

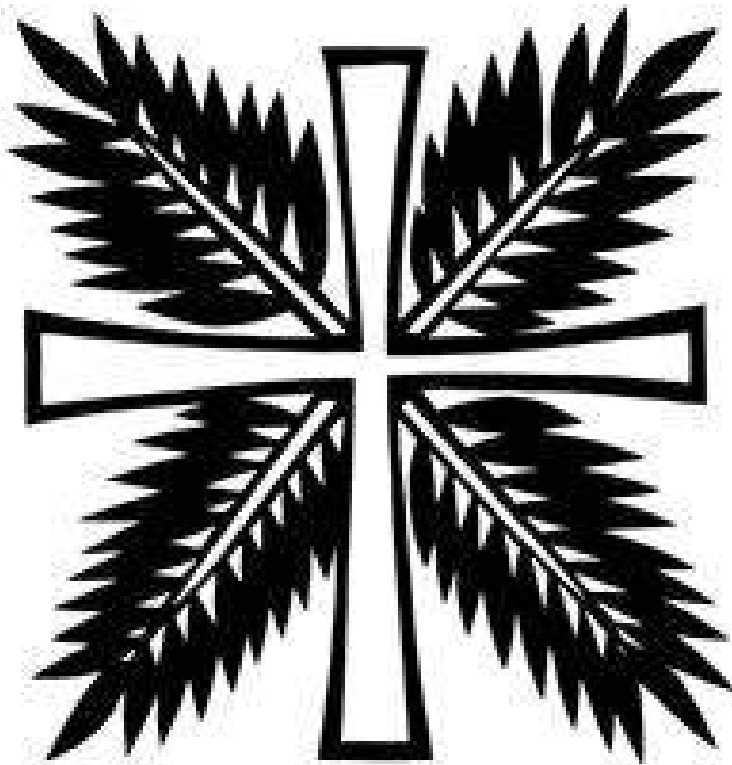


Faith Lutheran Church

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

Palm Sunday

8 a.m., April 13, 2025



Today, we follow Christ from triumphal entry to the cross, each waypoint of the journey marked by Jesus' compassion for those who would betray, mock, accuse or do violence to him. Though persecuted and beaten, Jesus, the Son of God, is not disgraced; instead, he asks forgiveness for those who put him to death.

We have walked the Lenten pathway these 40 days, each of us invited through baptism to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.

***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 Jerry Cooper
in loving memory of Misty Cooper.***

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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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Andi Zdrava

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Linda Fewell

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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

WE STAND

ACCLAMATION

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: John 12:12-13

P: ¹²The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!"

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: Please lift your palm branches for a blessing. The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today, he entered the holy city in triumph, and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we may enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344


First and last verses

We sing together

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

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.



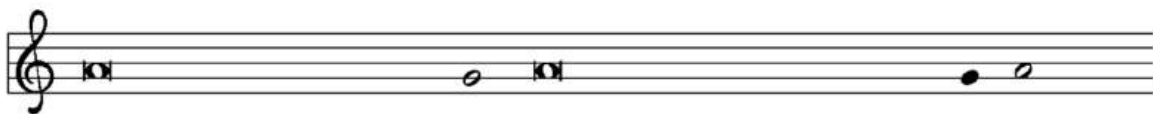
Lord, have mer - cy.



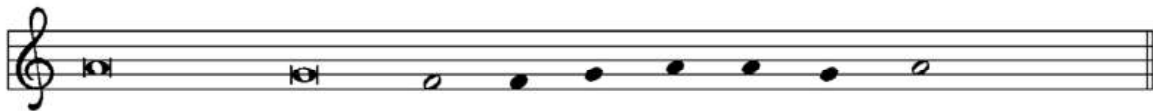
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



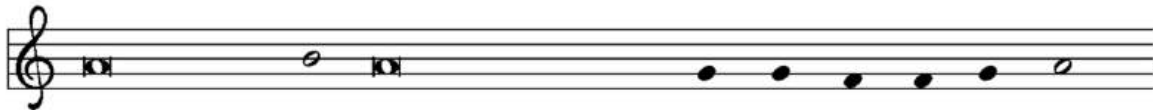
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

We sing together



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



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. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

L: A reading from Isaiah.

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 118:14-29

L: We read verses from Psalm 118 responsively.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

L: ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

L: ¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰ “This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

L: ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosanna! O Lord, save us!
We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

L: ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ The Lord is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

C: You are my God, and I will exalt you.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

L: A reading from Philippians.

- ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.”

⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

ELW 346

First and last verses

We sing together

See next page

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791-1868, alt.

Music: THE KING'S MAJESTY, Graham George, 1912-1993

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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: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world and all those in need.

L: Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations, and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. We pray that those in power will work for peace in our world, especially in Israel, Gaza, Russia, Ukraine and all areas rocked by unrest.

God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. (*pause*). God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: pastors and deacons, altar guilds and sacristans, musicians and assisting ministers, ushers and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, including Dorothy Burkhart, Joan Bridges, John White, Judi Melander and Joe Dongarra. We trust that, as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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



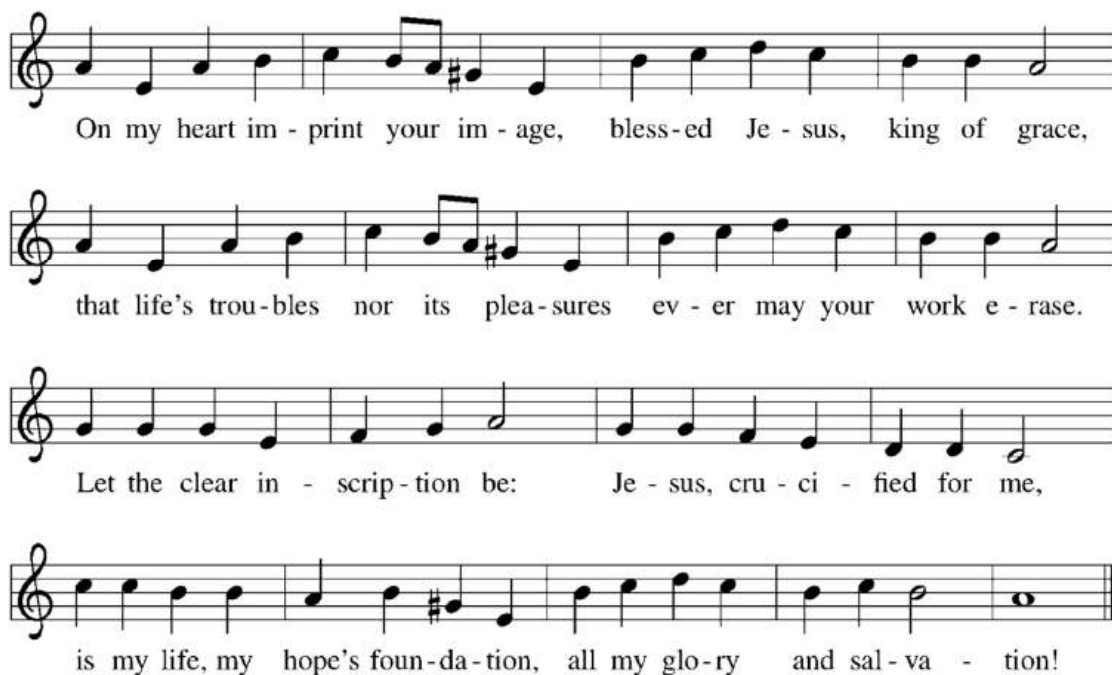
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We sing together

OFFERTORY SONG

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW 811



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,
that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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.

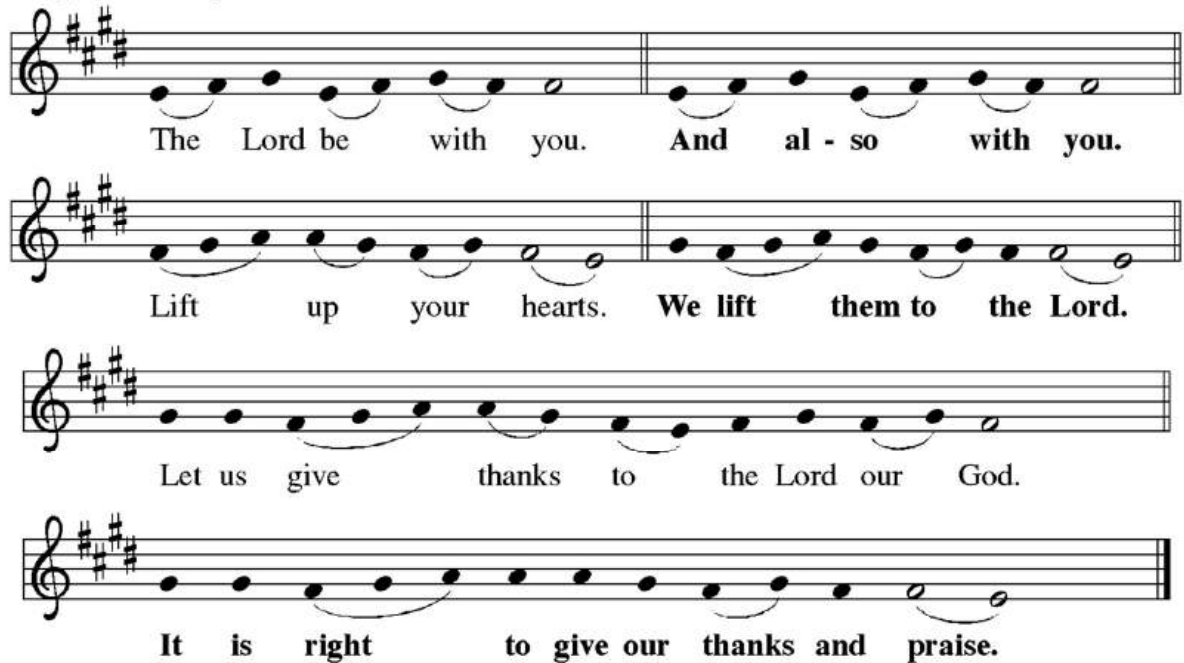
OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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.

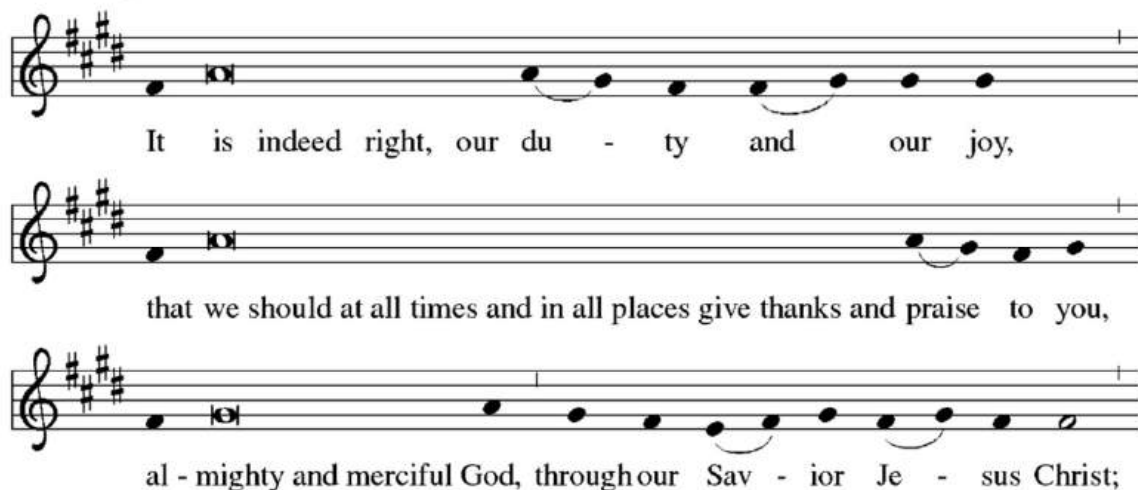
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

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, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

Detailed description: This block contains three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with stems. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has two measures, the second has two measures, and the third has two measures.

whose suffering and death gave sal - va - tion to all.

You gather your people around the tree of the cross,

trans - form - ing death in - to life.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

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: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and, with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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: All who are hungry, come!

The feast of grace is spread, and 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 Meekness and Majesty
Setting by Jack Schrader

Graham Kendrick

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. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: Receive a blessing. God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*First and last verses**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

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Andi Zdrava

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.

Remembering the Dearly Departed

A service of resurrection and life for **Judi Melander** will begin at 10:30 a.m., tomorrow, Monday, April 14, in the sanctuary. A luncheon will follow in fellowship hall. Please keep Judi's family and friends in your prayers.

Plans for a service of resurrection and life for **Joe Dongarra** are pending. Please keep his wife, Joan, and all of Joe's family and friends in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants, Judi and Joe. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Today, the group will study Lesson 3, *The Powers of Darkness*, in the "A Clash of Kingdoms" series.
 - **Women of Faith** meet for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m., tomorrow, Monday, April 14, at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, pastorp2.0@gmail.com.
 - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays 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 "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength." Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 867 2113 5300, Passcode 815433.
 - **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. Can't be there? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 4720 3661, Passcode 041291.
 - **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.
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Our Journey Through Lent to Easter Continues

Today, Palm Sunday, April 13

- 8 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary
10:15 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary
5 p.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

Wednesday, April 16

- 1 & 7 p.m. Walk the Prayer Labyrinth, community center/gym
(see announcement below)

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 7 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18

- 7 a.m. Multi-Denominational Stations of the Cross, park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave.; take a free trolley to the starting location
(see announcement below)
2 p.m. Stations of the Cross, sanctuary
7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship with choir, sanctuary

Holy Saturday, April 19

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Part One, parking lot

Easter Sunday, April 20

- 7 a.m. Easter Vigil Part Two, Memorial Garden
9 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt, fellowship hall and playground
10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

You Are Invited to an Indoor Prayer Labyrinth Walk

Join fellow worshippers at 1 p.m. or 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, in the Faith community center (gym) for a prayer labyrinth walk. Used for spiritual centering and contemplation, a labyrinth walk is a meditative practice during which participants follow a single, winding path to the center of a labyrinth and back out. Quiet and prayerful, the calming walk is a moving addition to Holy Week worship.

Be Among Worshippers at Stations of the Cross Main Street Pilgrimage

Join 27 pastors and more than 1,000 people from more than 14 denominations for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross Main Street Pilgrimage, April 18. Pastor Eric will present at Station 5. Park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm, by 7 a.m. to take the trolley to the Regal Hollywood starting point near Main and Highway 301. Trolleys begin running at 6 a.m. The procession to 14 Stations of the Cross along Main Street will begin at 7:20 a.m and will conclude with morning prayer at Church of the Redeemer.

Mary Circle Requests Personal Care Donations

Mary Circle is collecting personal-care items for Lutheran World Relief. Please place nail clippers, combs, bath-size soap and adult-size toothbrushes in the bin in the narthex. **Soap is the most-needed item.** A Thrivent grant will cover the cost of towels for the kits. If you are unable to shop, monetary contributions are welcome.

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 May 11.** 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.

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.

Daily Lenten Devotions and Prayers Continue

The Faith Evangelism Ministry team continues emailing daily Lenten devotions from Luther Seminary with the musical theme “There in God’s Garden.” Printed devotional booklets also are available in the narthex for people who do not use email.

Readers Club Meets April 28

The Faith Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the final Monday of each month. On April 28, the group will discuss *The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared For, and Understood* by Joel P. Bretscher and Kenneth C. Haugk. You can purchase the book from StephenMinistries.org (not Amazon, which has a similar title, but not this book). Come and join the conversation. Or log in via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 3904 1433, Passcode: 182787.

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facebook.com/faithlutheransrq***

LWR Requests Emergency Earthquake Relief Donations

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) workers in Myanmar and Thailand report that the devastation from the recent earthquake is worse than news reports reveal. Your donation can help LWR deliver water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies to those affected. You can donate at give.lwr.org, through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or via cash or check to Faith and designated to LWR Earthquake.

Worship to Go Needs You

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! It's a heartwarming experience in which volunteers bring worship with Holy Communion to people in care. You can participate at:

- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave.
- **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 29**, 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!

The Joy of Managing God's Blessings: Being Rich Toward God

"Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of your possessions" (Luke 12:15). In that verse, Jesus tells us, his listeners, that if we store up things only for ourselves and are not *"rich toward God,"* we will have the same fate as the Rich Fool. To be *"rich toward God"* with our money, we need to acknowledge that God is the source of all that we have and to glorify God through the use of our money. *Dear Lord, help me to be rich toward you in how I view and use my money. Amen.*

Consider Donating to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. The need is great so, if you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance. You can give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or via a cash or check contribution to Faith and designated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's Lutheran

From 3 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, be part of the crew that will cook and serve for about 70 food-insecure and homeless siblings in Christ at St. Paul's in downtown Sarasota. To volunteer, sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.

Contribute to the Easter Potluck Breakfast

The annual Easter Potluck Breakfast takes place between the two morning worship services next Sunday, April 20. Please consider bringing an egg casserole, pastry, fruit, fresh veggies or other items to share. Thank you!

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
Family & Friends of Michele Bajor
Gail Brown
Family & Friends of Dorothy Burkhart,
friend of Marlene Radesk
Dee Burlingame
Rick Chauncey, son of Wess Chauncey
Linda Craley, sister-in-law of
Dick & Jetty Zarfos
Lindsey Dacey
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd
Nancy Dandino
Tyeann Dillon
Ken Dixon, online worshipper
Family & Friends of Joe Dongarra, friend
of Lois Weaverling
Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate
Family & Friends of Christine Earp
Mark Evan
Beth Farmer, mother of Lynn Clancy
John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine Flower
Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Jon & Anita Wooton
Pete Inkrott

Family & Friends of Joan Bridges,
sister of Bill Greenaway
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
Family & Friends of Arnie Masters
Judy McMahan, friend of Kristine Ordman
Family & Friends of Judi Melander
Jay Millard, son of John & Judy Millard
John Millard
Dulce Mogan, friend of Nancy Flanagan
Valerie Nicolls, mother of Pastor Ashley Nicolls
Kathy Ocker, friend of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen
Family & Friends of Judy Osborn,
sister of Peggy Ragan
Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz
Kathy Schilio
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller
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
Family & Friends of John White
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith
Jon Wooton

Worship and Service Calendar

Upcoming Worship Services

- Prayer Labyrinth, 1 & 7 p.m. April 16
- Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. April 17
- Multi-Denominational Good Friday Stations of the Cross Downtown, 7 a.m. April 18
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 2 p.m. April 18
- Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 p.m. April 18
- Easter Vigil Part One, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19
- Easter Vigil Part Two, 7 a.m. Sunday, April 20
- Celebration of Easter, 10:15 a.m. Sunday, April 20

Most services will be live-streamed and recorded at www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service and at facebook.com/faithlutheransrq.

Sunday, April 6

Online views	181
8 a.m. in person	36
10:15 a.m. in person	150
5 p.m. in person	12

Wednesday, April 9

Online views	19
12 p.m. in person	37

Next: Easter Sunday, April 20

Acts 10:34-43

God raised Jesus on the third day.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Ps. 118:24).

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits.

Luke 24:1-12

The women proclaim the resurrection.

This Week at Faith

Monday, April 14

- 8:30 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami
- 10:30 a.m. Judi Melander Service of Resurrection and Life followed by luncheon, sanctuary/fellowship hall
- 6 p.m. Zumba, community center

Tuesday, April 15

- 8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami
- 9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library
- 12:45 p.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel
- 1:30 p.m. Worship to Go, Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore
- 6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

Wednesday, April 16

- 9:30 a.m. Executive Committee, conf. room
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel
- 1 p.m. Prayer Labyrinth, community center
- 3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel
- 7 p.m. Prayer Labyrinth, community center

Maundy Thursday, April 17

- 9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
- 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee, conf. room
- 1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, conf. room
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
- 5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, choir room
- 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18

- 7 a.m. Multi-Denominational Stations of the Cross Downtown, park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave.; take trolley to start
- 8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center
- 2 p.m. Stations of the Cross, sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship, sanctuary

Saturday, April 19

- 8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center
- 9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room
- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Part One, parking lot

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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