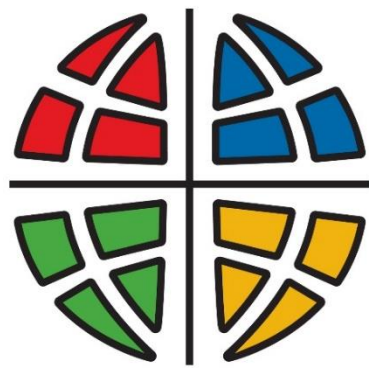


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ELCA

The Fifth
Sunday of
Easter



May 18, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
 ברוך-הבא Bienvenue Tere tulemast خوش آمدید བུ་སྐྱིད་མཆོག་ལྷན་སྐྱོད་ Bienvenido
 स्वागत है **Welcome** ยินดีต้อนรับ Karibu
 Ngiyakwemukela Hoş geldiniz Hoan nghênh
 Tere tulõmast Välkommen Ласкаво просимо Velkommen Zoo siab txais tos!
 Soo dhowow فارشی نالمنز Ласкаво просимо 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 rack 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** located in the pew rack in front of you. It is the Red Hymnal.
- ☐ Numbers preceded by “ELW” refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal.
- ☐ Numbers preceded by the word “pg” refer to material found in the front portion of the hymnal.
- ☐ **WOV** refers to the **With One Voice songbook**. It is the blue songbook located in the pew rack in front of you.
- ☐ “OT pg.” Or “NT” pg. Are in the old and new testament of the pew Bible.

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

PRELUDE "The Heart of Worship" - Redman / arr. Wolaver

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise as you are able

OPENING SONG "Build My Life"

Pat Barrett

Verse 1

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Verse 2

Jesus, the Name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus

Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me
(Repeat Verse 2, then sing Bridge)

Bridge

And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
And I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken
(Sing Chorus)

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18

NT pg. 99

A reading from Acts. ¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to

Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Please rise as you are able

CHANCEL CHOIR “Great is the Lord”
by Michael and Deborah Smith,
arranged by Ed Lojeski.

GOSPEL READING John 13:31-35 NT pg. 83

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHANCEL CHAT

SERMON

Rev. Rachel Reeder

Please rise as you are able

SONG OF THE DAY “Better is One Day” by Matt Redman

1. How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty My soul longs and even faints for You For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings	Chorus Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere
2. One thing I ask, and I would seek To see Your beauty To find You in the place Your glory dwells Your glory dwells	3. My heart and flesh cry out For You, the Living God Your Spirit's water for my soul (My soul) I've tasted and I've seen Come once again to me I will draw near to You I will draw near to You To You
[Bridge] Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere	

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY “Goodness of God”
BB Quinones, vocalist

- Fielding

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the dominion, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8). All are welcome. Please follow the directions of the ushers to come forward. You will be given the bread and your choice of either red wine or white grape juice. You may dispose of your cup in the stands at the side aisle.

COMMUNION SONG “Jesus Messiah” Chris Tomlin

1. He became sin, who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness He humbled himself and carried the cross Love so amazing, love so amazing (Chorus)	2. His body the bread, his blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah (Chorus)
Chorus Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel	Bridge All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all	All the glory to You, God, the light of the world
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Please rise as you are able

CLOSING SONG “My Redeemer Lives” by Darlene Zschesh

1. I know He rescued my soul His blood it covered my sin I believe I believe Oh, my shame - spoken My shame He's taken away My pain is healed in His name I believe (oh yeah) I believe	Pre-Chorus I'll raise a banner - spoken I'll raise a banner 'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
Chorus: My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives	Bridge: You lift my burdens I'll rise with You

My Redeemer lives My Redeemer lives	I'm dancing on this mountain top To see your kingdom come
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Moment Musicaux," - Schubert / Conty & Batya
Op. 94, No. 3 with "King of Kings"

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Stewardship

	May 18	May 25
Ushers	Mike Murphy	Kim Hudson
Reader	Tom Olsen	
Communion Assistant		
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero
Altar Guild	Marilyn Pace & Diane Brown	Marilyn Pace & Diane Brown
Security		Jerry Bean

This Week at First

Sunday	5/18	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary
		1:00 PM	BATAK Church – Sanctuary/PH
Wednesday	5/21	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters – Fireside
Thursday	5/22	11:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study – Cancelled!
		7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	5/24	10:00 AM	SDA Worship – Sanctuary/PH
		6:00 PM	Caring and Sharing AA - PH

Upcoming Dates

May 18	-	Youth Forum meets in the Youth Room 10:30 AM
May 19-25	-	Pastor Rachel on vacation
May 22	-	Youth Hope Meal Delivery
May 26	-	Happy Memorial Day – Church Office closed
June 02		Monthly Council meeting 6PM Conference Rm
June 07	-	Redlands Hunger Walk and Run
June 08	-	Combined worship service with the Batak Church
	-	for Pentecost – wear red for the service!
June 10	-	Book Club meeting reading the book,
	-	“ <i>The Paris Architect</i> ” - 6:30 PM in the Fireside
	-	Room
June 15		Contemporary Worship Service
	-	Father’s Day and 66er’s Baseball Game Day!
June 30		Monthly Council Meeting 6:00 PM Conference
		Room

Life in Christ

- **Adult Forum** - Sunday after service @ 10:30 am
- **Online Worship** - every Sunday through our website at www.firstlutheranredlands.org.
- **Flower Chart for 2025-** We love it when flowers grace the worship space! Please reserve your bouquet by following the process: **Reserve your date** by writing your name AND phone on the Flower Chart on the date(s) you select. **Fill out a reservation form at the same time as your reservation on the chart.** The forms are located next to the chart and should then be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office. *The flowers will be ordered for you.* **Please pay the church \$55** during the month of your reservation. Please note with your payment the date of your reservation. Questions: Contact Mitch (909-798-3320)
- **Zoom Bible Study** –Thursday Mornings weekly at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. **NEW** Zoom Meeting ID: 898 6088 6981 **NEW** Passcode: 739765
- **COMIC Quilters** - Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in Fireside Room.
- **The 66'ers Baseball team** has invited us to come to their game on Father's Day, June 15th. Tickets will be \$12.00 each and we have reserved seats in the Club Level seating area which is in the shade! A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex!
- **Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter through email?** Fill out a yellow pew slip indicating you want to receive the newsletter and provide your email address along with your name and phone number. You can give the slip to an usher.

- **We have a new website!** Same address but a fabulously wonderful layout! Check it out at <https://www.firstlutheranredlands.org/>

Ministry Opportunities

- On July 18th, the **Redlands Bowl** will feature the group, Naturally 7 (A Capella) for the evening. We need 10 - 15 people to help with ushering. All ushers will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Eureka Street in front of Mission Gables house to receive bowls, ushering assignments, and a group photo. The program begins at 8:00 p.m. and intermission may begin any time between 8:45 and 9:00p.m. Please see Allan Griesemer if you would like to help with ushering that evening. You may also sign up on the sign up sheet or call the office.
- The Redlands Hunger Walk and Run will be held Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 7:45 AM. Starting point will be the University of Redlands near the Ted Runner Stadium. Pre-registration closes on May 23rd. Pre-registered participants get a swag bag, t-shirt and pancake breakfast sponsored by the Redlands Kiwanis Club. For more information, contact Family Service Association of Redlands or visit the link here:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc7zjx4s>
- **Youth Hope Meal Delivery** First Lutheran is happy to support Youth Hope Ministries. Our “God’s Work, Our Hands” project of donating ponchos was greatly appreciated. In addition, in cooperation with Plymouth Village, we pick up meals they have prepared, and deliver them to the

Youth Hope facility (on Redlands Blvd). This simple service happens about once a month. If you would like more information or you are interested in participating, please contact Karen Frederickson, Sue Lehner or call Lauren in the church office. ***Next delivery is May 22nd***

- **WAYS to GIVE to our CHURCH:**

- ✓ Pew Envelopes - Cash or check. Please write your personal tithing number on the front.
- ✓ Online giving through ServantKeeper .
- ✓ Scan the QR Code below and it will take you to our website where you can find the Green Give button.



Prayer List

Remember in prayer...

"Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs"

Healing and strength:

Mark Espenoza requested by Allan, Nancy and David Griesemer.

Scotty for fighting brain tumor and his wife **Regena** for strength and courage, **Scott Huseth** at the passing of his mother, requested from

Jeanne Fortier.

Gilbert Logg who passed away, requested by Jesse and BB Quinones.

Craig Baker, for his job with the government and **Debbie Belmudez**, **Bonnie Klein** cancer diagnosis, **Stephen Lewis** from addiction and homelessness, **Fred David Cassells**, **Rosie**, the **Gibson Family** in the loss of **Great Aunt Linda**, all the **abandoned animals** requested by Maria and Craig Baker and Logan.

Jessica Callender, Leukemia diagnosis, and **Joey Shea**, **Lael Shea** on her passing, requested by Lucas Shea.

Jennifer for health, and **Kathy**, requested by Kathy Swenson.

Margaret Stallings, **Jackie Johnson**, and **Ray Gayton-Jacobs** battling cancer, requested by Kim Hudson.

Son, **George Becker** for healing and has emphysema and COPD, requested by Janet Secrist.

Federal employees, requested by Melanie Hendrickson.

Michael Myers, MDS; requested by Anna Myers.

Marisue for healing and **Lynne** battling cancer, requested by Mitch Heitritter.

Joe Koenig's sister, **Elizabeth**, and for her husband, **Russell** who is having heart surgery, requested by Jeanne and Joe Koenig.

Prayers for **Joe Koenig**, requested by Lucas Shea.

Greg and Jen Rubio - My brother and his family dealing with their wife and mother who has been diagnosed with dementia and is deteriorating fast.

People of Gaza who are in need of food, water, medicine fuel and electricity, requested by Tom Olsen.

Matthew, Linda Marie, Javier and Beverly Chovick.

Ken Fait Sr. and family.

Jack Hough, and Fred Jarf, requested by the Dave and Garcia.

The Family of Sean Malloy, Roger Raumin and John Klava, requested by the Johnstons.

Marilyn Pace, who is recovering from a broken hip.

Prayers for the souls of our dear departed children: **Dyanne, Matt, and Chris.**

For the **Martin/Butler family** at the death of **Mike Butler,** requested by Karen Fredricksen.

For **Scott** who is having surgery, requested by the Kundig family.
For **Jacob Fincher and his family** as he has passed from his injuries sustained in the accident, requested by Larry and Lathy Davenport.

Linda Murphy for cataract surgery and healing requested by Mike Murphy.

For our **Catholic brothers and sisters** who have elected the new pope: Pope Leo XIV.

Colonel Bill Mullooly, for healing from emergency surgery, requested by Jake and Jan Jacobson.

Brookside Community Prayer requests:

For health and healing

For the community of Brookside

Lay Ministry Visitations -

Bob Bray who is homebound and would like prayers as he goes through a medical issue.

Continuing prayers for: Bill, Nancy, Tammy Cole, Katheryn, Nikki, family of Paces; Nancy Sturlaugson, & Nancy Newsome, Mac & Donna Barnes; Walter, brother of Ginger Close; Jeanne Koenig.

Our homebound: Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John McMunn;

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

**** The people of Israel and Palestine.**

**** 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 updated each week using the “Welcome to Worship” slips. If you have a prayer request, or an update please include it on those slips or contact the Pastor at/or the church office.

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