



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Midweek Worship

12 p.m., April 2, 2024



Baptism

Dying to our own sinful selves in baptism,
we rise from the waters as beloved children of God.

We are walking through these 40 days of Lent,
reminded daily that we are dead to sin.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others

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

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

WELCOME

WE STAND

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: The name in which we baptize.

P: What is baptism?

C: It is water used at God's command and connected with God's word.

P: What gifts does baptism grant?

C: It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

P: How can water do such great things?

C: The water does not do this alone, but the word of God with and alongside of the water – and faith.

P: This is a grace-filled water of life.

C: A bath of new birth in the Holy Spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

As the Deer Runs to the River

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We sing together



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Refrain
 Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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 Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950
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GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of compassion, you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism, clothe us with garments of your grace, and surround us with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

THE READING: Romans 6:1-14

L: A Reading from Romans.

¹What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?

²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹²Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Silence for meditation

MESSAGE

Baptism, Luther's Small Catechism



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us make confession to God.

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

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

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

Amen.

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

C: Amen.

LUTHER'S BLESSING

P: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

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

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

and graciously to protect me tonight.

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

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

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: Receive a blessing. People of God, you have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer you who live, but it is Christ who lives in you. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

TABLE PRAYER

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

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

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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Please join us for lunch in fellowship hall.



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

Our Journey Through Lent to Easter Continues

Lenten Wednesdays: Today and April 9

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

Palm Sunday, April 13

8 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir,
sanctuary

5 p.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18

7 a.m. Multi-Denominational Stations of the Cross, park at Church of the
Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave.; take a free trolley to the starting location

2 p.m. Stations of the Cross, sanctuary

7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship with choir, sanctuary

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Part One, parking lot

Easter Sunday, April 20

7 a.m. Easter Vigil Part Two, Memorial Garden

9 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt, fellowship hall and playground

10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir,
sanctuary

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