



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

New beginnings. New life.

He  is
Risen

APRIL 4, 2021

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

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Welcome to Faith: *We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a new visitor to Faith, or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to pastor after the worship service.*

Communion: *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

To the Parents of Young Children: *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If your child wants to doodle, paper and pencils are available at the welcome desk. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery (which also has a changing table). There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. Above all, we are glad that you are here at Faith with your children!*

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EASTER

"It's All about Life!"

April 4, 2021

AS WE GATHER

First thing on Easter morning; it is about death---but the death that gives us life. When we left this room it was empty. It was all we could do to look at the cross---a cross that was made by us and our sin---and the Savior who willingly went there for us. But the cross was not the end of the story. It is all about the life that flowed from this cross, down into hell, through the empty tomb, spilling out into a world unprepared for its good news. But to a Peter who had lived with the haunting sound of a rooster's crow for three days and a world bound by sin and death, it is time to rejoice again. Life has triumphed! Death has not overcome it! Because He lives, we shall live also!

EASTER GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: He is not there!

People: Look at the place where they laid Him!

Pastor: He is risen, just as He said!

People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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 ye 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!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father. Holy and gracious God,

People: **I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know---the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of the risen Jesus Christ I ask You to forgive me all my sins. Deliver me from my guilt and death and raise me up to forgiveness and life that my heart may finally be at peace. Amen.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore

forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6, adapted*

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE - This Is the Feast (Divine Service Setting One)

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might
save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you,
which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved,
if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was
buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he
appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are
still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then
to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to
me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what
I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked
harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is
with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Rejoicing in His victory over sin and death, we come before You, Father, pleading on behalf of Jesus Christ to hear our prayers and grant our supplications.

Pastor: Cast off the veil of fear, darkness, and unbelief that we, Your people, may rejoice in the boundless hope afforded to us by Jesus' sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection. Help us keep this feast in hearts that trust in what He has accomplished for us and do not waver from this hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Fill Your Church with Your Spirit, that we may live out the hope that is within us and witness to the world the wonderful deeds that Christ has done. Bless all pastors, missionaries, church workers, and those who lead us on every level of the Church, that we may accomplish Your bidding and Your kingdom may come through our faithful proclamation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bring the news of Your victory to every corner of the earth and to every people living in darkness and the shadow of death. Cause all the leaders of the nations to work for peace, that everywhere there may be freedom to proclaim the Gospel and to worship without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Visit the dwellings of Your people that in their sorrows they may be comforted, in their troubles they may have peace, and in their struggles they may find relief. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Come to the aid of all those wounded in body or spirit, the sick and hospitalized, those recuperating from illness and surgery, and those in their last days on earth, that everyone who calls to You may know Your presence, Your peace, Your healing grace, and the full consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Be with those underemployed and unemployed. Be with the poor and those in need, and lead us by Your grace to share with them what You have so generously supplied to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Equip us with Your Spirit and with faith, that we who come to Your table may be ready to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, to strengthen our lives in Christ and enable us to complete the good works that glorify You. Bless our song of praise and the tithes and offerings borne of a grateful heart and a living faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You know us better than we know ourselves. Grant to us only that which is wholesome and good for us and profitable for our salvation and keep from us all things harmful. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

People: 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joyce and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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SILENT PRAYER

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