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ELCA

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 14, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً  
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 Ngiyakwemukela सवागत हैं **Welcome** ยินดีต้อนรับ Karibu  
 Hoş geldiniz Tere tulõmast Välkommen Ласкаво просимо Velkommen Zoo siab txais tos!  
 Soo dhowow فارسي نالمنز لاسکاوو پروسیمو 환영합니다

At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

**You belong here!**

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Worship” slip in the pew and pass to the side aisles*

Guidance for using this bulletin and the hymnal:

- ✧ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
- ✧ ELW refers to material from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.
- ✧ Numbers preceded by the word “pg” refer to material found in the front portion of the hymnal or the pew Bible.
- ✧ Numbers preceded by “ELW” refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal

*We live stream our worship services on YouTube*

*Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth.*

*You can also connect hearing aides through our T coil / Loop system*

## Welcome to Worship

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world’s need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

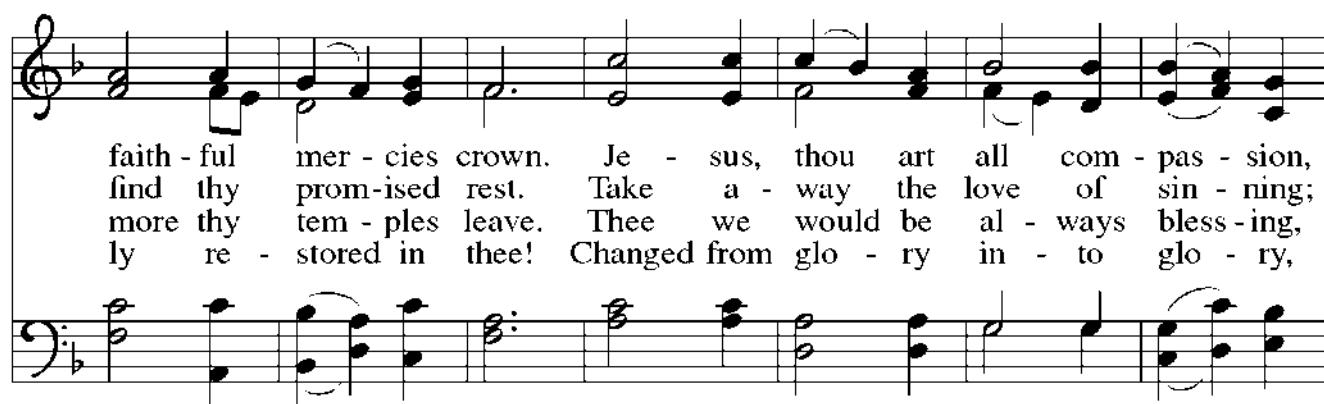
# Gathering Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## 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.**

## Hymn of Praise “Now the Feast and Celebration” ELW 167

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of

Refrain  
God; to make all things new.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Special Music** “Oh, How He Loves You and Me”  
(with "Jesus, Lover of My Soul")

- Kurt Kaiser, arr. John Purifoy

*Debbie Olsen, BB Quinones, Kathy Swenson—Vocalists*

**Lesson**

Acts 17:22-31

pg. 105

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ELW 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel John 14:15-21 pg. 83

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor David Berg

*Today we welcome Pastor David Berg. He is a Chaplain at St Bernardine Medical Center in San Bernardino. He enjoys speaking and leading worship at various churches. He and his wife, Constance, live in Cherry Valley and have two adult children. Thank you for presiding and your proclamation!*

Hymn of the Day “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

ELW 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

## Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of God's People

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

## The Peace

### Offertory

“Elegy”

- Logan

### Offertory Hymn “Goodness is Stronger Than Evil” ELW 721



Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

# 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 (... ..) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Institution

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. (... ..)  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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, 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With this congregation and your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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

## Communion Distribution

*The Pastor will distribute the bread, and a communion assistant will offer your choice of red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup at the hand sanitizer station at the front of the side aisles. All are welcome.*

## Prayer After Communion

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.

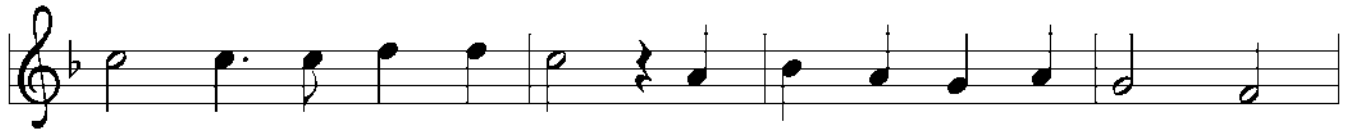
**Amen.**

## Benediction

The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**

Sending Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 839



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Allegro" from Organ Concerto No. 15 -Walther

## This Week at First

<b>Sunday 14</b>	9:00 AM	Worship — Sanctuary
	10:15 AM	Adult Forum — Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship — Sanctuary/PH
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>	
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters — Fireside Room
<b>Thursday 18</b>	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Saturday 20</b>	11:00 AM	SDA Worship — Sanctuary / PH
	6:30 PM	Wine & Cheese—Wolkenhaurer's
	7:00 PM	AA Care and Share — Parish Hall
<b>Sunday 21</b>	9:00 AM	Worship — Sanctuary
	10:15 AM	Youth Food and Fun—Youth Rm
	10:15 AM	Adult Forum — Chapel
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship — Sanctuary/PH

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Next Sunday May 14		Next Sunday May 21
Melanie Hendrickson	Altar Guild	Diane Brown
<i>*Needed</i>	Acolyte	<i>*Needed</i>
BB Quinones Debbie Olsen	Reader/ Communion	Larry Anderson Jeanne Fortier
<i>*Needed</i>	Greeter / Ushers	Theron Pace
Tom Olsen Erick Hendrickson	Sound / IT	Tom Olsen Erick Hendrickson
Debby Westen	Hospitality	<i>*Needed</i>
Bob Close	Security	Debby Westen

*Kimberly Amin, Keyboardist ~ Tamara Craver, Music Director*

*Erick Hendrickson, AV / Tech*

*Melanie Hendrickson, Admin Assistant*

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# Life in Christ

## Church as a VERB – WORSHIP

**In person worship** each Sunday at 9am.

**Online Worship** is available every Sunday through our website at [www.firstlutheranredlands.org](http://www.firstlutheranredlands.org).

*You can watch it live at 9 am or later in the day / week.*

## Church as a VERB – LEARN

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** will take a break in May. We will resume on May 25. Watch for the zoom link.

**Adult Forum** meets each Sunday following worship, join us in the Chapel at 10:15am. Today we welcome Pastor David Berg as he discusses mission to members and families dealing with hospitalization, homebound, elderly, and hospice.

**Youth Meeting** We are exploring options for youth ministry at First and we want to hear YOUR voice! Parents, we want to hear from you! Have a heart for youth? We want your input! Youth - lets just hang out and have fun! We will meet again on Sunday May 21 following worship. Adult Forum will be led by Pastor Glen Egertson and he will share about mission and ministry to youth. Then there will be time for parents and church leaders to connect and figure out what works for your family.



# Life in Christ

## Church as a VERB – SERVE

**Family Service Association of Redlands** — is in need of donations for their food pantry as well as the daily meals they prepare. With summer coming there will be an increased need of shelf stable food for their pantry. During May First will be collecting mac and cheese and other meal in a box items.

## Church as a VERB – PLAY

**COMIC Quilters** No sewing experience needed. Join us on Wednesdays each week at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

**Book Club** is reading "Beyond That, The Sea" by Laura Spence-Ash. We will meet on Monday May 15 at 6:30pm in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!

**Wine and Cheese Tasting** - on Saturday, May 20 at 6:30 pm. Bring a bottle of wine and cheese/crackers or appetizer to share. We will gather at the Wolkenhauer's home (1654 S Wabash Ave in Redlands). Sign up sheet will be on the rolling cart on the patio or indicate you are attending on your "Welcome to Worship" slip.

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The Music Director Search Committee has started their work.  
If you know of anyone that may be a good fit for this position,  
please have them review the job description on our the website.  
There are also flyers regarding the position available in the office  
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# Endowment

“If you didn’t read it last week, here’s another chance.”

We give on Sundays or other times what we have pledged to keep our Church running or in operation. However, we can also give in our wills and/or yearly required minimum tax distribution to sustain our Church for years. Our yearly church budget pays for our day-to-day costs such as salaries, property maintenance, water and sewer services, electricity and other related costs, and also includes giving to caring organizations that are local (such as Family Service and Youth Hope), national and worldwide.

Our Endowment Fund exists not for the day-to-day but for the long-term life of our Church. That is why when you have extra you would like to give to support our Church in perpetuity, the Endowment Fund allows you to do it the way you want to do it, and privately if you wish. Over time as gifts are made to the Endowment Fund and the principal grows, the Fund becomes a substantial way for our Church to expand its mission locally and in the world.

In the next weeks articles will be provided to give more detailed information regarding our Endowment Fund.

Your Church Endowment Committee,  
David Garica, Mitch Heitritter, Theron Pace

## Prayer Ventures from the ELCA

**14** On Mother's Day thank God for mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers and expectant mothers, and pray for women struggling with parenting, women trying to conceive and women who cannot bear children of their own but serve as loving, caring and faithful adults in the lives of children and youth.

**15** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (online) and Rocky Mountain synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**16** Ask the Spirit to strengthen our faith that Jesus Christ lives in us and continues to shape us throughout life until the day when he returns for us.

**17** "Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; breath of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight" (*ELW* 398). Praise God for the gift of the Spirit, which awakens us to each day and sheds light on how we can live as children of God and followers of Christ, eager to share the gospel, serve our neighbors and radiate hope in the world.

**18** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Northern Great Lakes and Southeast Michigan synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**19** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

**20** Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Southeastern Iowa (in-person), Oregon, East-Central Wisconsin, South-Central Wisconsin and West Virginia-Western Maryland synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

## Remember in prayer...

***“Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
and for all people according to their needs:”***

**For those who mourn:** the Victor family at the death of Priya’s father in India.

***“Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.”***

**Healing and strength:** family of the Havard’s, Richard; mother of Michele Krstenansky, Marcia; friends of the Garcia’s, Karen and Fred; friend of the Johnston’s, Bob; family of BB Quinones, Dakota, Peaches, and Nakohni; Maggie, Alyssa, Laura, and Adan; parents of Erick Hendrickson, Solveig and Jim; family and friend of the Pace’s Nancy and Tammy; friend of Diane Brown, Marilyn; friends of the Barnes’, Larry and Pam; friend of the Griesemer’s, Susan; Tom and Debbie Olsen.

**Continuing prayers:** Dianne Anderson; Wayne Barnhart; Donna Barnes; Scott Huseh; Jan Martus; Nancy Sturlaugson; Roger Swenson; Richard and Kristin Thibedeau; Lynda Wandler; friend of Karen Fredricksen, Spencer.

**Our homebound:** Arlene Coleman; Betty Frannea; John McMunn; Carlton Peterson.

\*\* Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

\*\* This congregation during this time of transition, the Call Committee, and the pastor God is preparing for this congregation.

\* Peace.

***Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”***

\*\* *The prayer list is refreshed each week using the “Welcome to Worship” slips.*

*If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips*

*or contact the Pastor or church office.\*\**