

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

April 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice moved over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

Eden's verdant rivers flowed.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.

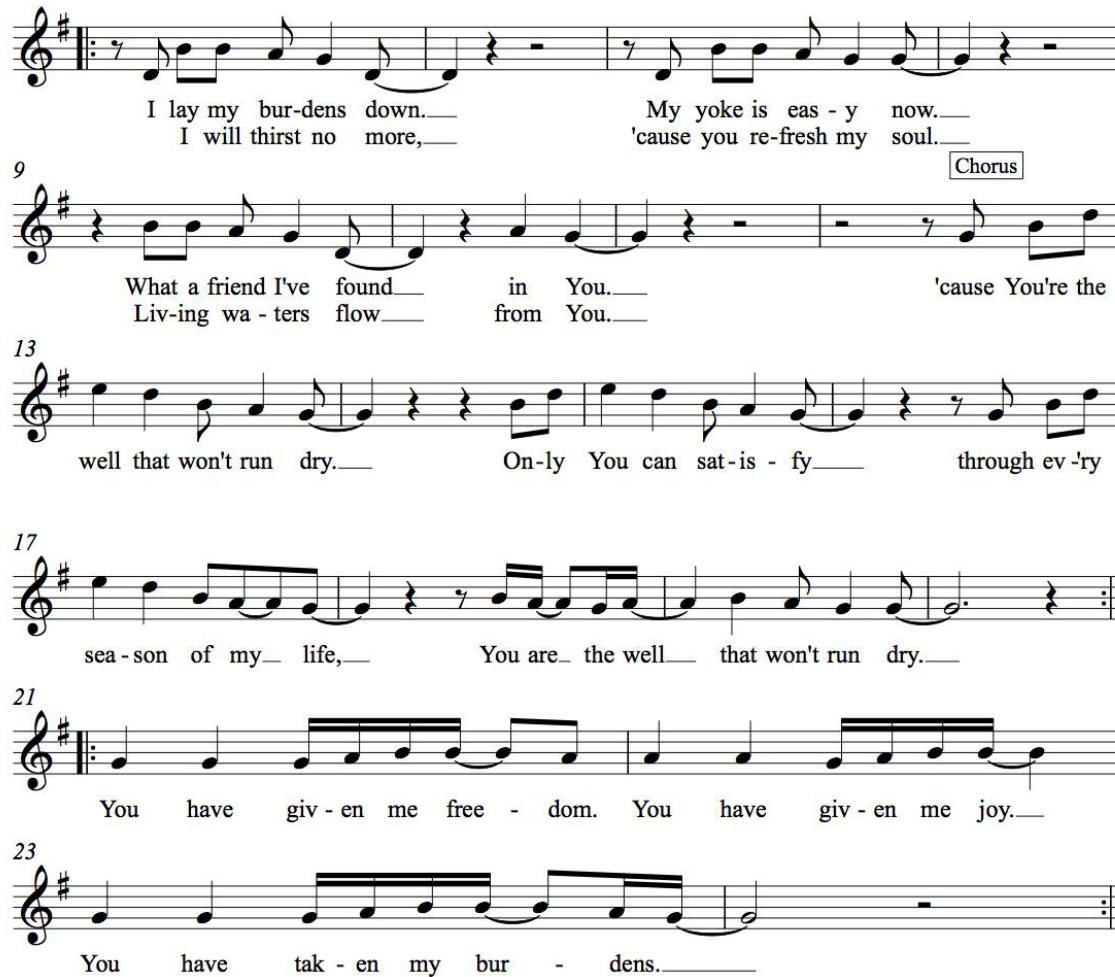
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**



I lay my bur-dens down. My yoke is eas - y now.  
I will thirst no more, 'cause you re-fresh my soul.

9 Chorus

What a friend I've found in You. 'cause You're the  
Liv-ing wa - ters flow from You.

13

well that won't run dry. On-ly You can sat-is - fy through ev -ry

17

sea-son of my life, You are the well that won't run dry.

21

You have giv - en me free - dom. You have giv - en me joy.

23

You have tak - en my bur - dens.

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us. Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your friend, and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**WORD**

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

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

**FIRST READING Acts 8:26-39**

*Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian*

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

**SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21**

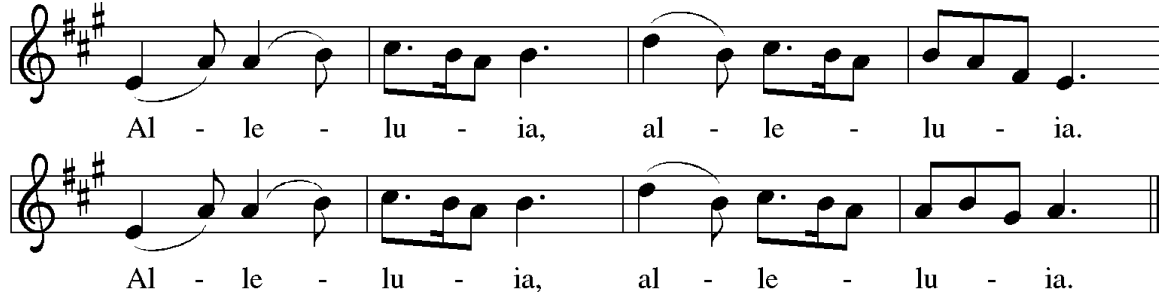
*God's love perfected in love for one another*

Word of God.

**Word of Life.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

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.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Take Me to the River*

Words and Music by Mia Fieldes



There's a place rich with life where ev-'ry wave will pur-i - fy;—  
There's a place deep with hope to sat - u - rate the wea ry soul;  
As I wait in the swell, You sweep a - way what's of my - self;  
5  
— Take me there to be with You, take me to the riv - er.—  
9  
Lead my soul to qui - et - ness and trust;—  
13  
All I know is You will be e - nough.  
17  
Take me to the riv - er, pull me off the shore;  
21  
Here with-in Your free-dom I have found my rea - son; I am Yours.  
25  
Let the wa - ter rise, far a - bove my head;  
29  
Bap - tize me in won - der; Spir - it, take me un - der once a - gain.—

## 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:

**Risen One,**

**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

**May the gifts that we offer here**

**be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**

**through Jesus Christ, our true vine. 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.**

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

With grateful hearts, we are honored to pray with Jesus' disciples everywhere:

**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

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table

*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

### Living Waters

Words and Music by Kristyn Getty



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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Are you thirst -y?   | Are you emp -ty?    |
| 2. Christ is call -ing, | find re -fresh -ing |
| 3. Spir - it mov -ing,  | mer - cy wash -ing; |
| 4. Are you thirst -y?   | Are you emp -ty?    |

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|                                |                 |                          |                        |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Come and drink these liv - ing | wat - ers. ____ | Tired and bro - ken,     | peace un - spo - ken,  |
| at the cross of liv - ing      | wat - ers. ____ | Lay your life down,      | all the old gone,      |
| Heal - ing in these liv - ing  | wat - ers. ____ | Lead your chil - dren    | to the shore - line,   |
| Come and drink these liv - ing | wat - ers. ____ | Love, for - give - ness, | vast and bound - less, |

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|                                |                 |    |                      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----|----------------------|
| rest be - side these liv - ing | wat - ers. ____ | 1. | 2, 3, 4.             |
| rise up in these liv - ing     |                 |    |                      |
| life is in these liv - ing     |                 |    |                      |
| Christ, He is our liv - ing    |                 |    |                      |
|                                |                 |    | wat - ers. There's a |
|                                |                 |    | wat - ers.           |
|                                |                 |    | wat - ers.           |

### CHORUS

13



riv - er \_\_\_\_ that flows with mer - cy \_\_\_\_ and love, bring - ing joy to the cit - y of our

16



God; \_\_\_\_ There our hope is se - cure, do not fear an - y - more,

19



praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers. \_\_\_\_

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together:

**Shepherding God,**

**you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.**

**Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend. 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**

*You Are Good*

Words and Music by Israel Houghton

9 Lord, You are good, and Your mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

13 Lord, You are good, and Your mer - cy en - dures for - ev - er.

17 Peo - ple from ev - er - y na - tion and tongue, from gen - er - a - tion to gen - er - a - tion. We

22 wor - ship You, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; We wor - ship You

28 - le - lu - jah; We wor - ship You for who You are; 'cause You are good!

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**Ministers** All People of First Lutheran Church  
**Pastor** The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman  
**Program Staff** Karen Sande, Director of Music  
Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities  
Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship  
**Reader** Kris Brendle  
**Assisting Minister** Steve Samuelson  
**Musicians** Soli Deo Gloria Choir  
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