

APR 12, 2026

EASTER



CHILDCARE Available for children 5 and under on the Sanctuary Level.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Meets at 9:15am. Contact Renee at rengen@flcj.org for more information. Check-in at main entrance. To register, print form from flcj.org/ssreg or register at desk.

VISITORS Grab a Welcome Bag from the wooden kiosk near the Sanctuary entrance. Also, fill out a Connect Card located in the pews and drop it in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary on your way out.

HEARING ASSISTS Available outside the center Sanctuary doors.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

In today's Gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in Baptism.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

They'll Know We Are Christians

Worship Team

WELCOMING WORDS

stand

GATHERING HYMN 641

All Are Welcome

vs. 1-3

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

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.

sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Romans 14:1-13

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

sit

SERMON

Life Lessons with Mrs. Spiering

Sierra Spiering

stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build A Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

APOSTLES CREED

ELW p. 105.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray by petition. At the end of each petition, the leader says, "Merciful God," and the assembly responds, "receive our prayer"

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We turn to one another and with a wave or nod and offer a gesture of Christ's peace. We may say these words: "Peace be with you."

MEAL

OFFERING TIME

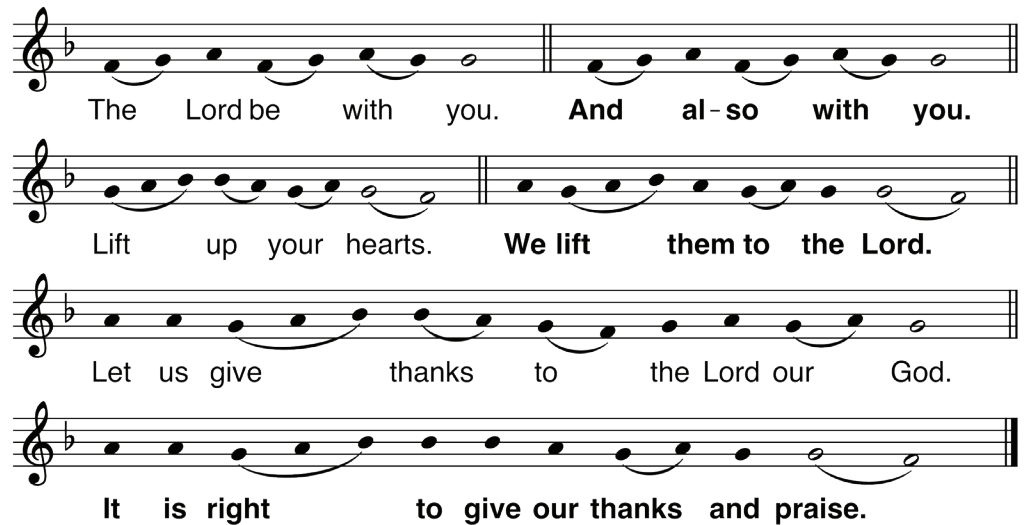
A story of our ministry...

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, you have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. **And al-so 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.

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.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



You can give your offering by scanning the QR code above with your phone camera or place it in the offering basket by the entrance way. You can also bring it to the church office or send it by mail.

SANCTUS

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

sit

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

Inhabit

Worship Team

When all have communed:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

stand

Communion is open to all who wish to receive it. Individual, sealed communion kits available inside the center sanctuary doors, for those who prefer them.

If you would like to receive Communion at your seat, please notify an usher.

Use the Connect Card to record your communion at least twice each year.



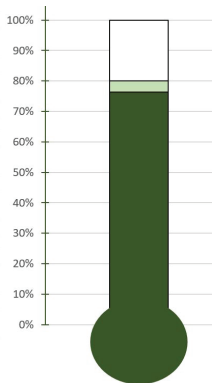
PRAYING FOR YOU

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Prayers: Nathan & Heather Barlass, Damen Boehlke, Rick Cleasby, Renee Comstock, Karen Curry, Lynn Dhein, Violette Eichman, Connie Evans, Leon Freeburg, Linda Fronczak, Jane Gesteland, JoAnn Haeberlin, Kathy Hendricks, Myra Jensen, Janet Klawitter, Marcia Kelleher, Kip, Robert Kjendlie, Gary Kleinhans, Audrey Kvistad, Jackie, K. Letheby, Marion Maddock, Eli Martin, Naomi Martin, Joan Meister, Duane Meister, Janis Metzger, Kathy Mikkelsen, DeeDee Miller, Samantha Mulderick, Curt Nodolf, Shirley Pate, Susan Popp, Kevin Punzel, Alex Rockman, Elaine Schilling, Helen Strand, Linda Sturdevant, Kamron Schwartz, Jan Wathke

Nursing Home Care: Marlys Carlson, Ardith Eddy, Bill Foss, Kathy Foss, Nancy Guse, Rose Jensen, Judy Mowris, Bruce Pearson, Tilford "Paul" Paulsrud, Doris Roehl, Bill Sampson, Mary Sather, Jerry Wells

Homebound: Evelyn Dahl, George Dallman, Ray & Liz Decker, Bea Hanson, Harriet Hanson, Wayne Koste, Shirley Mooney, Lynn Reddel, Jan Sampson



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY APR 19

4-H FAIR FOOD BOOTH

We're excited to share that we're 76% of the way toward our goal—160 of 198 volunteer slots—by April 19. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up! **At least 80% of volunteer slots must be filled by April 19** for the Food Booth to continue. If this level is not reached, the Food Booth will be permanently discontinued. Sign up online at tinyurl.com/4tnhwt8j, scan the QR-code, or on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.



STARTING TODAY

**SUNDAYS 5:30-7PM (INCLUDES POTLUCK)
OR THURSDAYS 10-11AM**

PRACTICING THE WAY

Practicing the Way is an 8-week course designed to help you take the next step in your faith. Whether you're just starting out, feeling stuck, or seeking to grow deeper, this course is for you!

SIGN-UP by using the QR-Code, calling the office, or in the Gathering Space on Sundays.



PRACTICING THE WAY ::::
An Invitation to the Journey



APR 17-18 / SANCTUARY

DULCIMER FESTIVAL

Friday, April 17: 6-8pm Open Jam Session – all acoustic instruments welcome!

Saturday, April 18:

9am-4:15pm: Workshops

5pm: Concert by clinicians Mike Anderson, Bing Futch, and Dona Benkert – free and open to the public!

Contact via email for more info: swdulcimerclub@gmail.com



SUN, APR 19 / 11AM / GATHERING SPACE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH

Join us as we celebrate you, our amazing volunteers who make First Lutheran so special. The celebration will take place on Sun, Apr 19 at 11am in the Gathering Space. The FLC staff will honor and thank all who share their time and gifts. We are so grateful for you and cannot wait to celebrate together. Please **RSVP by April 16** by calling 608.752.7434 x10 or emailing office@flcj.org.



SAT, APR 25 / NOON / FELLOWSHIP HALL

SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

The Spring Salad Luncheon is Sat, Apr 25 at noon in Fellowship Hall (doors open at 11:30am). All are welcome for fellowship and good food. The cost is \$10. Decorate a table and your meal is free—call 608.752.7434 x10 to sign up. Enjoy hot chicken salad, hot pineapple salad, Texas Roadhouse salad and rolls, desserts, and more. Guests may bring a salad to share. Call Jeannie to reserve your spot, or just come. Enjoy a relaxed gathering with great conversation and beautifully decorated tables!



CROP WALK 2026

Just two weeks until the 2026 Janesville CROP Hunger Walk—we need your help! We have 24 walkers (goal: 35) and \$1,500 raised (goal: \$6,000). Join the First Lutheran team by visiting events.crophungerwalk.org/chw and searching for our team, or contact Mat Haeger (608.449.4250). You can also sign up before or after worship in the Gathering Space. The walk is Sunday, April 26 at 1pm at Cargill United Methodist Church. Only \$20 can provide a year's supply of vitamins to a starving child. Be a Hunger Hero! Thank You!

SUN, APR 12 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15am	Coffee Hour	Gathering Space
9:15am	Sunday School	2nd Floor
9:30am	Worship	Sanctuary
10:30am	Choir	Choir Room
10:30am	Brunch Event	Chapel
5:30pm	Practicing the Way	Gathering Space

MON, APR 13

1:00pm	The Noteables	Choir Room
5:30pm	Building & Grounds Team	Rm 302
8:00pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom

TUES, APR 14

8:00am	BG's	Fellowship Hall Lounge
9:00am	Mary Ruth Circle	Fellowship Hall Lounge
11:00am	Staff Meeting	Rm 302
1:30pm	Smart Recovery	Rm 302
4:15pm	Hand Bells	Sanctuary
5:30pm	Worship Collective	Gathering Space
6:30pm	Youth & Family Team	Youth Room
6:30pm	Relationship Building Team	Rm 302
7:00pm	Discipleship Team	Gathering Space

WED, APR 15

8:30am	Mission Sew	Fellowship Hall
10:00am	Bible Study	Rm 302
6:00pm	Worship Team	Sanctuary
7:00pm	Youth Group	Youth Room

THURS, APR 16

10:00am	Practicing the Way	Rm 302
3:30pm	Second Harvest	Gym
5:00pm	Youth Band	Sanctuary
6:00pm	Smart Recovery	Rm 302
6:00pm	Prayer Service	Chapel

FRI, APR 17

6:00pm	Dulcimer Festival	Sanctuary
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SAT, APR 18

5:00pm	Dulcimer Concert	Sanctuary
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NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE

APR 19: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- + Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- + Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- + 1 Peter 1:17-23
- + Luke 24:13-35



STEWARDSHIP

WEEK IN REVIEW

Last Week's Giving:
\$48,930.69 *Thank You!*
 Avg Weekly Giving YTD: **\$16,732**
 Weekly Need: **\$18,198**

The weekly need is calculated by taking the budgeted expenses and dividing by the number of weeks in the year. This budget year, the expected expenses are part of a growth strategy based on insights from members under the direction and oversight of the Church Council. With your support, we are looking forward to the future that is growing at FLC.

Confirmation Bake Sale: \$420 towards the matching grant for communion supplies!



ATTENDANCE

6am: 23 8am: 147 9:30am: 300

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GREETERS

8:00 Gary & Claudia Toboyek
9:30 Barb Clem

READER

8:00 Gary Toboyek
9:30 Dennis Garvin

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:00 Gary & Claudia Toboyek
9:30 Barb Clem, Carrie Chesebro

USHERS

9:30 Dennis Garvin

COFFEE HOSTS

Community Coffee Hour

ALTAR GUILD

Anne Thomas, Sandy Perry, Magda Nelson

PEW RACKS

Joy Lederman, Nan Bandt

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The Rev. Michael Mueller SENIOR PASTOR	Aubrey McMeen MASTERPIECE COORDINATOR
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