



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m., May 25, 2025



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

***Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church
Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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All who are 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 Marlene Radesk in memory of her mother's birthday.

Ministers

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector

Scott Rice

Music Director

Andi Zdrava

Vocals

Voices of Faith Quartet

Organist/Pianist

Terry Copper

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Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer,
Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,
Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard,
Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Deacon Scott Rice,
Jane Sanks, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

Media Team

Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell,
Andrea & Sergio Gamboa,
Deacon Mark Greenwood

Altar Guild

Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson,
Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson,
Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan

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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

Assistant to the Pastor

Rev. Larry Wright

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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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Julianne Geyser; Mark Nelson; Peggy Ragan;
Deacon Scott Rice

Executive Assistant

Carrie Christenson

- Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**
- 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

(pause for reflection)

Most merciful 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: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

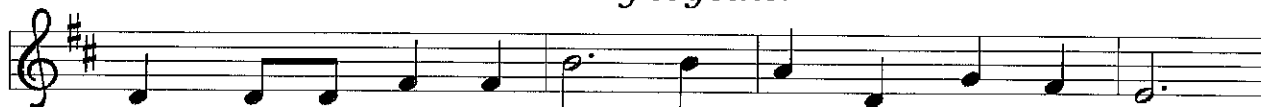
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns

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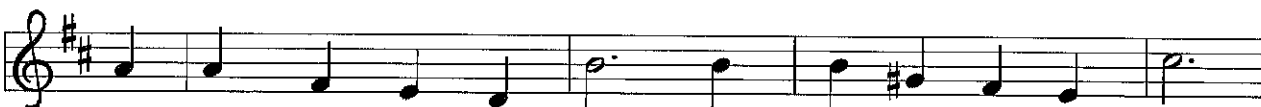
We sing together



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

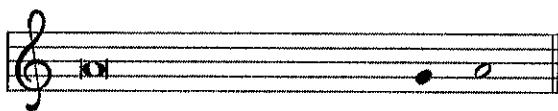
GREETING

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

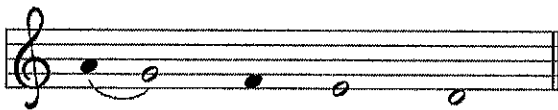
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

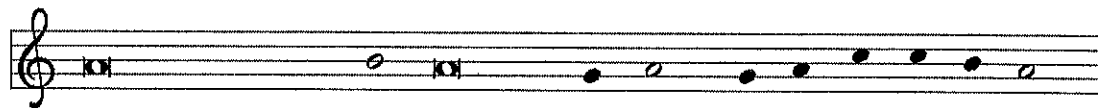
We sing responsively



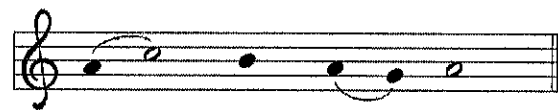
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



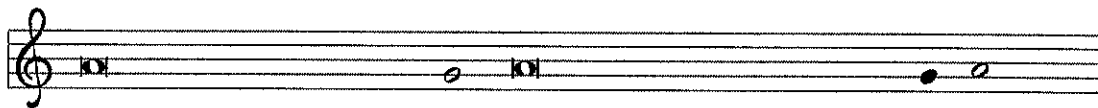
Lord, have mer - cy.



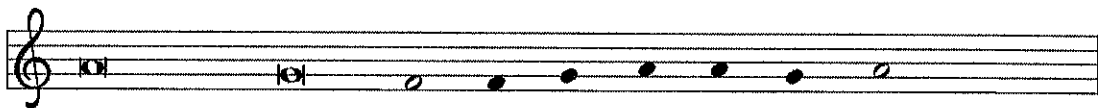
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



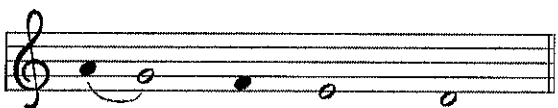
Lord, have mer - cy.



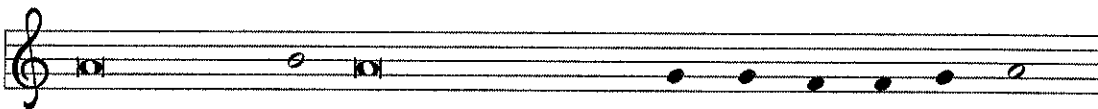
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

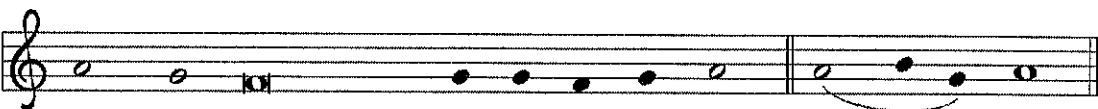


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

GLORIA

Cantor sings



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

We sing together



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



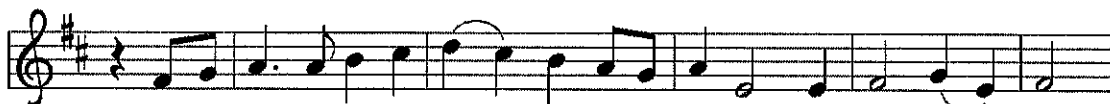
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



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



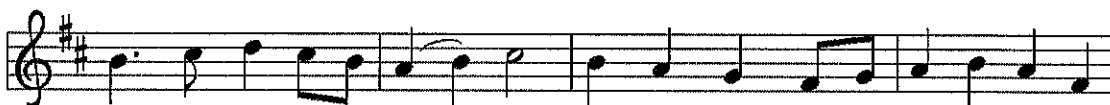
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



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



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

L: A reading from Acts.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

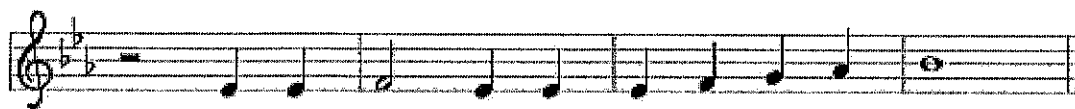
¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 67:4

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



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

Psalm 67:4

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PSALM: Psalm 67

L: ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

C: Refrain

L: ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

C: Refrain

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

L: A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together.



GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The gospel of the Lord.

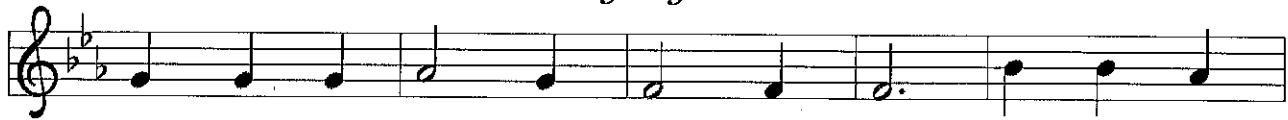
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

We sing together

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

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

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts (*pause*). Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in all places of war and strife, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: 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.

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

Like a Shepherd

Mark Weston
Voices of Faith Quartet

WE STAND

We sing together

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12

Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

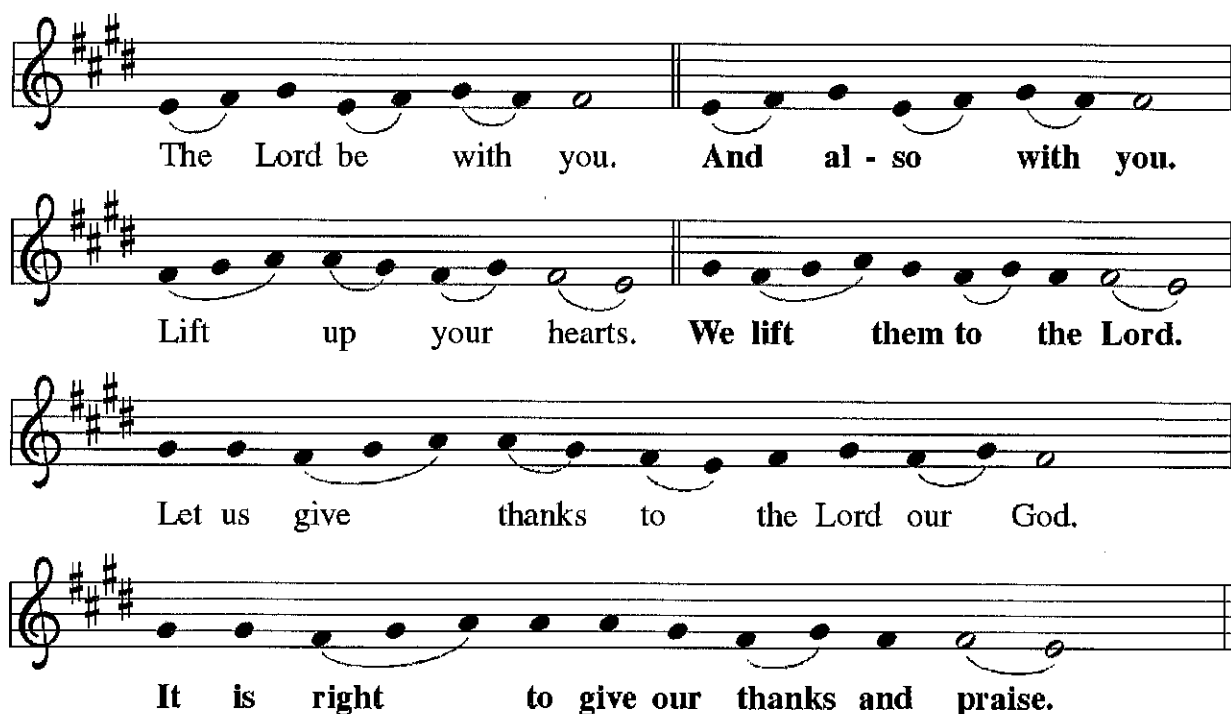
OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We sing responsively



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

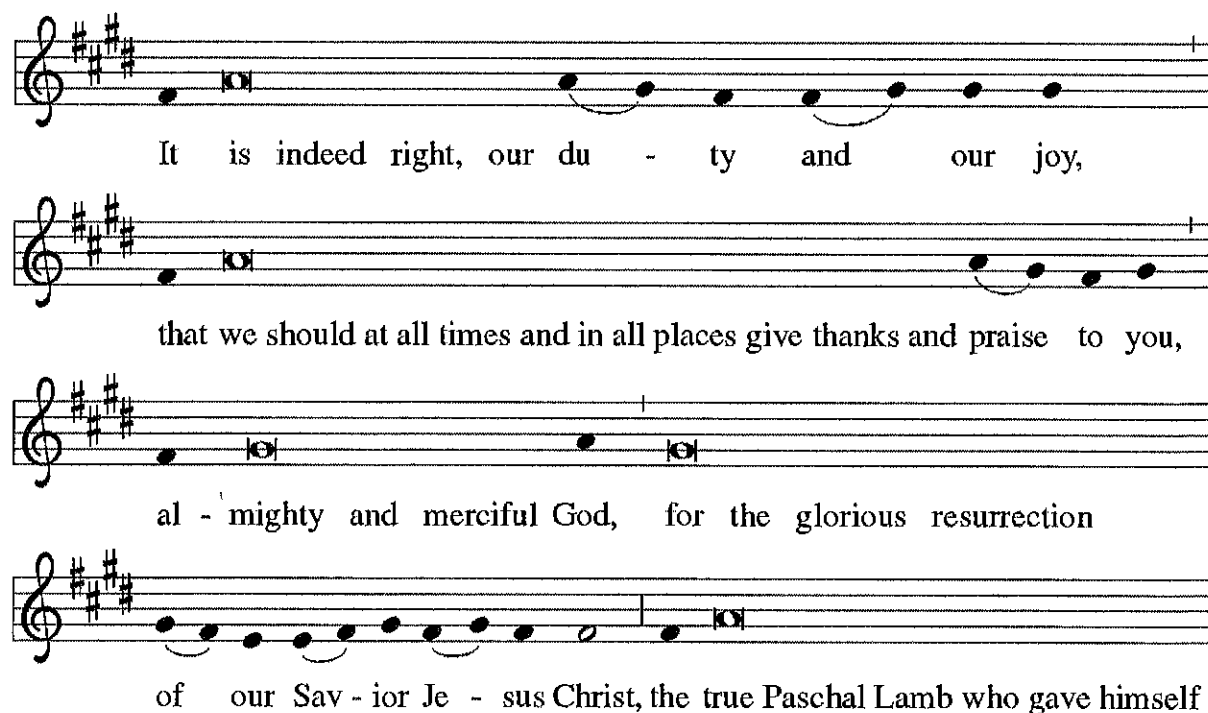
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The minister sings



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

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself

to take a-way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris-ing has brought us to e-ter-nal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe-ter and all the witnesses of the
res-ur-rec-tion, with earth and sea and all their crea-tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru-bim and ser-a-phim,
we praise your name and join their un-end-ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We sing together

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

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.

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

All are welcome at the Lord'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, grant us peace.

WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Jay Althouse
Voices of Faith Quartet

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. 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

On Our Way Rejoicing *We sing together*

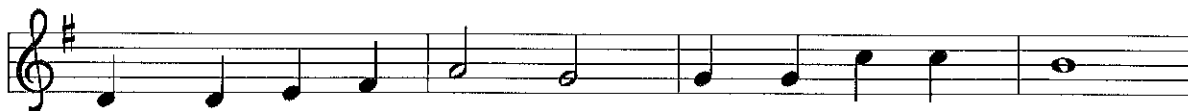
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1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



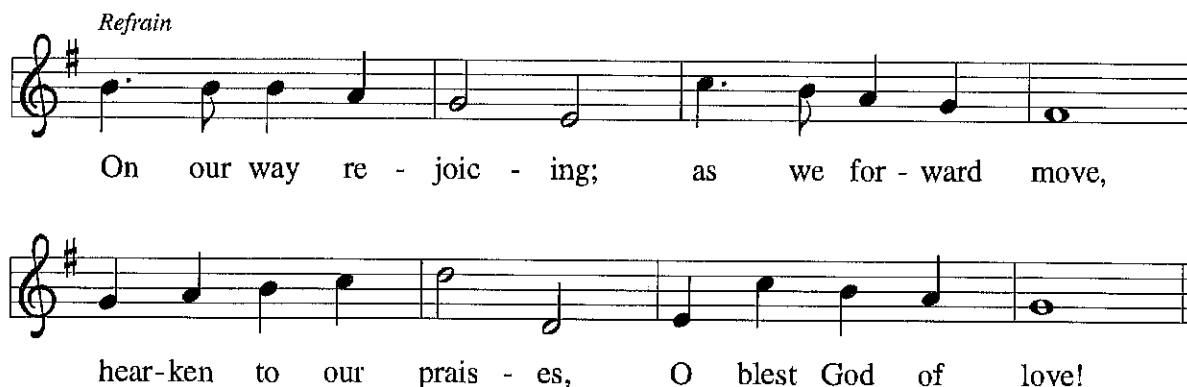
Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Next week, the group will study lesson 5, *Transforming the Chaos*, in the "Cultures in Conflict" series.
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays. **This month we will meet at Max's Table, 115 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey.**
- **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 "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength." Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 856 4792 4559, Passcode 408030. ***This week will be our last before taking a break for the summer. A new study will begin in the fall—stay tuned for more details!***
- **The Prayer Support 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.
- **The Bereavement Group** meets at 3:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.
- **The Men's Study Group** will be taking a break for the month of May. Please stay tuned for information about June meetings.

- **Women of Faith will not meet Monday, May 26. The next date will be Monday, June 9.** Join us then for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m. at Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, pastorp2.o@gmail.com.
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Worship to Go Needs You

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! You can participate at **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 27**, at Aravilla Sarasota, 3251 Proctor Road.

Volunteers will meet in the chapel and can carpool to the facility (30 minutes prior). To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055, or show up at the chapel. No experience necessary!

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 July 13.** 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 at faithlutheransrq.com.

Contact Joan Hirsch, 941-726-7885, with questions or specific requests about who or what organization should receive flowers that you purchased and choose to donate.

Move to the Music During Zumba Class

Zumba begins at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Community Center (gym). All fitness levels are welcome! It is free for congregation members, and a voluntary donation from non-members is appreciated. Be there to move with the music and join in the fun!

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith

What exactly do "we" profess to believe as ELCA Lutherans? How are we different and the same as other Lutherans, Roman Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists? What beliefs do Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, Sikh and Bahá'í practitioners hold dear? What do we hold in common and where do we differ?

Jesus calls us to love our neighbor and to do that to our fullest. We need to take time to understand the faith traditions of our neighbors. Join us for week 4 of this 5-week study on Wednesday, May 28, 9:30- 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs classroom. Can't be there? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 842 5446 3733, Passcode 979119.

Watch for Your Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Year-to-date giving summaries for January-April 2025 were:

- Sent May 2-3 via email for those who have opted in to use email communication. Check your spam folder if you do not receive a report. If you want a paper copy, contact the church office.
- Mailed May 3 to those without email addresses or those who have opted out of email communication.

If you have questions or want to update or make changes to your contact information, contact the church office, officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-924-4664, or Patty McKee, financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-921-3709.

Mary Circle Update

Mary Circle ended its "season" of meetings in May with a wonderful presentation by our Bold Woman, Linda Burton. Linda recounted her faith journey and how it led her to Faith LC. We are on hiatus for June and July and will return with lunch out in August. This has been a very productive year for the Circle. We were able to initiate conduct with Hope Seeds and helped to package seeds for worldwide distribution. We will be doing this in the future also. In April, Faith had the privilege of hosting the WELCA Spring Gathering for the Mid-Gulf region. One highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Al Ernst who infected us with his brand of Lutheran humor. Pastor Marianne also gave a heartfelt presentation on the work of Lutheran Services Florida. As a result of this talk, we were able to raise \$340.00 for the organization. We were also able to purchase a bench for the Memorial Garden with funds raised during the year.

As always the Circle sponsored the adoption of LSF guardianship clients for Christmas. We have an ongoing mission to collect and pack supplies for Lutheran World Relief. This year we packed both personal care kits, school kits and fabric kits. None of this work could have been done without the help of you, the members of the congregation, who so generously donate when we ask for things. Thank you seems so inadequate a word to express our gratitude for all your continued support.

All ladies of Faith are invited to attend a meeting, perhaps more than one. Look for our announcements in the upcoming church publications.

Faith Book Club Meets Tuesday, May 27

Faith Book Club will meet at 2pm on Tuesday, May 27 (note the different day due to the Memorial Day holiday) in the library. This month the group will read and discuss *The Last Year of the War* by Susan Meissner.

Lutheran World Relief Love Thy Neighbor Matching Gift Challenge

A group of compassionate friends of faith will match all gifts — dollar for dollar — now through June 30! Your donation will provide healthy food to God's hungry children. You will also help loving parents get the tools and training they need to make nutritious meals for their babies to grow and thrive. Go to: give.lwr.org to donate.

Luther Springs Summer Camps

Luther Springs offers a place where children in grades 1st -12th can unplug from technology for a week, experience exciting adventures, get inspired by nature, and grow in faith! It is a great experience for first-time campers or campers that aren't quite as adventurous as others. For thrill-seeking children in grades 6-12 they offer "Outdoor Adventure Programs" where kids can challenge themselves with new adventures like zip lining, horseback riding and more. A week of camp is an investment that will impact the life of your child for years to come! Get info and register at luthersprings.org.

Sunday School Summer Break

Sunday School is taking a break for the summer! Thank you for a wonderful year of learning and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you again next school year!

Notary Services at Faith

Our new Executive Assistant is a certified notary! Church members and friends are welcome to stop by during office hours for notary services. Feel free to call ahead if you have questions.

Andi Zdrava at Carnegie Hall

Please keep our Music Director, Andi Zdrava, in your prayers as he participates in a workshop and competition at Carnegie Hall in New York City this week!

Media Team Seeks New Volunteers

We're expanding and looking for volunteers to join our media team. No experience? No problem — volunteers will receive full training! If you're interested in video production and in helping Faith spread God's word through online channels, this is your opportunity to get involved. Contact Mark Greenwood at mgreenwood3@comcast.net.

Contact 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.
- To add or remove a name from the Prayer List.

Prayer List

Lucy Abbott, sister-in-law of Judy Millard
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri & Terry Copper
Billy Bajor
Stephanie Bollinger, friend of Marlene Radesk
Gail Brown
Dee Burlingame
Rick Chauncey, son of Wess Chauncey
Jerry Clancy
Linda Craley, sister-in-law of
 Dick & Jetty Zarfes
Lindsey Dacey
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd
Nancy Dandino
Tyeann Dillon
Ken Dixon, online worshipper
Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate
Mark Evan
Beth and Maggie Farmer, daughter & granddaughter
 of Lynn & Jerry Clancy
John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine Flower
Marty Friedman, friend of Marlene Radesk
Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate
Anatoliy Gurov
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Jon & Anita Wooton
Pete Inkrott
Bruce Katz, friend of Nancy Flanagan

Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch
Juli & Eli Maresch, niece and grand-nephew
 of Patty McKee
Dick Mejchar, brother-in-law of Patty McKee
Judy McMahon, friend of Kristine Ordman
Family & Friends of Judi Melander
John Millard
Bob Miller, friend of Bill Greenaway
Dulce Mogan, friend of Nancy Flanagan
Valerie Nicolls, mother of Pastor Ashley Nicolls
Kathy Ocker, friend of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen
Sue Ostrom, friend of Marlene Radesk
Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz
Kathy Schilio
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of
 Carolyn Winemiller
Family & Friends of Rev. John Spittal
Norman Stoll, brother of Dottie Gustavson
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk
Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Darren Thomsen, son of John & Tricia Thomsen
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith
Carol Wambold
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith
Jon Wooton
Rev. Melvin Younger, friend of Bill Greenaway
Mike Zuba, friend of Marlene Radesk

Worship and Service Calendar

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. in person.

Morning services live streamed and recorded at
www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service
and at facebook.com/faithlutheransrq.

Sunday, May 18

Online views	167
8 a.m. in person	30
10:15 a.m. in person	108
5 p.m.	7

Next Sunday, June 1

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus sends the apostles

Psalm 47

God has gone up with a shout

Ephesians 1:15-23

Eyes to see the risen and ascended Christ

Luke 24:44-53

Christ present in all times and places

This Week at Faith

Monday, May 26

Memorial Day Observance

Tuesday, May 27

8:30 a.m.	Men of Faith Breakfast, Max's Table
9:30 a.m.	G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library (last of the season)
10:00 a.m.	Worship to Go Prep, chapel
10:30 a.m.	Worship to Go, Aravilla Senior Living
2 p.m.	Reader's Club, library
5 p.m.	Congregation Council, conf. room

Wednesday, May 28

9:30 a.m.	Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith, upstairs classroom
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Support Group, chapel
3:15 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel
6 p.m.	Zumba, community center

Thursday, May 29

9 a.m.	Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
4:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
5 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution

Friday, May 30

8 a.m.	Jazzercise, community center
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Saturday, May 31

8 a.m.	Jazzercise, community center
9 a.m.	Diakonia, conference room

About Faith Lutheran

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.

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