



# Seventh Sunday of Easter

We gather this evening to celebrate and proclaim the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hymns can be found in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

**P** = Pastor    **A** = Assisting Pastor    **C** = Congregation    **L** = Leader

*Prelude: The prelude this evening is based on the Evening Hymn, "O Love, How Deep."*

## Prelude

"Voluntary on DEO GRACIAS"

Kevin Hildebrand

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand.*

## Invocation

Pastor Jeff Backer

**A** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Forgiveness

**A** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Silence for reflection.*

**A** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Entrance Hymn: Jesus' prayer that all would be made one in the message of the Gospel is the promise and beauty of Christ's Church. We share "sweet communion" with all believers in every time and place and give thanks wherever the good news is preached and delivered to sinners.*

## Entrance Hymn 654

"The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

*Please be seated.*

## Holy Baptism

Kristofer Anders Kimber

Son of Amy and Kristofer Kimber

Sponsors: Beth Amundson, Scott and Shelly Amundson, Kevin Kimber,  
Ken and Meghan Kimber

**P** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Amy and Kris, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Anders baptized into Christ? If so, please answer "*We do.*"

**P** As you bring Anders to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these vital and formative responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to the word of God and the holy supper; teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the holy scriptures; and nurture him in faith and prayer so he may learn to trust God; proclaim Christ, crucified and risen; through word and deed. That is, give him the Bible and the Catechism, tell him God's law and promise so that he will grow up in the Christian faith.

**P** To you, Beth, Scott, Shelly and Kevin, as sponsors, do you promise to nurture Anders in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please answer "*We do.*"

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Anders and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, please answer "*We do.*"

**C** We do.

*Please stand.*

**P** With the whole church, let us profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C** I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C** I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C** 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.

*This prayer was written by Martin Luther in 1526 as an addition to the Baptismal liturgy. In the "Flood Prayer," we recall the salvation history and the Lord's miraculous gift and promise to us through water and the Word in Baptism.*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to your judgment, you condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to your great mercy, you preserved believing Noah and his family. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water onto dry ground, prefiguring this washing of your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that you would enfold Anders according to your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through your Word given in this water all sin in him would be drowned and die. Grant that Anders be kept safe in the holy ark of your Church and secure in your promise, serving your name with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers, he would be brought to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

- P** Kristofer Anders Kimber, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Anders with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and reverence for you, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

- P** Kristofer Anders Kimber, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** Amen.

- P** Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."
- P** Let us welcome Anders into the body of Christ and his extended family of faith in this congregation.
- C** We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn 781**

**"Children of the Heavenly Father"**

Stanzas 1 and 4

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**Apostolic Greeting:** We greet one another with news of Christ's resurrection throughout the Easter season.

**Apostolic Greeting**

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- The grace of the risen 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. O God,
- form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading:** The owners of a slave-girl who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently, ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.

**First Reading**

Acts 16:16-34

NT page 129 in the pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 97**

Michel Guimont

The Lord is king, the Lord most high o-ver all the earth.

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| 1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,<br>let all the coastlands be glad.<br>Justice and right, God's throne.<br><i>Refrain sung by all.</i> | 2. The skies proclaim God's justice;<br>all peoples see God's glory.<br>All you spirits, worship the Lord.<br><i>Refrain sung by all.</i> | 3. For you indeed are the Lord<br>most high above all the earth,<br>exalted far above all spirits.<br><i>Refrain sung by all.</i> |
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**Second Reading:** The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

**Second Reading**

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

NT page 250 in the pew Bible

- Word of God, Word of Life.
- Thanks be to God.

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Aaron David Miller

*(Organ)*  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Choir/Cantor: I will not leave you orphaned, I am coming to you. (John 14:18)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Announcement**

- P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel:** *Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

‡ Denotes this reading as today's preaching text.

**Sermon:** *Tonight we welcome Dr. Steven Paulson to the pulpit. Dr. Paulson serves as the Chair of Lutheran Theology at Luther House of Study in Sioux Falls.*

**Evening Hymn:** *Sung today with a setting for congregation by Lutheran composer Walter Pelz, this hymn sings in wonder of our Lord's work "for us" around which we are made one. As this hymn makes clear, Christ's baptism, prayer, death, resurrection, ascension, and Holy Spirit are "for us" that we might know the deep love and promise of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering:** *Offering envelopes are available in the pews. Please sign the fellowship register and pass it to those sitting next to you.*

**Gospel** John 17:20-26 ‡

NT page 106 in the pew Bible

**Gospel Response**

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Sermon**

Dr. Steven Paulson

*Silence for reflection.*

*Please stand.*

**Evening Hymn 322**

**"Oh Love, How Deep"**  
 Stanza 1-3 – All 4 – Organ 5-7 – All  
 DEO GRACIAS

**Prayers of the Church**

- A** Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Following each petition:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- A** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

- A** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**Offering**

**Offering Voluntary**

Voluntary on "This Joyful Eastertide"  
 Robert A. Hobby

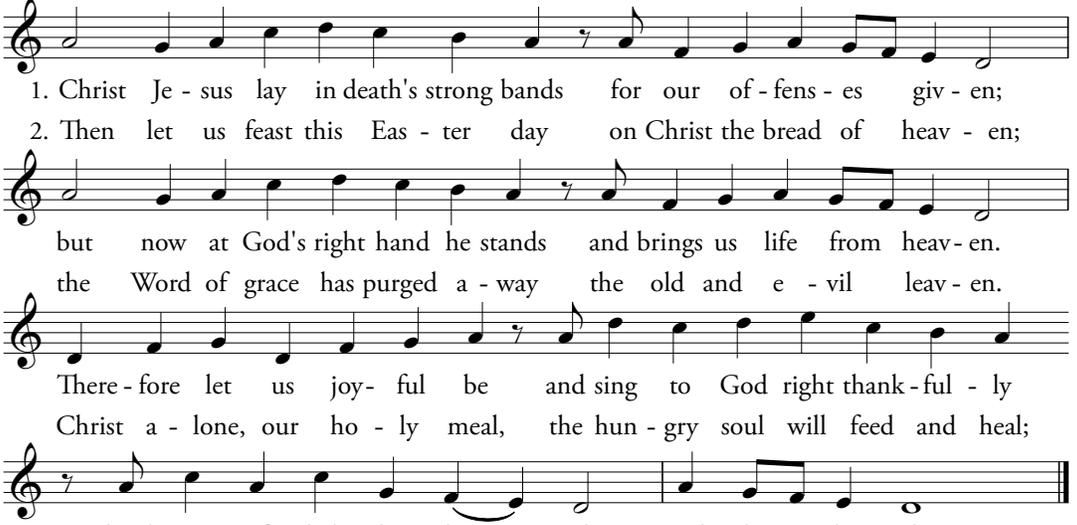
*Please stand.*

**Offering Presentation:** *This Easter hymn is an adaptation of an earlier text and melody by Martin Luther. Throughout the season of Easter, we join in singing "to God right thankfully loud songs of hallelujah," for Christ is victorious at God's right hand "and brings us life from heaven."*

## Offering Presentation

## "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
 2. Then let us feast this Eas - ter day on Christ the bread of heav - en;  
 but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.  
 There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 Christ a - lone, our ho - ly meal, the hun - gry soul will feed and heal;  
 loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 faith lives up - on no oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

**Words of Institution:** *Hear Christ's words of promise spoken again "for you, for the forgiveness of your sin."*

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

- A** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.
- A** Our risen Lord comes to us in the breaking of the bread with his body and blood, promising forgiveness and new life. Let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.  
**C** This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!

*Please be seated.*

## Communion

*Please stand.*

### Blessing

- A** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

### Benediction

- P** May God who has brought us from death to life grant you faith to trust in Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Communion:** *All who are baptized and trust Christ's word are welcome to the table of this holy supper, where our Lord is truly present, offering his gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Please come forward at the usher's direction. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.*

*Sending Hymn: This hymn is a prayer and celebration of God's abundant provision for all of us, as we are drawn together and united around our Lord's "loving care" in Jesus Christ. The hymn concludes with praise to the Holy Trinity and asks that around God's Word of life, we would again be made one.*

## **Sending Hymn 657**

### **Dismissal**

- A** Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ.
- G** Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

### **Postlude**

**"Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"**  
SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT

**"Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553"**  
Johann Sebastian Bach

# Welcome to Worship

First Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



## Community Ministers & Missionaries

Each member of First Lutheran Church

## Pastoral Staff

John Christopherson, M. Div. Ph.D.  
Jeff Backer, M.Div.  
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David Johnson, M. Div. (*Emeritus*)

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Bob Chell, M. Div.  
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Marnie Dahle Backer, Director  
Heather Smith, Children's Minister  
Elias Johnson-Youngquist, Youth Minister

## Music Ministries

Zachary Brockhoff, M.M., Director  
Larry Olson, Contemporary Worship Coordinator

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- Large print bulletin
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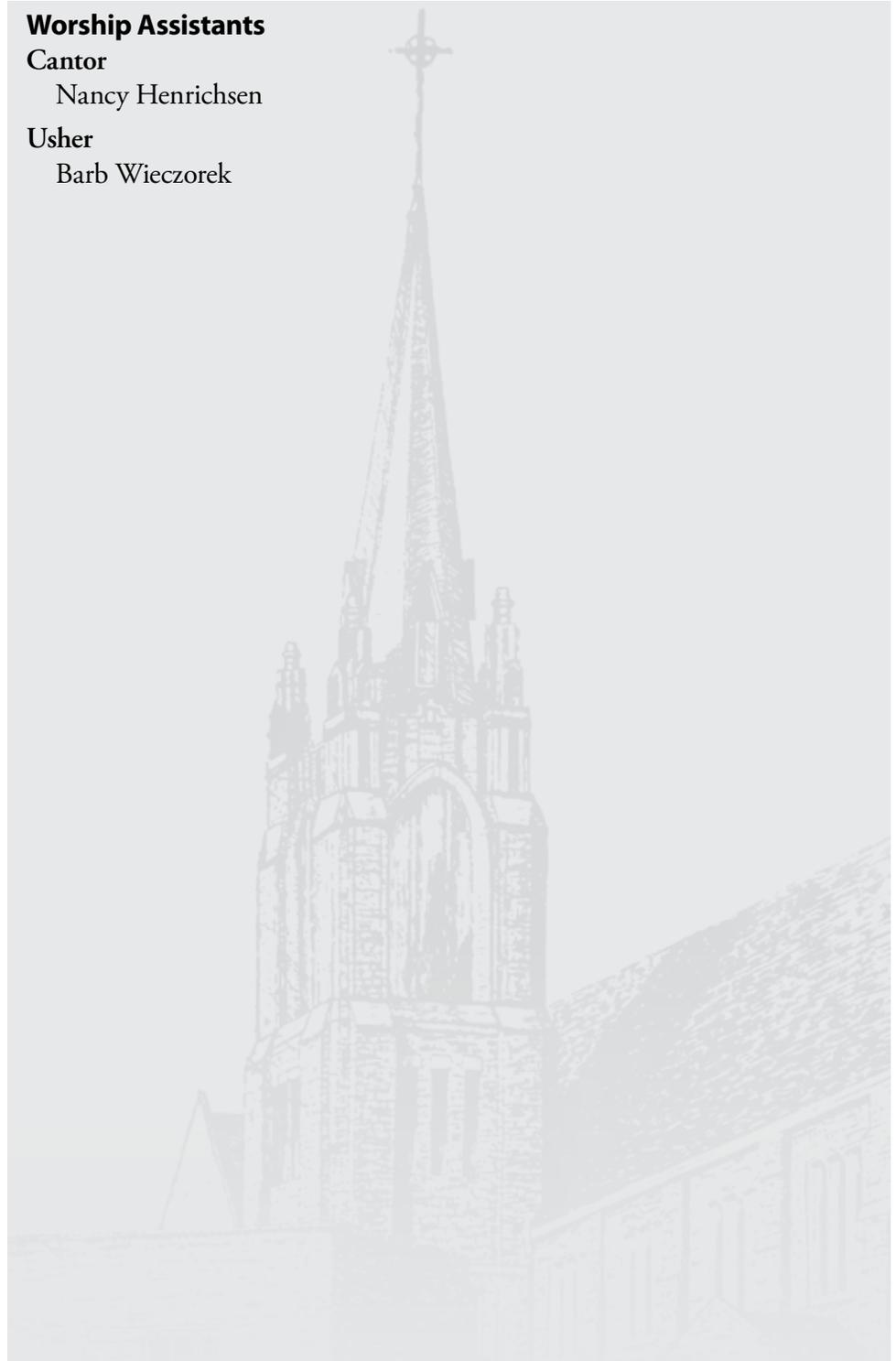
## Worship Assistants

### Cantor

Nancy Henrichsen

### Usher

Barb Wiczorek



## Worship Services

### Saturday (Chapel)

5 PM Vespers with Communion

### Sunday (Sanctuary)

8 AM Traditional with Communion

9:30 AM Traditional Worship

11 AM Contemporary Worship

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