i - tance,	now	and	al - ways:				
may	I	reach	heav - en's	joys,	O	heav - en's	Sun!		





thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **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, and later Saul who you changed into  
a new person, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ.  
God, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

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. 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. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages. God, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Restore all people who cry to you for help. Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. 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.**

For whom do the people pray?

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.  
**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence for self-reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✝  
Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the  
forgiveness of all your sins.

**Amen.**

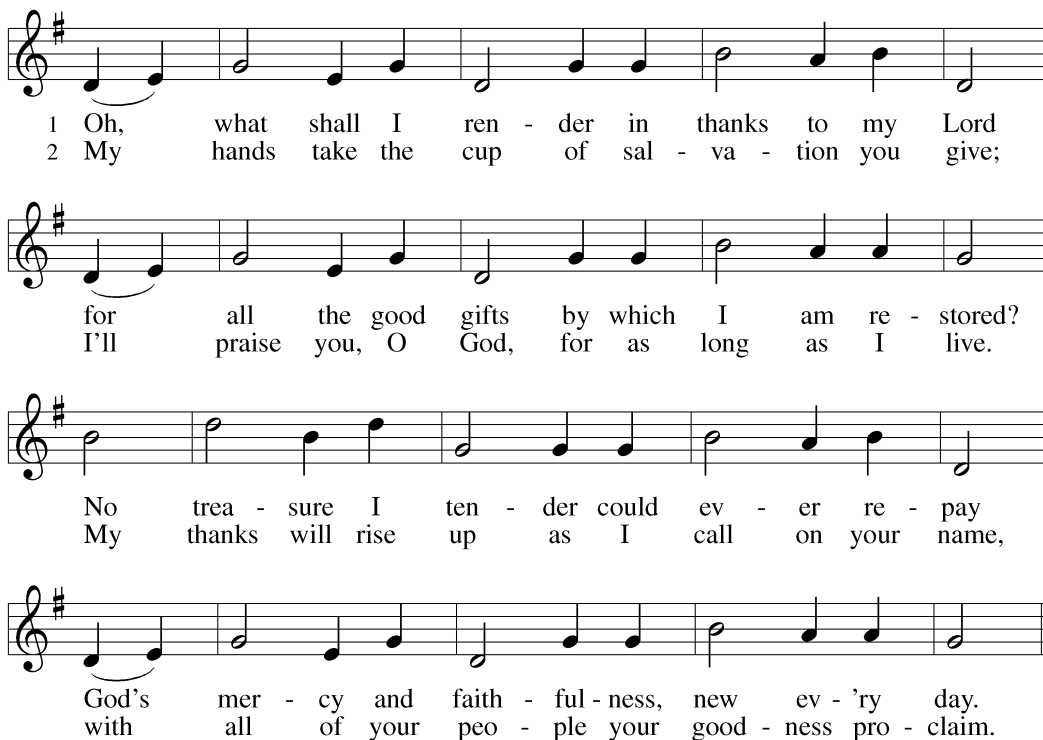
## PEACE

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

## MEAL

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

## OFFERING: Oh, What Shall I Render (HFW 983)



1 Oh, what shall I ren - der in thanks to my Lord  
2 My hands take the cup of sal - va - tion you give;  
for all the good gifts by which I am re - stored?  
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.  
No trea - sure I ten - der could ev - er re - pay  
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,  
God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.  
with all of your peo - ple your good - ness pro - claim.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your  
peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us  
through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may  
be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

## **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 (HAAS)



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your  
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to-day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for-give  
those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the  
time of trial and de - liv - er us from e - vil, for the  
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours,  
now and for ev - er.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

**COMMUNION INSTRUCTION:** *We will receive the body of Christ in the form of bread with these or similar words: The body of Christ, given for you. If you desire a gluten free option please make that known to the server. The blood of Christ will be received as either red wine or white grape juice with these or similar 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:** *For those in the sanctuary, 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. For those at home, you may share communion with each other when the communion assistants are communed.*

## COMMUNION

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

### COMMUNION SONGS:

***Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)***



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing  
sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

### ***Change My Heart, O God (ELW 801)***

*Refrain*

Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.

*End*

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

*Refrain*

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

**We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#### SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."



## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Fanfare (H. Purcell)***

### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### Our Ministry Partners:

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, Lutheran Counseling Network, Lutheran World Relief and Northwest Washington Synod.

#### Those living with cancer:

Juanita (Bonnie & Bob Ahlstedt's sister-in-law), **Mark** (Dick Boyce' son), **Jocelyn Carberry** (Kristin and Ken Smith's friend), **Marianne** (Emily Curcio's friend), **MaryBeth (Kathy Chester's Friend)**, **Dan** (Paula Glandon's brother-in-law), **Edith Holbrook** (member), **Tracee** (Bonnie Ahlstedt's friend), **Dana** (Barb & Tim Thieme's friend), **Evelyn** (Marilyn Iverson's friend), **Bonita** (Kathy Chester's friend), **Ted** (Sue Toyoda's friend), **Kip** (Paul Desilet's uncle), **Jim** (Hendricks' family friend), **Joanne** (Carolyn Becker's sister-in-law), **Diane Mackey** (Del Benson's friend), **Karen** (Nora Strothman's cousin), **Darlene** (Andrea Faubion's mother).

#### Those who are ill, have an injury or who are recovering from surgery:

**Valerie** (Kendahl Adjorlolo's cousin), **Bonnie Ahlstedt** (member), **Kurt** (Stephanie Almeida's father), **Judy** (Judy Richards' friend), **Rene Baker** (member), **Donna Benfield** (member), **Susan** (Bob Berg's cousin), **Elias** (Linda Chapman's great-grandson), **Nancy Davis** (member), **Carol Jo** (Joan and Carl Christian's granddaughter), **Judy** (Kristin Smith's aunt), **Ruby** (Christy Freriks' grandmother), **Mark Hatlen** (member), **Rachael** (Stephanie Almeida's friend), **Steve** (Del Benson's friend), **Axton** (Vicki & Kevin Kastning's grandson), **Jim** (Marilyn Kay's husband), **Kevin Kastning** (member), **Donnabel** (Derrick StaRosa's sister), **Greta Nelson** (member), **Hildur O'Connor** (member), **Ron** (Beth Phelps' brother), **Lola** (Bob Berg's aunt), **Sandy Sailand** (member), **Mona Shogren** (member).

#### Those who are homebound or in extended care facilities:

**Marilyn Anderson** (member), **Mavis Carlson** (member), **Marge Gonyea** (member), **Marlys Helgeland** (member), **Jane & Roy King** (members), **Lillian & Lawrence** (Leon Romaniuk's parents), **Jacquie Stoll** (member), **Sigrid** (Carsten Thode's mother).

#### Those Serving Our Country:

**AIR FORCE:** **Mason Land** (Debbie & Darryl Lageson's nephew) and **Erin Siebert** (Linda & Joe Siebert's daughter)

#### **ARMY:**

**MARINES:** **Olav Wampler** (Elizabeth & Randall Wampler's son)

**NAVY:** **Kelsey Schunk** (Jack Schunk's granddaughter) & **Christopher Whipple** (Carolyn Whipple's son)

*We are honored to be able to pray for your family members in need. Our policy is to publish immediate concerns for 2 weeks, unless we hear from you that an illness or situation is ongoing.*

## **INFORMATION For the Week!**

### **Sunday, May 1 Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Christian Education Hour
9:30 am	School Kit Stuffing (Narthex)! Many hands make light work!
11:00 am	Worship

### **Monday, May 2**

9:00 am	4 Year Old Preschool
10:00 am	Friends Supporting Friends
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
7:00 pm	Poor People's Campaign Zoom Open House

### **Tuesday, May 3**

9:00 am	Lectionary
	4 Year Old Preschool
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
3:30 pm	Weekly News Submission Deadline
6:00 pm	Building & Property Committee
7:00 pm	IT Committee
	Social Ministries Committee

### **Wednesday, May 4**

9:00 am	4 Year Old Preschool
12:15 pm	4 & 5 Year Old Preschool
7:00 pm	Lutheran Theology Book Study with Jill Nichols-Hicks

### **Thursday, May 5**

9:00 am	Quilters
	3 Year Old Preschool
12:15 pm	5 Year Old Preschool
6:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir

### **Friday, May 6**

9:00 am	3 Year Old Preschool
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### **Saturday, May 7**

9:00 am	Altar Guild
	Garden Guild
10:00 am	Boy Scout Pack 584 Day of Service

### **Sunday, May 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Happy Mother's Day!**

**LWR Quilt & Kits Blessing Sunday**

8:30 am	Worship
9:45 am	Christian Education Hour
11:00 am	Worship

## SERMON NOTES

**What caught my attention:**

**What did I hear that I am eager to share with another person?**

**I think the title of the sermon should be:**

**May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 16: 16-34 Paul and Silas**

**Weekly Financial Report**

April 24, 2022 Attendance: 106 in person; Zoom: 33

April 24, 2022 General Offerings: n/a      Capital Improvement: n/a

General Offerings Needed Each Week: \$10,939



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