

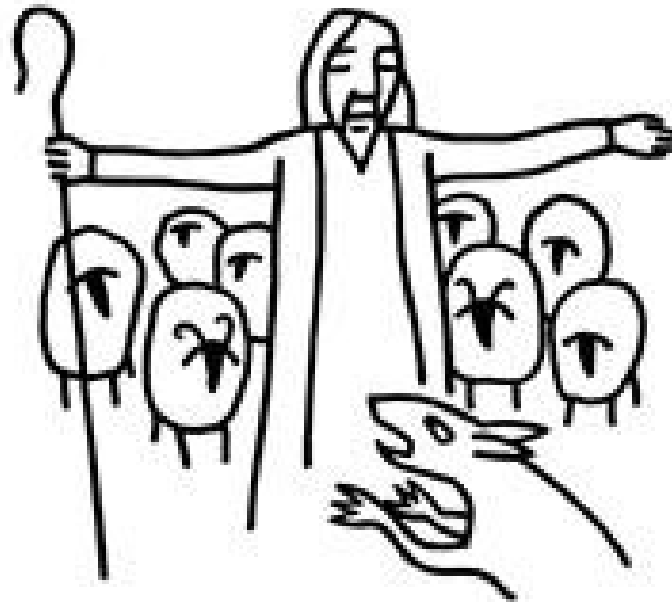


# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

10:15 a.m., April 21, 2024



The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life.

It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority.

The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

***Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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**All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.**

**The flowers on the altar today are given by Eloise Dettmer in loving memory of her mother.**

**Presiding Ministers**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. Larry Wright

**Lector**

Michael Leonhardt

**Guest Organist**

Robert Woody

**Guest Conductor**

Hannah Boyd

**Cantor**

Kiran Kimbell

**Vocals**

Voices of Faith Choir

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Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,  
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Rev. Larry Wright

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- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*WE STAND*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence*)

Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,  
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you  
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ELW 836

We sing together



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

## KYRIE

We sing responsively



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## GLORIA

*We sing together*

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WE SIT

### FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

**L:** A Reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 23:1

*To begin, the organist plays the refrain once, the cantor sings it once, and then we all sing it together.*



The LORD is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

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## PSALMODY: Psalm 23

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**C: Refrain.**

L: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**C: Refrain.**

## SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

L: A Reading from 1 John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*WE STAND*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We sing together*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff is also a treble clef with a key signature of one flat and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.



# GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: [Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*WE SIT*

**SERMON**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

*WE STAND*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**At the Name of Jesus**

**ELW 416**

*We sing together Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5*



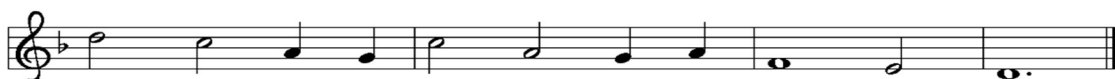
1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now,  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Together, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Following each prayer petition, we respond:*

L: ... God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*As the prayers conclude:*

P: ... Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*WE STAND*

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.*

*WE SIT*

## **OFFERTORY**



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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Christ the Sure Foundation  
*Voices of Faith Choir*

Douglas Wagner

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone.  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one.  
To this temple, where we call thee, Lord, come, Lord.  
For we are laborers together with God, according to the grace of God.  
I've laid my foundation, and built another on. So take heed this day,  
As you order your life, that no foundation can be laid than Jesus Christ!  
Laud and honor to the Father. Laud and honor to the Son.  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one.

Alleluia! Amen!

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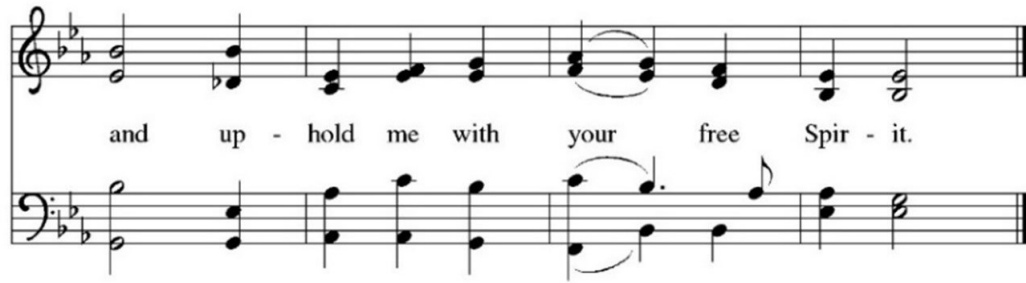
**WE STAND**  
*We sing together*  
Create in Me a Clean Heart  
*Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

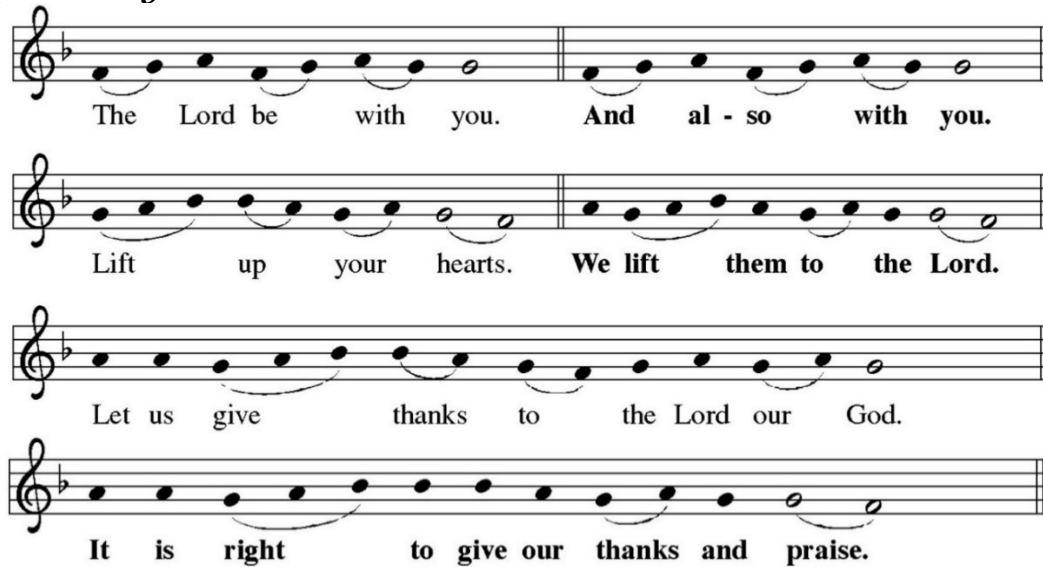
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*We sing responsively*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**PREFACE**

*The presiding minister sings*



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

*The presiding minister continues, then concludes ...*



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*We sing together*

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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered  
for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and  
blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your  
saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as  
victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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.**

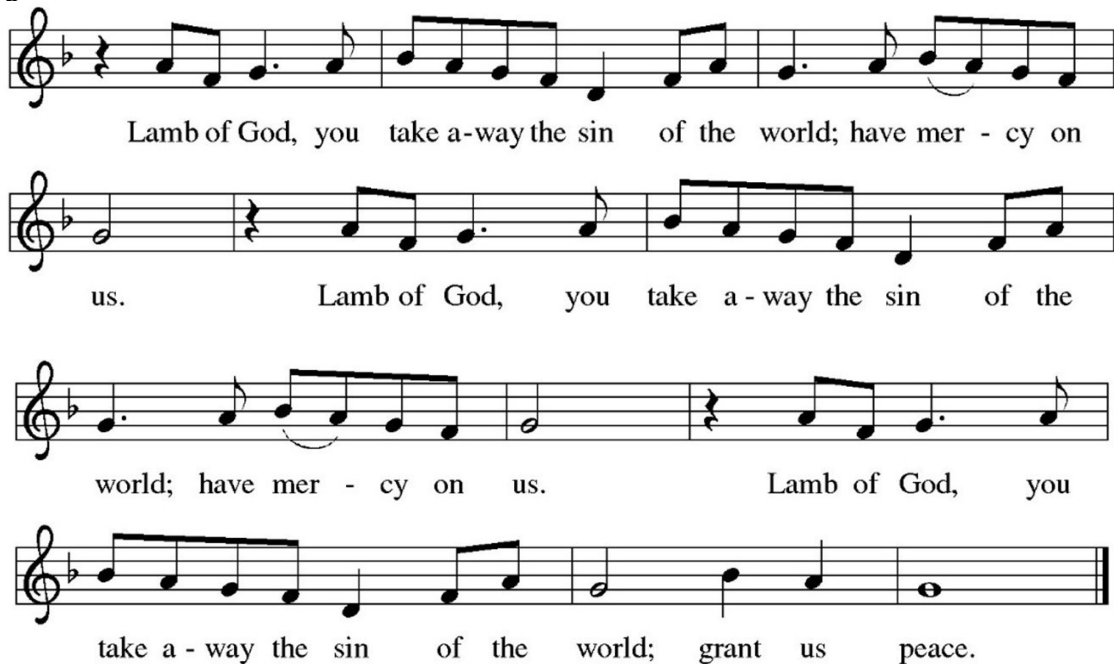
**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.

## COMMUNION SONG

*We sing together*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## *WE SIT*

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.*

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you ... The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

A Communion Meditation

Don Besig and Nancy Price  
*Voices of Faith Choir*

The table is spread, the meal is now prepared.  
The Lord bids us join Him there.  
We know we are not worthy,  
But still He will forgive for He died that all of us might live.  
Come break the bread, come take the cup.  
Receive the promise of God's great love.  
Savior, like a shepherd lead us  
As Your blessing now we share.  
With Your blood and body feed us,  
Keep us in Your tender care.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
With Your kindness we are filled.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Now we are fed, our hearts are joined as one.  
The work of the Lord must now be done.  
As we go forth to serve him,  
He guides us with His truth;  
And our faith is strengthened and renewed.  
We share the bread, we share the cup,  
We share the promise of God's great love

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## *WE STAND*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*We sing together*



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING

P: Now receive a blessing:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen!**

## SENDING SONG

**God Be With You Till We Meet Again**

**ELW 536**

*We sing together*

*See next page*



**Verses 1 and 3**  
**God Be with You Till We Meet Again**



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904  
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

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***Welcome, Visitors!***

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by signing our guestbook and/or filling out a Visitor Card located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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## ***Join in Prayer and Bible Study***

- **Adult Forum meets between services in the conference room.** Next week, participants will continue studying Volume 10, “With All Your Heart – Being God’s Presence to Our World,” in the “That the World May Know” video series.
  - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. each Tuesday in April at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.**
  - **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women’s Bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the library** to focus on “Be Still and Know – A Study of Rest and Refuge.”
  - **The spring session of Adult Bible Study** focuses on chapters from a favorite resource: “**Reading Biblical Literature,**” with Dr. Craig R. Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. **Each one-hour session begins at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, April 24-May 15, in the second-floor classroom.** Pastor Larry leads the study, which continues weekly with Biblical Wisdom Literature (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job); Psalms: The Bible’s Songbook; Luke on the World Upside Down; and John on the Word Made Flesh. Light refreshments provided! Great discussion! Fun fellowship! You are invited!
  - **The Prayer Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel** to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion. Can’t attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.**
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### ***Find Out How You Can Help Faith Better Serve Families***

Following the Children’s Sermon, Director of Family and Child Ministry Deborah Dornemann and volunteers help young people learn about the gospel through age-appropriate lessons and fun activities.

**Are you interested in how Faith Lutheran can better serve families? Contact Deborah, [familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com) or 941-914-7553, to find out how you can help.**

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### ***Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays***

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel.** If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you. There is strength and hope in community.

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## ***Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's Lutheran***

**From 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30**, be part of the crew that will cook and serve for about 70 food-insecure and homeless siblings in Christ at St. Paul's Lutheran in downtown Sarasota. **To volunteer, sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.**

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## ***Faith Mission Endowment Fund Committee is Excited about New Ministries***

The Faith Mission Endowment Fund Committee -- Ann Greenwood, chairperson; Patty McKee, vice chairperson; Denise Kirkeeng, secretary; Terry Copper, treasurer; Rev. John Spittal, finance assistant; Marlene Radesk, marketing; and Karen Kolschowsky, grant coordinator -- is passionate about helping to fund new ministries that are not within the current church budget. If you have a need, idea or question, see any committee member. They want to hear from you!

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## ***April Stewardship Message***

**The most important aspect of serving the Lord is simply making ourselves available.**

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful”  
(1 Corinthians 4:2).

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## ***You Are Invited to View ‘The Chosen’***

**You are invited to view episodes of “The Chosen,”** a multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of those who knew him, at **10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the conference room. Faith's pastors will add commentary.** The presentation is hosted by the Men of Faith, but you are welcome regardless of gender!

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## ***Kids and Families: Register for VBS***

Register now for **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp, July 22-26 at Faith.** It will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday of that week, concluding at noon Friday with a special program for families and friends. There is **no cost to attend, and lunch and snacks are included!** Taught by trained teachers from Camp Luther Springs, VBS will include Bible study, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature studies and more. Look for details, and the registration and health forms in the Faith Friday Update email. To ask questions or get hard copies of the forms, contact Deborah Dornemann, [familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com) or 941-914-7553.

## ***Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory***

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “altar flowers” in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, June 2.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

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## ***Faith Food Pantry Needs Your Donations***

The Faith Food Pantry distributes food for about 200 people each week! Help care for our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the white food pantry barrel. Thank you!

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## ***Readers Club Meets Tomorrow***

The Readers Club meets at **2 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, April 22, in the library** to discuss *The Leftover Woman* by Jean Kwok. Please join!

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## ***Pastor's Discretionary Fund Helps Needy***

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they might require. The Pastor's Discretionary fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. If you are able, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.

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## ***Thank You***

As I prepare to journey back north at the conclusion of “the season,” I want to thank the people of Faith Lutheran for their steadfast, prayerful support during my recent health struggles. Your kind encouragement has been and continues to be a true blessing in my life.

God bless you all,  
Olaf Olsen

# Worship and Service Calendar

## Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Live-streamed and recorded at:

[www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service)

## Sunday, April 14

Online views	82
8 a.m. in person	30
10:15 a.m. in person	136

## Next Sunday, April 28

### First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian.

### Psalmody

Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (*Ps. 22:27*)

### Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

God's love perfected in love for one another.

### Gospel

John 15:1-8

Christ the vine.

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, April 22

2 p.m. Readers Club, library

### Tuesday, April 23

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, library

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

10:30 a.m. View "The Chosen," conf. room

5 p.m. Congregation Council, conf. room

7 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

### Wednesday, April 24

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, upstairs classroom

10:30 a.m. Prayer Group, chapel

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

### Thursday, April 25

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep

5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

6:30 p.m. Confirmation, conf. room

### Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### Saturday, April 27

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9 a.m. Diakonia, conf. room

### Sunday, April 28

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, conf. room

9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

10:25 a.m. Sunday School, classroom

# ***Prayer List***

*Please remember in your prayers this week:*

Marsha Anderson, sister of Gail Murphy  
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at  
    Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Tim Anderson, son-in-law of Dick and Jetty Zarfos  
Kara Ashby, granddaughter of Pete & Carole Inkrott  
George and James Ball, brothers of Alix Giannini  
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old  
    friend of Alyene Weaver  
Chuck Banta  
Chloe Bennenthum, friend of Gail Murphy  
Sean & Rebekah Brett, son and daughter-in-law  
    of Alyene Weaver  
Charles Budreau  
Jason Byrne, friend of Anita Wooton  
Elise Carmona  
Evelyn and John Conlon  
Jordan Demers, cousin of Hannah Boyd  
Eloise Dettmer  
Philomena Dimichelle, friend of Conrad Zabor  
Ken Dixon  
Ryan and Valerie Donahue  
Elizabeth Farmer  
Judy & Robert Ferguson  
Carolyn & Marty Friedman,  
    friends of Marlene Radesk  
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler  
Andrea Gamboa  
Amanda Gerber, daughter of Sandy Gerber  
Laurie Good, friend of Ann Greenwood  
Paula Haas, friend of Eloise Dettmer  
Jon Hale  
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen  
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles  
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head  
Michael Helpin, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Christiana Holmes  
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of  
    Anita and Jon Wooton  
Tesa Inkrott,  
    granddaughter of Pete & Carole Inkrott

Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Jacqueline Laurent,  
    friend of Margaret Borrows  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
    Michael Leonhardt  
Lois Light  
Shirley Manning, friend of Margaret Borrows  
Paul & Debby Maresch  
Vincenzo Mariani, friend of Conrad Zabor  
Annabelle Martone  
Kathleen McBride  
Judi Melander  
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins  
Beverly Novak, cousin of Patty McKee  
Olaf Olsen, father of Pastor Eric Olsen  
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan  
James & Virginia Pease  
Fran Perkins  
Wally Pina  
Kristen Pizan  
Marlene Radesk  
Fritz Rappold  
Gabriel Rockwell  
Ted and Carol Rodi  
Floyd Ryder  
Mike Schell  
Phillip Schlueter  
Family & Friends of Fire Lieutenant James Joel Slack  
Family & Friends of Donna Souders, mother of  
    Lois Weaverling's friend  
Rev. John Spittal  
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino  
Werner Thomsen, brother of John Thomsen  
Colette Thornbloom  
David Turnbull  
Alyene Weaver  
Jon Wooton

- **Contact [officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com)** if you or someone you know would appreciate a **communion, hospital or home visit, to be contacted or to receive a card in the mail.**
- **Contact [communications@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:communications@faithlutheransrq.com)** if you have an **addition to the Prayer List.** Please send updates when prayers are answered.

# ***About Faith Lutheran Church***

## ***Our Mission***

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.

## ***Our Vision***

To be an ELCA congregation that displays the true, unending love of Christ.  
To promote peace, social justice and grace in all we do.

## ***The ELCA***

Faith Lutheran Church is part of the greater Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are ecumenical, saved by grace and love Jesus.

## ***Receive the Latest News and Updates***

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