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SERMON *on the* MOUNT

TREASURES
in
Heaven

April 5, 2026

The Resurrection of our Lord

Word of Welcome: HE IS RISEN! In the mighty name of our living Lord, we warmly and lovingly welcome all who have come to join in the celebration of the foundation of our Christian faith. Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

WORSHIP NOTES:

- ◆ **Bold printed words** indicate the congregation's responses.
- ◆ For families with young children, you're invited to take advantage of our worship activity bags for children located in the lobby. A nursery for children 4 and younger is located in Room #7.
- ◆ If you have a moment please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it to others in your pew.
- ◆ For those with hearing loss, we have hearing devices available at the welcome window; ask an usher for assistance.
- ◆ For those with eyesight issues, we have large print bulletins; ask an usher for one.
- ◆ We will be celebrating communion today. We invite all who are baptized and believe in Christ to join us. Children not yet receiving communion may come forward for a blessing.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Round About Brass

"Music for Easter"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth,
where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

It is there that neither moth nor rust can destroy and thieves cannot break in and steal.

Where your treasure is

there will your heart be also.

The things of earth are temporary.

Life in the resurrected Jesus is an everlasting gift.

The tomb is empty.

Jesus has filled our hearts full of love, forgiveness, and life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE EASTER GOSPEL (*Pew Bible pg. 811*)

Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter, beginning with verse one.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he[a] lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of our Lord, Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE TO GOD

OPENING SONG

#365

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Is your treasure laid up on earth or in heaven?

Most merciful God, we confess we like to store up our treasures here on earth. We lust and greed after the things of this world without any regard to the spiritual harm it does to us. You have called us to lay up our treasures in heaven, but sin clouds our thoughts and fills our hearts, so we chase after things that are temporary. Because of our sins of thought, word and deed, we deserve your eternal punishment and only temporary life. We call upon your infinite mercy, forgive us of all of our sins and grant us the gift of restoration and everlasting life in Christ Jesus.

Jesus Christ, who was crucified on Good Friday’s cross, is now risen from the dead. Your debt is paid, your slate is wiped clean, and eternal treasure has been stored up in heaven for you. Because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The King’s Men

“Victory in Jesus”

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WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

FIRST LESSON (*Pew Bible pg. 895*)

Acts 10:34-43

Our first scripture reading for this celebration of our Lord’s resurrection is from the New Testament, the book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter ten, beginning with verse thirty-four.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That mes-

sage spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

This is God’s Word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Pew Bible pg. 492*)

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Our Psalm for this Easter morning is Psalm one hundred eighteen, verses one, two and fourteen through twenty-four. I invite the congregation to read it responsively aloud with me.

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”...**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is God's Word.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON (Pew Bible pg. 957) Colossians 3:1-4
Our Epistle Lesson for this Easter morning is from the New Testament,
the Apostle Paul's first letter to the church in Colossae, the third chapter,
beginning with verse one.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is God's Word.
Thanks be to God.

SONG OF THE DAY

#376

"Thine Is the Glory"

SERMON

Pastor Mike Knauff

"Treasure in Heaven"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As children adopted into the family of God through our baptism into our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, let us confess our faith.

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross. We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples. We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of

sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

(Each prayer petition ends with "Lord in your mercy," to which the congregation responds "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Michelle Hanson

"He Lives"

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OFFERTORY

#884

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Let us pray...

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all who are baptized in Christ, and believe in receiving the bread and wine they receive Christ's body and blood and the forgiveness of sins, to join us.

Children not receiving communion may come forward for a blessing. Holy Communion will be served at the altar rail this morning. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You may choose white grape juice or red wine. The serving station at the center of the altar rail is our hypoallergenic station with gluten-free wafers. Please return to your seats by a side aisle.

SONGS DURING DISTRIBUTION

- #595 *“Jesus Loves Me!”*
- #382 *“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”*
- #380 *“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”*
- #367 *“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”*
- #373 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

And now may this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#172

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Round About Brass

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

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**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN**



INQUIRER'S/NEW MEMBER CLASS STARTS NEXT MONTH:

Pr. Mike will be offering “Lutheranism 101” starting Sunday **April 19th** for those curious about the Lutheran faith, those who wish to become members, or those established Lutherans who just want a refresher. Topics and class sessions are as follows:

Sunday, April 19th | 9 am |

GRACE ALONE

What’s so Amazing about Grace?

Sunday, April 26th | 9 am |

FAITH ALONE

How does our Faith Life make a difference in our Real Life?
Is a church a “museum for saints” or a “hospital for sinners?”

Sunday, May 3rd | 9 am |

SCRIPTURE ALONE

What kind of authority does ancient scripture have in a modern world?

Sunday, May 10th | 9 am |

BAPTISM

Is the most important element of baptism:
The water? The household? The believer? or God?

Sunday, May 17th | 9 am |

COMMUNION

God’s family meal:
What’s the occasion? What are we eating? Who’s invited?

Sunday, May 24th | 9 am |

CONSIDER BEING A “FRIEND OF” OR “MEMBER OF” FELC

What God’s Spirit has been doing at FELC in the past, the present,
& where it might lead us in the future.
Finding your role in God’s house.

If you are interested in attending, please contact
the church office or Pastor Mike.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET WELL SOON! Jane Winston has moved. If you would like to send her a get well soon card, please contact the office for her new address.

PENNY POWER: The Penny Power focus for March was Camp Magical Moments. In April, Penny Power will be helping the Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA) to spread the love of Jesus. CMA is a non-profit, interdenominational ministry dedicated to reaching people for Christ in the highways and byways through the passion of motorcycling.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Bible study will conclude at the end of April. The Ladies' Book Club is tackling the book of Acts. Join us as we study how the Holy Spirit worked through the Apostles to spread the Gospel through the known world. There are lots of great stories to enjoy as we follow Peter and then Paul in their leadership roles. We will meet Rhoda and Lydia, and be shipwrecked with Paul. You won't want to miss it! We meet Wednesdays from 2 to 3 pm. As always, there is no outside reading or study, and no extra book to buy. Just bring your Bible – and maybe a friend. If you forget your Bible or don't have one, the church owns many for your use. (So – no excuses!)

NEW COUNTERS NEEDED: The Finance Ministry Team is looking for two people to form another counting team. The team will only need to count the offering after church once a month. Please contact Paul Bayless or May Hustad if you are interested.

CALLING ALL TECH-MINDED INDIVIDUALS! We need more help with our worship service livestream. Our online community has expanded. We currently stream to almost 100 online viewers each week. This is an amazing platform to reach out to those beyond our church walls. This opportunity is open to our high school and college students, as well as anyone who is interested in learning a new skill. Please contact Paul Bayless for more information.

FELC ANNUAL YARD SALE

Saturday, June 6 |8 am - 2 pm|

Save the date! AND start saving your clean, usable stuff!!

Your help is so important and is greatly appreciated! You can plan on helping by: donating, volunteering, healthy snacks, shopping, and praying for a beautiful day!

More details to come



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a purple prayer request card and drop it in the offering plate or you can email office@firstlc.com. All requests remain confidential - only with permission are individual names placed on the written prayer list below.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, RECOVERING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME:

Donna Amundson; Betty Benjamin (*Lisa Mullinix's mother*); Charlotte Benson; Dean Benson; Kevin Call; Tracy Coburn; Devyn, Cor-den & Elias Cox (*Cal Miller's family*); Wendy Cudmore; Dayna Dabauras; Laura Dean; Joan Douglas (*Bev Novak's sister*); Bobbie Eddie (*Barbara Carlson's father*); Josephine Fife (*Julie Reinwald's mother*); Steve Galbraith; Sharon Gilbert; Jo & Al Glissendorf; Jeanne Griffes-Koepplin; Diane Hackman; Steve Hammond; Bill Hayes; Jack Heier; Tami Henvit; Sue Hindman; Jose Holtz; Cathy Homberg (*Heather Catanese's sister*); Ann Hurley; Lexi Jensen (*Rebecca Jackson's cousin*); Vickie John; Lynn Parshall Kinghorn (*Alecia Coburn's former mother-in-law*); Mary Krippner; Daniel Lance (*Cal Miller's brother-in-law*); Austin Leger (*Heather Catanese's son*); Allan Magnuson; Mike Martin; Adara McClure (*Jeannie Campbell's daughter*); Bob McGee (*Richard Magnuson's friend*); Tim Metcalf; Vicky Mickelson (*Becky Jackson's aunt*); Cal Miller; Dick Mitchell; Wendy Morgan (*Larry Hudman's sister*); Bob Neff; Josh Neis; Don Newman (*Richard Magnuson's cousin*); Mary Pilkington; Mark Pischer (*Cal Miller's son-in-law*); Priscilla Rainey; Patricia Richardson (*Dustin Jackson's aunt*); Cindy Robello; Laura Schoonmaker; Julie Sundberg; Scot Swenson (*Vernal & Jackie Swenson's son*); Kathy Tauscher; Deborah Vavra; Chris Weaver; Jane Winston; Daniel & Sarah Young; Cameron (*DiAnn Brown's niece's husband*); Oakley (*Nonda Meyer's great granddaughter*)

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

TJ Litteer; Brianna Townsend; Jody Townsend

MUSTERING OUT THIS MONTH; THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Andrew Mitchell; Mike Monroe; Mike Stultz

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RESTORED HEALTH:

Peggy Buhr; Barrett (*Cara Dahlberg's nephew*); Scottie Grace; Amelia McDaniel; Pat Matthews

THIS WEEK AT FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**EASTER SUNDAY 4/5/2026**

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Library
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday School - Youth Room
10:15 am	Easter Sunday Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
12:00 pm	ERT & Shofar Meeting - Library
3:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice - Narthex

MONDAY 4/6/2026

10:00 am	Staff Meeting - Library
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TUESDAY 4/7/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Happy Stitchers - Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Happy Stitchers' Bible Study - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #930 - Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 4/8/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
1:00 pm	Preschool
2:00pm	Ladies' Book Club - Library

THURSDAY 4/9/2026

9:00 am	Preschool
9:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Library
10:00 am	Kaffeeklatsch - Library
1:00 pm	Preschool
5:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting - Library
6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry Training - Youth Room

FRIDAY 4/10/2026

10:00 am	Friends in Stitches - Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY 4/11/2026

7:00 pm	The Eastern Idaho Chorale Concert - Sanctuary
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SUNDAY 4/12/2026

9:00 am	Adult Forum - Library
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
9:00 am	Sunday School - Youth Room
10:15 am	Worship - Sanctuary
11:30 am	King's Men Rehearsal - Sanctuary
3:00 pm	Round About Brass Practice - Narthex
7:00 pm	The Eastern Idaho Chorale Concert - Sanctuary

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: **Diana & Lewis Murphy**
Liturgist: **Sheryl Schaffer**
Communion Assistants: **Natalie Meyer, Cathi Bean**
Beth Nicholas, DiAnn Brown, Debra Hogg
Usher Coordinator: **Jim Sahr**
Ushers: **Lisa Swenson, Cal Miller**
Counters: **Lisa Swenson, Janice McBride**
Altar Guild: **Diane Sheldon, Jan Galbraith**
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Report of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Year to date Income thru February \$67,466; Year to date Expenses thru February \$66,001
Year to date net Cash Flow thru February \$1,465
Last Week's in Worship Attendance: 161, Live Stream: 67