

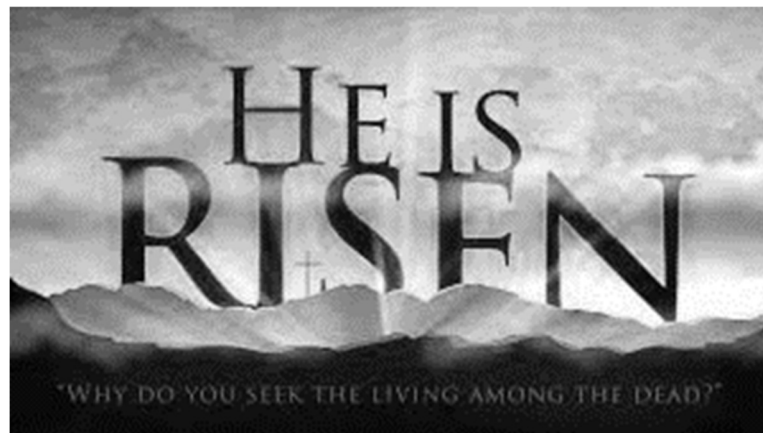


# Faith Lutheran Church

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

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

10:15 a.m., March 31, 2024



### **Christ is risen!**

Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever.

With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love and depart to share this good news with all the world.

**Alleluia!**

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

***Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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**All the 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  
Marlene Radesk  
in loving memory of Marilyn Radesk.**

**Presiding Ministers**

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

**Crucifer  
Lector**

Lars Olsen  
Jim Winemiller

**Director of Music/Organist  
Cantor  
Vocals**

David V. Patrick  
Tom Tryon  
Voices of Faith Choir

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Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz,  
Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,  
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Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Scott Rice,  
Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

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**Congregation Council**

Scott Rice, president; Lauren Wardach, vice  
president; Mark Nelson, secretary; Anita  
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Ann Greenwood; Peggy Ragan; Joan Searles

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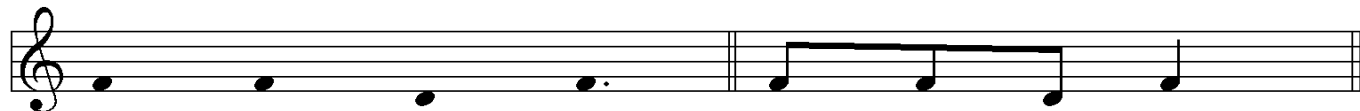
- Noted throughout the service - **P**: Presiding Minister    **L**: Lector    **C**: **Congregation**
- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*WE STAND*

## PROCESSION TO THE FONT



♩ The light of Christ. ♪ Thanks be to God.

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

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool, the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river, your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life. Alleluia!**

*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

**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 above, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 u - ni - ty 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*

*Refrain*

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

1 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.

*Refrain*

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

2 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.

*Refrain*

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

3 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.

*Refrain*

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

## 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

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us re-joice 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 15:1-11**

L: A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.



<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

<sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

<sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been 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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

### **GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

P: <sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body].

<sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

<sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*WE SIT*

**SERMON**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

*WE STAND*

**HYMN OF THE DAY The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done**

**ELW 366**

*We sing together*



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious  
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## **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**

*Following each prayer petition, we respond:*

... Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*As the prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**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!

Philip Bliss and Anna Laura Page

*Voices of Faith Choir*

Man of sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He; full atonement can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; "It is finished," was His cry; now in heaven exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, all the ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing: "Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

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## 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

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows the vocal line with lyrics: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system of musical notation concludes the phrase. The treble staff has lyrics: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -". The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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,

*The presiding minister continues, then concludes ...*

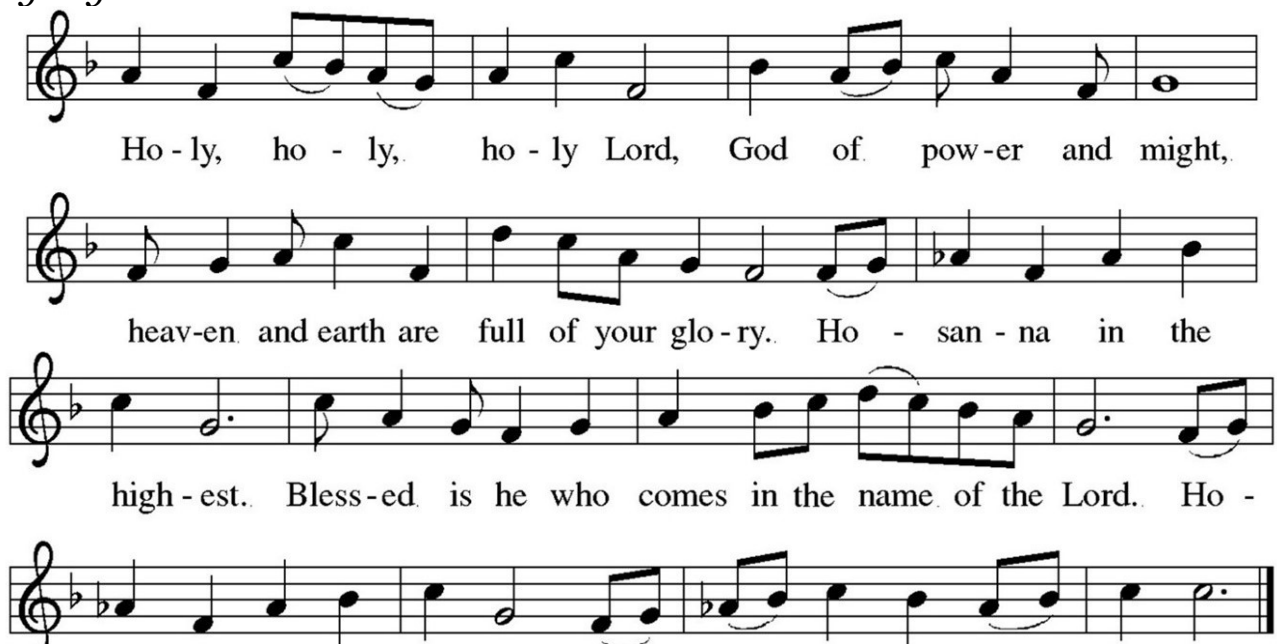


we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*We sing together*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P:** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ...

... 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.



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*WE SIT*

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.*

**COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you ... The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

Variations on "Wondrous Love"

David Lasky

*David V. Patrick, organ*

*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. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**HALLELUJAH CHORUS FROM *MESSIAH***

G.F. Handel

*Voices of Faith Choir*

**BLESSING**

P: Receive a blessing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen!**



We sing together

Verses 1 and 5



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!



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



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

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 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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## DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony V

C.M. Widor

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

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

- Anonymous donors.
- The Bolon & Puebla Families, in memory of Bob Bolon.
- Loretta Braun, in loving memory of Roy and Diana Biehayn.
- Dorcas “Dee” Burlingame, in memory of John H. Burlingame & their families.
- Eloise Dettmer, in memory of loved ones.
- Michael & Julianne Geysler, to the glory of God.
- The Giannini family, in celebration of Ray’s birthday.
- Mark & Ann Greenwood, in loving memory of Ann’s parents, Matthias & Josephine Goebel; & Mark’s sister, Sherry Greenwood.
- Dorothy Gustavson, in memory of her husband, Raymond; & parents, Otto & Lilly Stoll.
- Joan M. Hirsch, in memory of her husband, Hal Hirsch.
- Darrel & Mary Lou Huggins, in memory of their parents.
- Jerry & Kaye Kempson, to the glory of God.
- Alf & Denise Kirkeeng, in honor of and thanksgiving for the family of Faith Lutheran.
- Gerald & Karen Kolschowsky, in thanksgiving for blessings received.
- Susan Lehmann, to the glory of God.
- Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt, in memory of their parents.
- Les & Janice Lorenz, in memory of their mothers, Renata Lorenz & Jane Gillespie.
- Florence Marer, in memory of her husband, Walter; her parents, August & Margaret Ziegler; Carol; & loved ones.
- Deborah Masser, in loving memory of Bill Masser.
- Patty McKee, in memory of her husband, Donald McKee.
- John & Judy Millard, in memory of loved ones.
- Gail Murphy, in memory of her husband, Brion Murphy.
- Rev. Eric & Lisa Olsen, in thanksgiving for Olaf & Catherine Olsen.
- Olaf & Catherine Olsen, in honor of the Olsen family.
- Donna Pappalardo, in memory of loved ones.
- Marlene Radesk, in memory of Wally, Madelyn & Marilyn Radesk.
- Scott Rice, in memory of family.
- Joan Searles, in memory of parents, Christian and Clara Fick; & siblings & friends.
- Candace & Rod Secrest, in memory of loved ones.
- Ingrid Velkme, in memory of her parents, Arturs & Dzidra Cirulis.
- Susan Wakefield, in memory of Helen Mojo.
- David & Lauren Wardach, in memory of John Wardach.
- Doug & Aylene Weaver, in memory of Cheryl Weaver & John Brett.
- Rev. Larry & Ann Wright, in memory of their son, David.
- Joan & Conrad Zabor, in memory of their parents, Gertrude & Edward Kulakowski, & Thaddeus & Genevieve Zabor.
- Dick & Jetty Zarfos, in praise and thanksgiving for **all** God’s blessings.

If you donated a plant, you can take it home after the service or donate it to brighten someone else’s day.

## ***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.

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### ***Sunday School Seeks Volunteers for Family and Child Ministry Team***

**Would you like to be part of a team that welcomes more families to Faith? Please join the new Family and Child Ministry team!** Children need Jesus. They need to hear Bible stories, have relationships with church members and be nurtured in a community of faith. Like all of us, they need to grow in spiritual understanding, and learn about God's will and the sacrificial love of Christ. You can help! **Contact Deborah Dornemann, director of Family and Child Ministry, [familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com) or 941-914-7553, to learn how you can help grow the Family and Child Ministry at Faith.**

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### ***Join in Prayer and Bible Study***

- **Adult Forum meets between services in the conference room.** Next week, participants will study Lesson 5, "I Led You Like a Bride – A Wedding at Sinai," in Volume 9, "Fire on the Mountain/Displaying God to a Broken World," in the "That the World May Know" video series.
  - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 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 "Be Still and Know – A Study of Rest and Refuge."
  - **The Prayer 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 attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.**
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### ***Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays***

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel.** If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you. There is strength and hope in community.

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## ***Attend Comedy Class Show to See Faith Friends ‘Stand Up’***

Mark your calendars and prepare to be entertained during the **Here I Stand Up Class Comedy Show Graduation, Sunday, April 7, in the gym. Doors open at 1:30 p.m., and the fun begins at 2 p.m.** For a free-will donation, you can smile and laugh through the event while enjoying light refreshments (\$20 value). All proceeds will benefit the Here I Stand Up Comedy Ministry. **Along with comedy "professor" Al Ernst, featured performers include Faith's own Gail Lidinsky, Scott Rice and Pastor Eric Olsen.** Be there to experience the fun of living in faith.

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## ***Stewardship: Easter!***

Life is not always pleasant. In fact, it can be downright tough as it deals us one harsh blow after another. War, rejection, sickness, financial difficulties, unemployment, death of loved ones, tragedies of one sort or another. That's how it was on Good Friday as Jesus was in the tomb. The world seemed to be falling apart. But as one pastor observed, "It may be Friday, but Sunday's coming!" Jesus rose from the dead Resurrection Sunday morning to prove that he is the King of Kings. He is the victor who has conquered sin and death. That's why we have liberty in place of bondage and joy instead of sorrow. Because he lives, we shall live also!

And that's the message of hope that we are proclaiming through the ministry of Faith Lutheran. But as with almost anything of value, there's a cost associated with proclaiming the good news of the resurrection. It costs money to keep the lights and heat on, to hire staff, to pay for the building and its upkeep, to buy music and Sunday School literature and more. And volunteers must invest time and talents to keep things going. That's why, as you consider all that we have as Christians because of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, you might consider a special offering to this ministry. Perhaps you would view it as a praise and thanksgiving offering for the resurrection. Or maybe you would view it as an Easter memorial to the great sacrifice Christ made on the cross. Whatever you call it, as you pray about what God would have you do, you may be sure that what you give will be used to share the good news of Resurrection Sunday.

**It may be Friday, but Sunday's coming! Praise God!**

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## ***Faith Food Pantry Needs Your Donations***

The Faith Food Pantry distributes food for about 200 people each week! Help care for our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the barrel in fellowship hall. Thank you!

## ***Faith Mission Endowment Fund Committee is Excited about New Ministries***

The Faith Mission Endowment Fund Committee has welcomed new and returning members: Ann Greenwood, chairperson; Patty McKee, vice chairperson; Denise Kirkeeng, secretary; Terry Copper, treasurer; Rev. John Spittal, finance assistant; Marlene Radesk, marketing; and Karen Kolschowsky, grant coordinator. They are committed and passionate about helping to fund new ministries that are not within the current church budget. If you have a need, idea or question, please see any committee member. They are here for you and want to hear from you!

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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 Sunday, May 12.** 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).
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### ***Kids and Families: Register for VBS***

Register now for **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp, July 22-26 at Faith.** It will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday of that week, and will conclude at noon Friday with a special program for families and friends. There is **no cost to attend, and lunch and snacks are included!** Taught by trained teachers from Camp Luther Springs, VBS will include Bible study, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature studies and more. Look for details and the registration form in the Faith Friday Update email. To ask questions or get a hard copy of the registration form, contact Deborah Dornemann, [familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com) or 941-914-7553.

## ***Adult Bible Study Resumes April 10***

The spring session of Adult Bible Study will focus on chapters from a favorite resource: “**Reading Biblical Literature**,” with Dr. Craig R. Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. **Each one-hour session begins at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, April 10-May 15, in the second-floor classroom.**

Pastor Larry will lead the six-part study, which will cover Violence and Kindness in the Promised Land (Joshua, Judges and Ruth); Elijah, The Troubler of Israel; Biblical Wisdom Literature (Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job); Psalms: The Bible’s Songbook; Luke on the World Upside Down; and John on the Word Made Flesh.

You don’t have to register, but please **indicate your intent to attend by signing the sheet on the narthex table or contacting the church office, 941-924-4664 or [officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com).**

Light refreshments provided! Great discussion! Fun fellowship! You are invited!

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### ***ABOUT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH***

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.

### ***RECEIVE THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES***

To receive the latest news and updates from Faith Lutheran, subscribe to our weekly Friday Update at [www.faithlutheransrq.com](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com) or email [communications@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:communications@faithlutheransrq.com).



# Worship and Service Calendar

## Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Live-streamed and recorded at:

[www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service)

## Sunday, March 24

Online views 146

8 a.m. in person 44

10:15 a.m. in person 182

## Sunday, April 7

### First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

The believers' common life.

### Psalmody

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (*Ps. 133:1*)

### Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

Walking in the light.

### Gospel

John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ.

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, April 1

### Tuesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, library

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

### Wednesday, April 3

10:30 a.m. Prayer Group, chapel

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

### Thursday, April 4

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep

5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

6:30 p.m. Confirmation, conf. room

### Friday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9 a.m. Diakonia, conf. room

10 a.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

### Sunday, April 7

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, conf. room

9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

10:25 a.m. Sunday School, classroom

2 p.m. Here I Stand Up Comedy Class  
Show Graduation, gym

# ***Prayer List***

*Please remember in your prayers this week:*

Marsha Anderson, sister of Gail Murphy  
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at  
    Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Tim Anderson, son-in-law of Dick and Jetty Zarfos  
Kara Ashby, granddaughter of Pete & Carole Inkrott  
George and James Ball, brothers of Alix Giannini  
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old  
    friend of Alyene Weaver  
Chuck Banta  
Chloe Bennenthum, friend of Gail Murphy  
Sean & Rebekah Brett, son and daughter-in-law  
    of Alyene Weaver  
Charles Budreau  
Jason Byrne, friend of Anita Wooton  
Elise Carmona  
Evelyn Conlon  
John Conlon, son of Evelyn Conlon  
Jordan Demers, cousin of Hannah Boyd  
Eloise Dettmer  
Philomena Dimichelle, friend of Conrad Zabor  
Ken Dixon  
Ryan and Valerie Donahue  
Elizabeth Farmer  
Judy & Robert Ferguson  
Carolyn & Marty Friedman,  
    friends of Marlene Radesk  
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler  
Andrea Gamboa  
Amanda Gerber,  
    daughter of Sandy Gerber  
Laurie Good, friend of Ann Greenwood  
Paula Haas, friend of Eloise Dettmer  
Jon Hale  
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen  
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles  
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head  
Michael Helpin, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Christiana Holmes  
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of  
    Anita and Jon Wooton

Tesa Inkrott,  
    granddaughter of Pete & Carole Inkrott  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Jacqueline Laurent,  
    friend of Margaret Borrows  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
    Michael Leonhardt  
Lois Light  
Shirley Manning, friend of Margaret Borrows  
Paul & Debby Maresch  
Vincenzo Mariani, friend of Conrad Zabor  
Annabelle Martone  
Kathleen McBride  
Judi Melander  
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins  
Beverly Novak, cousin of Patty McKee  
Olaf Olsen, father of Pastor Eric Olsen  
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan  
James & Virginia Pease  
Fran Perkins  
Wally Pina  
Kristen Pizan  
Marlene Radesk  
Fritz Rappold  
Gabriel Rockwell  
Ted and Carol Rodi  
Floyd Ryder  
Phillip Schlueter  
Family of Jenniffer Shaffer  
Rev. John Spittal  
Family & friends of Cathy Stubenvoll  
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino  
Werner Thomsen, brother of John Thomsen  
Colette Thornbloom  
David Turnbull  
Alyene Weaver  
Jon Wooton

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- **Contact [communications@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:communications@faithlutheransrq.com)** if you have an **addition to the Prayer List.** Please send updates when prayers are answered.