

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

April 14, 2024

11:00 a.m.

THIRD 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!**

Verse

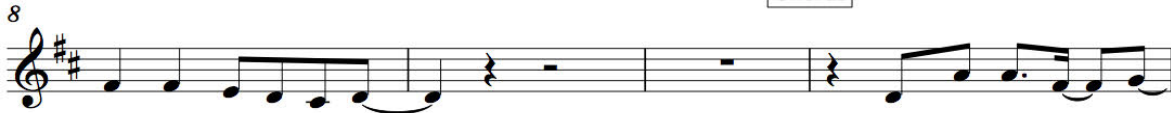


1. All your ways are good. All your ways are sure. I will
 2. Light un - to the world, Light un - to my life, I will



trust in You a lone. High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life. I will
 live for You a lone. You're the one I seek. Know - ing I will find all I

Chorus



trust in You a - lone. Where You go, I'll go.
 need in You a - lone.



— Where you stay, I'll stay. When You move, I'll move. I will fol low You.



— Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.



— If this life I lose, I will fol - low You.



— Yeah I will fol - low You, Yeah.

(Last time: repeat chorus)

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

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Laura Stahl

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

Word of God.
Word of Life.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-7

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 Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Mark Osthus

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *Oceans*

words and music by Matt Crocker and Joel Houston



You call me out up-on the wa-ters, the great un - known where feet may fail.
Your grace a-bounds in deep-est wa-ters, Your sov- 'reign hand will be my guide.



And there I find You in the mys - t'ry, in o ceans deep, my faith will
Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me, You've nev-er failed and You won't start

Chorus



stand. And I will call up-on Your name and keep my eyes a-bove the
now.



waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will rest in Your em - brace for I am Yours, and You are



mine. Spir-it lead me where my trust



is with-out bor-ders, let me walk up-on the wa - ters wher-ever You would call me.



Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith



will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour.

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 **"fleduluth"** 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 *Mighty to Save*

words and music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

*Ev'ryone needs compassion, Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me, Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior, The hope of nations*

*Refrain: Savior He can move the mountains, My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save, Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave*

*So take me as You find me, All my fears and failures
Fill my life again, I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in, Now I surrender. Refrain*

*Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King*

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.

Hal-le-lu jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!___

5
Your love makes me sing. Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah!___

9
Your love makes me sing. 1. Your love is a - maz - ing. Stead-y and un-chang
2. Your love is sur-pris - ing. I can feel it ris -

12
- ing. Your love is a moun - tain firm be-neath my feet. Your love is a mys
- ing. All the joy that's grow - ing deep in-side of me. Ev - 'ry time I see

15
- t'ry, how You gen - tly lift me. When I am sur-round
- You, all Your good - ness shines through. I can feel this God

17
ded, Your love car-ries me. Hal-le-lu jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu
- song ris - ing up in me.

21
jah! Your love makes me sing. Hal-le-lu - jah! Hal-le-lu-

24
jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! Your love makes me sing.

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
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