

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

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endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

PRAYERS

HOSPITALIZATIONS: George Larson, Dale Graff, Ben Bogart, Gene Westphal, Becky Husen

SYMPATHY TO: Anita Renstrom on the death of her brother Aaron Alsleben

ORGAN AND HYMN FESTIVAL & POTLUCK

Saturday, May 11 | 5:00pm | Sanctuary

This special service will highlight our organ and the gift of music at FLC. You are welcome to join us for the congregational potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall following this celebration.

Roar VBS 2019!

June 10-13 | 8:30-11:30am | FLC

At Roar VBS, kids discover that even though life gets wild, God is good. Roar is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Fun projects, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Register your child/ren by May 24 at www.firstlutheranalexandria.com.

SUMMER WORSHIP (MEMORIAL DAY - LABOR DAY)

Saturdays: 5:00pm (Sanctuary)

Sundays: 8:30am (Sanctuary), 10:00am (Legacy of the Lakes Museum - rain or shine!), 10:30am (Carlos State Park)

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC AND WORSHIP

Wednesday, May 1 | 5:00-7:30pm | FLC Parking Lot

There will be a bounce house, games, live music, and food.
5:00pm: brats and root beer floats | 6:15pm: worship
Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come as you are!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Monday, May 20 | 6:30-7:30pm | Family Room

Please join us if you are interested in membership at First Lutheran or just interested in learning more about our ministry and congregation. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, May 19th. Light snack will be provided. Childcare will be available.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM: Immigration in the US and Refugee Resettlement

Monday, May 13 | 2:00 & 6:30pm | FLC Sanctuary

Immigration and refugee resettlement are hot button topics these days. Karin Blyth, LSS Refugee Services Program Manager from St. Cloud, will help us sort through this important system.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church, where faith and life meet!

OUR MISSION

First Lutheran is a vibrant Christian community committed to connecting faith and life for people of all ages through worship, learning, and serving in Jesus' name.

MORE INFORMATION

Volunteers and staff are available before and after worship services to assist you. Children's bulletins and Worship Bags are available for use at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Lil' Kingdom Kids/Nursery is open and staffed during the 8:30am, 9:45am and 6:15pm worship. It is open for use but unstaffed at the 11:00am worship service. It is located on the preschool level of the building in the Rainbow Room.

LEARN MORE AT

FIRSTLUTHERANALEXANDRIA.COM/EVENTS

or stop by the Welcome Center for our Weekly or Monthly Calendar.

PRAYER REQUESTS | HOSPITAL VISITS

If you have a prayer request or if you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call or email the church office at 320-762-2196 or admin@firstlutheranalexandria.com.

*Please note that hospital visitor restrictions are currently in place due to the spike in Influenza cases.

GIVING

Offering envelopes are located in each pew. You can also give by texting 320.500.6014 or by visiting us online at firstlutheranalexandria.com/your-gift.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Greg Billberg, Lead Pastor
Kari van Wakeren, Associate Pastor
Ben Jacobson, Associate Pastor
Randy Morken, Director of Music and Liturgy



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Risen

EASTER SUNDAY



SUNDAY | 4.21.19
7:00/8:30/9:45/11:00AM

EASTER LITANY

P: *This is the day that the Lord has made.*

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP

(7:00/8:30/9:45)

Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND GREETINGS**PROCESSIONAL/GATHERING HYMN**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: *In the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

At this time we take a moment to be still, to connect with God, and to receive God's forgiveness. Silence is kept for reflection.

C: God, we confess that we often fail to live out the good news of the resurrection. For the wrong we have done and the good we have failed to do; forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may know the joy of abundant life in you. Amen.

P: *God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Through Christ's death and resurrection, you are forgiven and have newness of life. Rejoice and be glad, in the name of Jesus.*

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: *Life-giving God,*

C: Thank you for today and for the joy we have in you. Open our ears, that we might hear you call our name. Open our hearts, that we might

experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. In Jesus' name, amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME (7:00/8:30/9:45/11:00) Congregation sings *Halle, Halle, Halle* as children come forward.

SCRIPTURE READING**Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:1-10**

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Pastor Kari van Wakeren

SERMON SONG

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (vs. 1-4)

I know that my Redeemer lives!

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

he lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;

he lives eternally to save;

he lives exalted, throned above;

he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to grant me rich supply;

he lives to guide me with his eye;

he lives to comfort me when faint;

he lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;

he lives to wipe away my tears;

he lives to calm my troubled heart;

he lives all blessings to impart.

CONFESSION OF FAITH WE CONFESS OUR SHARED FAITH.

Apostles' Creed: on back cover of ELW hymnal.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERING WE RETURN TO GOD A PORTION OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: *Risen One,*

C: As you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**LORD'S PRAYER**

See back cover of ELW

COMMUNION

All are welcome. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, p. 112

COMMUNION HYMNS

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

ELW 377

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: *The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION GOD'S BLESSING IS SPOKEN OVER US.

P: *The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. In Jesus' name.*

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**DISMISSAL WE DEPART TO SERVE CHRIST IN THE WORLD.**

P: *You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news!*

C: Thanks be to God.

P: *And all God's children said,*

C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

Thine is the Glory

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;

endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! (continued...)