



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Midweek Worship

12 p.m., April 9, 2024



Holy Communion

As we approach Holy Week, we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us.
When we gather around the Lord's Table,
we remind ourselves and one another
of that sacrifice and how it shapes our lives.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others

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- 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.

Before today's service begins, you are welcome to approach any of the pastors to be annointed for healing.

WELCOME

WE STAND

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

C: God's mercy endures forever.

P: Blessed be God, who gives us life and salvation.

C: A gift we can never deserve or earn.

P: Given for you, for me, for all for the forgiveness of sins

C: in bread and wine, body and blood, words and presence.

P: Given in grace, received by faith.

C: Give us truly believing hearts, O God, so that we might receive this great gift.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

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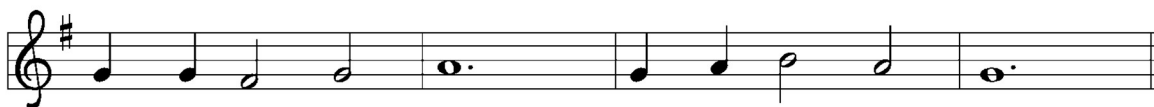
We sing together



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

GREETING

P: God who created all, who bore the cross and who dwells in us, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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

THE READING: Luke 22:14-20

L: A Reading from Luke.

¹⁴When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him.

¹⁵He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;

¹⁶for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; ¹⁸for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

¹⁹Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

²⁰And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation

MESSAGE

Holy Communion, Luther's Small Catechism

HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

We sing together

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - dianc - e stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us make confession to God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment.

But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.

For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting.

Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit, he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LUTHER'S BLESSING

P: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

**C: through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have graciously protected me today.**

**I ask you to forgive me all my sins,
where I have done wrong,**

and graciously to protect me tonight.

**Into your hands I commend myself:
my body, my soul, and all that is mine.**

**Let your holy angel be with me,
so that the wicked foe may have no power over me.**

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: Receive a blessing. God the Father, † Son and Holy Spirit watch over us all.

C: Amen.



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

TABLE PRAYER

P: Before enjoying the meal together, let's join in the common table prayer.

C: Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest; and let Thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, led by the cross of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Please join us for lunch in fellowship hall.



There is an offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

Our Journey Through Lent to Easter Continues

Lenten Wednesdays: Today

Noon Midweek Lenten Worship followed by a common meal, sanctuary/fellowship hall

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

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

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

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