

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

March 31, 2024

11:00 a.m.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY



*You are invited to light a candle in prayer on the Tree of Life during the service.  
The candle-lighter is hanging on the wall; you may need to take a candle out to light it.*

*Please pass the Friendship Notebook along your row and greet those around you that you may not know.*

*We welcome children in worship. There is a family room across from the right front sanctuary doors  
and a few steps to the left a staffed nursery for any who wish to use them.*

*Hearing assist receivers are available at the ushers' station.*

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The assembly stands.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe in resurrection—

**mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, true.**

We believe in Easter morning—

**in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.**

We believe in Jesus—

**who calls us by name and asks, “Whom are you looking for?”**

So we look—

**for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.**

And as we look, we sing, “Alleluia!”

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN *For All You've Done*

words and music by Reuben Morgan

My Sav - iour, Re - deem - er. Lift - ed me from the mir - y clay.

Al - might - y, for - ev - er, I will nev - er be the same. 'Cause You came near,

**PRE-CHORUS**

from the ev - er - last - ing to the world we live. The

**CHORUS**

14

Fa - ther's on - ly Son. And You lived and You died. And You

19



rose a - gain on high. And You o - pened the way for the world to live a - gain.

24



Hal - le - lu - jah, for all You've done.

## APOSTOLIC 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

God of new beginnings, open us to the mystery and joy of Easter. Transform our hearts by your presence and love that they may beat in time with yours, revealed in the One whom death could not hold, in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

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

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

*I've Got the Joy*

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Word of God.  
**Word of Life.**

**SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Word of God.  
**Word of Life.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**GOSPEL** *John 20:1-18*

*Seeing the risen Christ*

The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

There were walls be-tween us. By the cross You came and broke them down,  
 8 Feel the dark-ness shak-ing. All the dead are com-ing back to life,  
 broke them down. There were chains a-round us. By Your grace we are no  
 11 back to life. Hear the song a-wak-en, all cre-a-tion sing-ing,  
 long-er bound, no long-er bound. You called me out of the grave,  
 14 "we're a-live cause You're a-live!"  
 You called me in-to the light. You called my name and then my heart came a-live.  
 17 Your love is great-er,— Your love is strong-er. Your love a-wak-ens, a-  
 20 wak-ens, a-wak-ens me. Your love is great-er,— Your love is strong-er.  
 23 Your love a-wak-ens, a-wak-ens, a-wak-ens me.---

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—  
 surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.

We believe in a God who cares for God's people—  
 a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.

We believe in a God who took on flesh—  
 a God whose love changed the world as we know it.

We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,  
 calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community.

And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Hear us, O God.	or	Bless we the Lord,
Your mercy is great.		Thanks be to God.

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. All are then seated for the offering.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## OFFERING

*You are invited to use our digital offering plate. Simply text **"flcduluth"** to **73256**. You'll be sent a text with a link to give. Click on the link and enter your giving information. Thank you for supporting God's mission through FLC.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

**Generous One,**

**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread reveal your risen self to us.**

**In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to your world;**

**through Christ, the Risen One.**

**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.**

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.

*The minister continues, then the congregation responds:*

. . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

. . . Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

. . . burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

. . . we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the Words of Institution, concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

We are bold to pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come to the table. Here is the One we've been looking for.

*The assembly is seated.*

*We practice Eucharistic hospitality; all are welcome. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (red)  
or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**COMMUNION HYMN *Empty Grave***

words and music by Zach Williams

Wipe away those tears child  
There's no need to cry  
Stand up on your feet now  
Lift your head up high  
Don't wait 'til tomorrow lay down your sorrow  
Freedom is here today  
Wipe away those tears child  
Put down your shame  
Oh I see an empty grave  
I hear the heavens waking  
Angels in jubilation  
That stone's been rolled away  
I feel the darkness breaking  
I bet the devil's shaking  
Somebody celebrate  
I see an empty grave  
Wipe away those tears child  
Go and tell the news  
What started in the garden  
Was finished in the tomb  
It's all reversed  
The apple the curse  
Three days in the ground  
Christ our Lord is risen  
Death couldn't hold Him down

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**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.**

**SENDING**

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

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.  
Amen.*

# SENDING HYMN *Shout for Joy*

words and music by Ingram, Brewster and Baloché

**Verse**

Pour out your fervent praise, there's a  
We stood on sink - ing sand, You reached

5  
song out to raise hand, like a ban - ner high.  
out Your hand, brought us to Your side.

9  
Lift up your grate - ful heart to the  
We turned our hearts a - way, You were

13  
Mor - ning Star He's a - live and here with us.  
strong to save, now our Sav - ior reigns in us.

**Chorus**

19  
Shout for joy! — for the Son of God is the

23  
Sav - ing One He's the Sav - ing One.

27  
Shout for joy! — see what love has done He has

31  
come for us, He's the Sav - ing One

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

<b>Ministers</b>	All People of First Lutheran Church
<b>Pastor</b>	The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman
<b>Program Staff</b>	Karen Sande, Director of Music Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
<b>Reader</b>	Rachel Johnson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Karen Zimmerman
<b>Musicians</b>	The Rising Sound
<b>Audio/Video Team</b>	Shania Krause, Sam Weston

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## ***Easter lilies and tulips***

### **In memory of:**

Cardelle Matuseski  
Joy Liberda  
Parents Henry and Lois Schipper  
Naomi Storsteen  
Catherine Storsteen  
Pastor Ham Muus  
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Mother LaVonne Borgmann  
Rob Prusak  
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Clara Donner  
Our parents  
My husband William Francis  
Our parents

### **Given by:**

Mark and Bonnie Matuseski  
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Gail Tate  
Paige Zimmerman  
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Betty Anderson  
Richard and Yvonne Anderson  
Michael Galeski  
Becky Kilgore  
Sue Prusak and family  
Wally Gregerson and Lynda Preiner  
Lynda Preiner and Wally Gregerson  
John and Pat Carow  
RuthAnn Spinner  
Dave and Martha Lothner

### **In honor of:**

My wonderful parents, Philip and Catherine Karsell  
Glenn and Erna Peterson  
Norma Hoffbauer  
In honor of loved ones  
Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild

Kris and Carolyn Karsell  
Neal Peterson and Deanna Thompson  
her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren  
Steven and Margaret Broderius  
John and Pat Carow

### **In Celebration**

Jane Miller  
Mary Dontje  
Kris Brendle

