



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Easter Vigil Sunrise Service Liturgy of Holy Baptism

7 a.m., April 20, 2025



Lumen Christi

Welcome to this Easter Vigil, the central liturgy of the Christian year. The night on which Christ arose from the dead is the occasion for our ritual participation in that resurrection event, our passing over with Christ from death to life.

The Easter Vigil developed from the ancient Night Watch, during which the faithful would gather in churches on the night of Easter to baptize those who had been prepared during the Lenten season and to await the hour when Christ arose from the tomb.

The church's most ancient Easter service is now restored among us to give fuller expression to our celebration of the resurrection event. It is a service rich in symbolism and contrast — darkness and light, death and life, chaos and order, slavery and freedom. Through this liturgy, we are powerfully reminded of who we are and are sacramentally renewed in that Christian identity. We are people who in Holy Baptism have passed from death to life. Through our Baptism, we join the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Four Movements Comprise This Liturgy

Yesterday

- **The Liturgy of Light** centers around the large Paschal candle, which is marked to represent Christ, the Light of the World. In darkness, the people follow the Light of Christ (*Lumen Christi*), just as the pillar of fire led Israel to the promised land. The light of the Risen Lord is then spread among the people as individual candles are lit. Then the ancient Paschal proclamation, the first joyous song of Easter, is intoned.
- **The Liturgy of the Word** is a time for hearing, meditating upon and responding in song to the story of all God has done for God's people from the beginning. We are reminded that God's story is our story.

Today

- **The Liturgy of Holy Baptism** renews our own baptismal promises. It also celebrates with those who this night make their passover from death to life in the life-giving waters, with those who reaffirm their baptismal faith and join themselves with this Christian community.
- **The Liturgy of the Eucharist.** Up to this time, the vigil liturgy has been conducted in semi-darkness; now, the lights are raised, the last vestiges of Lent are removed, and we join in the Hymn of Praise, which has not been sung since the Sunday before Lent, thus restoring the joyful shout of "Alleluia!" In Holy Communion, we are called to the table where our Risen Lord himself comes to be truly present among God's people.

**This is the time in which
heavenly things are
united to those of earth
and things divine to
those which are human.
Alleluia + Alleluia + Alleluia**

THE LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM

WE STAND

READING: Romans 6:3-11

L: A reading from Romans.

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION TO THE FONT





1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth.

By the gift of water, you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood, you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan, your son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit.

By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved son has set us free from bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who have been baptized may be given new life. Continue to wash away the sins of all those who are cleansed by water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I do.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I do.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I do

P: Then hear us, O God.

WE SIT

During the litany that follows, you are sprinkled with baptismal water as a remembrance of your baptism. You may make the sign of the cross when sprinkled, just as this sign was made upon you at your baptism.

EASTER LITANY

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Hear us, O God.

P: You loved us before the world was made:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: You rescued the people of your promise:

C: Great is your love.

P: You spoke through your prophets:

C: Great is your love.

P: You gave your only Son for the life of the world:

C: Great is your love.

P: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

C: Great is your love.

P: And was born of the virgin Mary:

C: Great is your love.

P: Who by his cross and suffering has redeemed the world:

C: Great is your love.

P: And has washed us from our sins:

C: Great is your love.

P: Who on the third day rose from the dead:

C: Great is your love.

P: And has given us the victory:

C: Great is your love.

P: Who ascended on high:

C: Great is your love.

P: And intercedes for us at the right hand of God:

C: Great is your love.

P: For the gift of the Holy Spirit:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Sarah and Abraham, Isaac and Rebekah:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Gideon and Deborah, David and Esther:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Moses and Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Miriam and Rahab, Abigail and Ruth:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Mary, mother of our Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For John, who baptized in the Jordan:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Mary Magdalene and Joanna, Mary and Martha:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For James and John, Peter and Andrew:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For Paul and Apollos, Stephen and Phoebe:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For all holy men and women, our mothers and fathers in faith:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the noble band of prophets:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the glorious company of the apostles:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the white-robed army of martyrs:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: For the cherubim and seraphim, Michael and the holy angels:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Be gracious to us:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: Deliver your people:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: Give new life to these chosen ones by the grace of baptism:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: Clothe us in compassion and love:

C: Hear us, O God.

P: Bring us with all your saints to the river of life:

C: Hear us, O God.

WE STAND

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Washed and renewed in the mercy of God that endures forever, we pray for the church, the world and all creation.

Brief silence

P: Holy God, you bring us from death to life with Christ. Fill and enlighten the newly baptized. Enliven all the baptized so that your church may be a sign of resurrection in the world. Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

P: At creation, you brought forth order and life. Bring life anew to all creation: sky, earth and seas; sun, moon and stars; plants and animals. Teach us to treasure and defend what you have declared to be good. Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

P: As you delivered your people, deliver all from bondage. Bring an end to war and brutality. Raise up leaders who listen for wisdom's voice. Cause righteousness to spring up among the nations. Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

P: Your power extends to the depths of the grave. Bring hope and peace to all in the depth of sorrow or the fires of suffering. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. *(pause)* Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

P: In the first light of dawn, Jesus' resurrection was revealed. Guard all who keep vigil in the night, including those who tend to the sick, ensure public safety, work and worry. As they await the morning, may hope dawn upon them. Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

P: You drew the amazed, the terrified and the weeping to the empty tomb. Gather us with your people of all times and places to wonder at your power and rejoice in your love. Hear us, O God,
C: your mercy is great.

Here other petitions may be offered.

P: To you, Living God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one with whom we have been raised to new life, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Feel free to greet those around you with a word of peace.

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

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. 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.

THE 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 HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come. Christ has prepared the table. All are welcome!

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Verses 1 and 7

We sing together



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

WE STAND

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365

We sing together

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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Join Us Today to Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Breakfast, fellowship hall
9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt, outside (meet in narthex)
10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir,
sanctuary

Serving Today

Ministers

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

Lector

Ron Walter

