

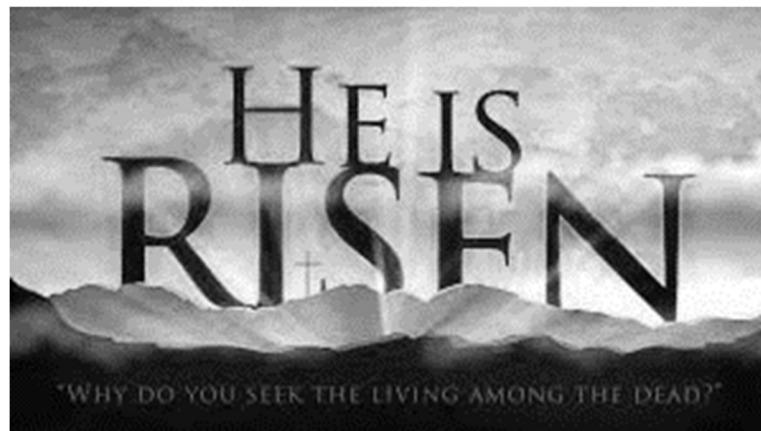


# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Resurrection of Our Lord | Easter Day**

10:15 a.m., April 20, 2025



### **Christ is risen!**

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes.

Today, Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy.

Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death.

Christ is risen, and we are forgiven.

Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed.

**Let us rejoice! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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  
Dave and Lauren Wardach  
to the glory of God.***

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Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. Larry Wright

**Lector  
Crucifer**

Mike Geysler  
Deacon Mark Greenwood

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Andi Zdrava  
Voices of Faith Choir

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Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,  
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Emily Holst

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Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson,  
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Rev. John Hilficker  
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Rev. John Spittal

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Linda Fewell

- Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation
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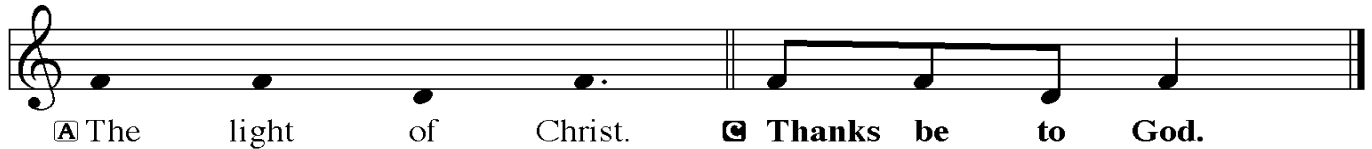
## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

### *WE STAND*

## PROCESSION TO THE FONT



*The Paschal candle is placed in the stand at the font.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: In the name of  $\text{✝}$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen!**

*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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

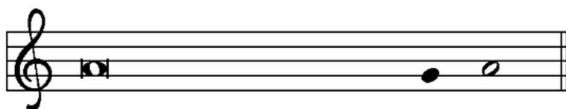
**REETING**

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

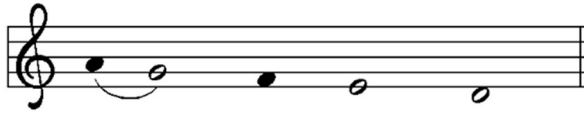
**C:** And also with you.

**KYRIE**

*We sing responsively*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



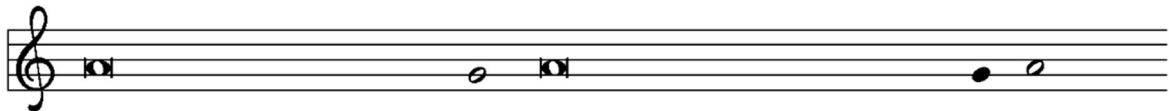
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



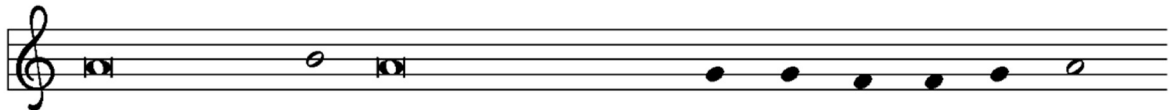
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

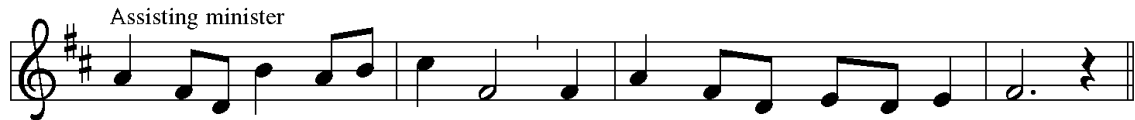


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# GLORIA

*We sing together*

Assisting minister



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

All



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. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## WE SIT

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

L: A Reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 118:24

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

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

Psalm 118:24

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**PSALMODY: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

L: <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD,  
for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation  
echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.

**C: Refrain.**

L: <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

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

**C: Refrain.**

L: <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C: Refrain.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

L: A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead



has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*WE STAND*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We sing together*

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

P: <sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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We sing together



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

**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.

*(Brief silence)*

L: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work may plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill or grieving, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. *(pause)* God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and in our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and with all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*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**



*The offering is collected at this time. Give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or at [www.faithlutheransrq.com](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Hallelujah! What a Savior!  
*Voices of Faith Choir*

Bliss/Page

*WE STAND*

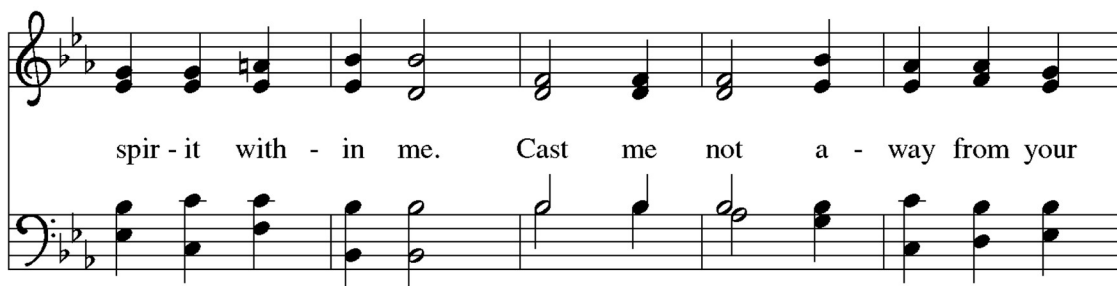
*We sing together*

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.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

## OFFERTORY 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 presiding 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 ANTHEMS**

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Table of Desire

Vivaldi

Little/Catherwood

*Voices of Faith Choir*

*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: Receive a blessing. 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**

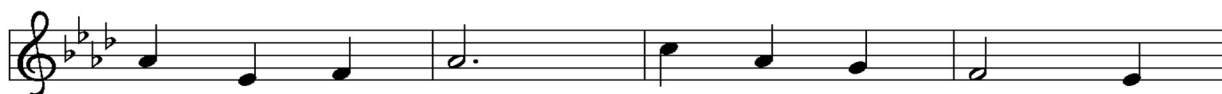
**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

**ELW 377**

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*We sing together*

# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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!**

## ***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.

## ***Lilies, Hydrangeas Given in Memory, Celebration***

The lilies and hydrangeas that adorn the altar today were given by:

- The Bolon and Puebla Families, in memory of Bob and Katie Bolon.
- Loretta Braun, in loving memory of Roy and Diana Biehayn.
- Dorcas “Dee” Burlingame, in memory of John H. Burlingame and their families.
- Paula Crotty, in memory of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Mauer Sr.
- Eloise Dettmer, in memory of loved ones.
- Michael and Julianne Geysler, in loving memory of Paul Wick and Fred Geysler.
- Mark and Ann Greenwood, in gratitude for their Faith Lutheran family.
- Dorothy Gustavson, in memory of her husband, Raymond; and parents, Otto & Lilly Stoll.
- Joan Hirsch, in memory of her husband, Hal Hirsch.
- Jerry and Kaye Kempson, to the glory of God.
- Alf and Denise Kirkeeng, in memory of their parents.
- Karen and Jerry Kolschowsky, to the glory of God.
- Karla Lewis and Michael Leonhardt, in memory of their parents.
- Florence Marer, in memory of her husband, Walter; her parents, August and Margaret Ziegler; and her daughter, Carol. And given in honor of her sons, Peter and Thomas; her daughter, Cindy; and her granddaughters, Ashley, Kaitlyn and Kailyn.
- Deb Masser, in loving memory of Bill Masser.
- John and Judy Millard, in memory of their parents.
- Olaf and Catherine Olsen, in honor of Pastor Eric Olsen and family.
- Marlene Radesk, in loving memory of Wally, Madelyn and Marilyn Radesk.
- Ingrid Velkme, in memory of her parents, Arturs and Dzidra Cirulis; and her father-in-law, Juris Velkme Sr.
- David and Lauren Wardach, to the glory of God.
- Rev. Larry and Ann Wright, in memory of their son, David.

You can take the plant(s) you ordered home after the service, or donate the plant(s) to brighten someone else’s day.

## ***Thank you, Lauren***

Special thanks to Lauren Wardach for baking the communion bread for today’s service.

## ***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 4, *The Philippine Jailers*, in the “A Clash of Kingdoms” series.
  - **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.
  - **Women of Faith** meet for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 28, at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, [pastorp2.0@gmail.com](mailto:pastorp2.0@gmail.com).
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## ***Learn about Faith Lutheran during New-Member Meet and Greet***

Are you considering membership or have questions about being a member at Faith? Join Pastor Eric and other congregation leaders for a new-member meet and greet following the 10:15 a.m. service next Sunday, April 27, in fellowship hall. Faith will receive new members during the 10:15 a.m. service May 4.

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## ***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.

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## ***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](http://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.
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### ***Readers Club Meets April 28***

The Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the final Monday of each month. 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](http://StephenMinistries.org) (not Amazon, which has a similar title, but not this book). Come to join the conversation. Or log in via Zoom, Meeting ID 840 3904 1433, Passcode 182787.

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### ***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 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!

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### ***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 currently 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](http://faithlutheransrq.com), or via cash or check to Faith that is designated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

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### ***Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul 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 in downtown Sarasota. To volunteer, sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.

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## ***Move to the Music During Zumba Class***

Zumba begins at 6 p.m. Mondays 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!

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## ***Sign Up to Donate Blood Mother's Day, May 11, at Faith***

There always is a need for blood, but the need is critical after many of our neighbors return north for the summer. Your donation on Mother's Day, May 11, at Faith can save three lives and would be a wonderful way to honor your mother.

Faith must pre-schedule at least six donors, so please register if you can donate and if your most recent donation was before March 16 (at least eight weeks before May 11). Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table. You also can sign up online at [donorportal.suncoastblood.org/register](http://donorportal.suncoastblood.org/register).

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## ***Coffee Hour Is Important! Please Volunteer!***

Coffee hour needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is provide and put out snacks, and clean up afterward. Faith can cover the cost of the snacks if you would like to volunteer but don't have resources to purchase them. Sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall.

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## ***LWR Requests 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](http://give.lwr.org), through the online giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com), or via cash or check to Faith that is designated to LWR Earthquake.

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## ***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.*

## ***Need a Ride to Church?***

Faith will pay for Uber or Lyft to bring you or others to worship or other church events. Contact Pastor Eric to make arrangements, 716-352-0055.

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## ***You Can Bring Small, Used Batteries to Faith for Recycling***

You can place small, used batteries in the box on the counter in fellowship hall.

Batteries that can be recycled are:

- Lithium Ion (Li-Ion).
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH).
- Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN).
- Non-Rechargeable Lithium.
- Rechargeable Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd).
- Single-Use Alkaline.
- Small Sealed Lead Acid (SSLA/Pb).



**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 McMahon, 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  
Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz  
Kathy Schilio  
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of  
Carolyn Winemiller  
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  
Family & Friends of John White  
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith  
Jon Wooton

# Worship and Service Calendar

## Sunday Worship Services

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

*(However, there is no 5 p.m. service today.)*

Morning services are live streamed and recorded at [www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service) and at [facebook.com/faithlutheransrq](https://facebook.com/faithlutheransrq).

## Palm Sunday, April 13

Online views	168
8 a.m. in person	40
10:15 a.m. in person	146
5 p.m. in person	11

## Next Sunday, April 27

Acts 5:27-32

*The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus.*

Psalms 118:14-29

*You are my God, and I will exalt you (Ps. 118:28).*

Revelation 1:4-8

*Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming.*

John 20:19-31

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ.*

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, April 21

6 p.m. Zumba, community center

### Tuesday, April 22

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

5 p.m. Congregation Council, conf. room

6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

### Wednesday, April 23

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel

3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

### Thursday, April 24

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall

10:30 a.m. Men's Study Group, 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

### Friday, April 25

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

7 p.m. Four-Hands Concert featuring Andi Zdrava and Jesse Martin on piano, sanctuary

### Saturday, April 26

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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