



**First Christian Church**

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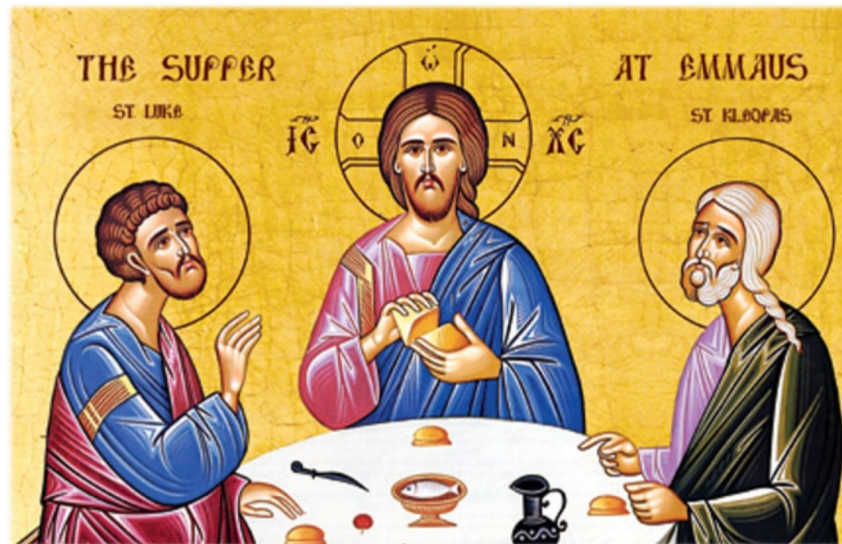
## Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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**Week of April 23rd, 2023**



Public Worship will be held at 10:30 am Sunday morning.

### Community Prayer

Elusive God,  
companion on the way,  
you walk behind, beside, beyond;  
you catch us unawares.

Break through the disillusionment and despair  
clouding our vision,  
that, with wide-eyed wonder,  
we may find our way and journey on  
as messengers of your good news.

**Amen.**

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### Call to Worship

Feel free to follow along with our Call  
to Worship from the live-streamed  
worship service on Sunday.

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole,  
Many: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where hope is stronger than despair,  
Many: there, we find Jesus walking. Alleluia!  
Christ is with us!

# Sermon

From The Rev. Ellie Thober  
“But we had Hoped...”

**We Welcome The Reverend Ellie Thober to the pulpit this week**

In the 1990's she served as Christian Educator in three churches, one of which was First Christian Church. In 2004, she graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary (Episcopal) in Alexandria, VA. and was ordained an Episcopal priest in Omaha. For the next 1½ years she served as Assistant Priest at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Omaha. Following this, she served two churches – The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in North Platte, NE (five years) and Grace Episcopal Church in Columbus, NE (six years). She retired from active parish ministry in 2017. Since retirement she occasionally leads worship for various churches, but her primary focus is her three sons, their wives, and her grandchildren.



**First Christian Church Pulpit Supply  
April - May, 2023**

April 23	Ellie Thober
April 30	Kara Hillhouse
May 7	Kara Hillhouse
May 14	Rachel Johnson
May 21	Kara Hillhouse
May 28	Jane Holtzclaw

# Scripture Reading

## Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

# Prayers & Praises

## April 23, 2023

### In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Jessica Vocasek
- Relda Lathrop
- Bobbi Carlin
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich
- Mildred Brockemeyer
- Karen Moritz

- Our Sympathy, is extended to the family of LaVonne Ogren. LaVonne passed away Easter morning. Services are pending at this time.
- Tito Vigan, Sarah Mason's husband, for healing from a spinal stroke.

### Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess

### Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer

### Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE

### In the Nebraska Region:

- Falls City First Christian Church

### Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Reverend Juliana Temparaja serving in East Timor

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



# Song of the Week

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Text: Brian Wren, 1984

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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