

*April 25, 2021*

*Easter 4*

*ELW 3*

*We welcome you with  
open arms and hearts!*

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We are a family of God “because God first loved us.” (1 John 4:19) Because you are here, you are part of the family—Welcome.

If you are new to Faith, we would like to be in touch with you.

Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or [faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com).

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!**

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## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

### **Prelude**

*(A Time for Mediation and prayer)*

Amber Richardson, Accompanist

Tom Anderson, Guitarist

### **Call To Worship**

Celeste Pogachar

### **Greetings & Prayer Requests**

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

**ALL: And also with you!**

*AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers Today we are using ELW Setting 3, found on page 138 of the red hymnal..*

## Gathering Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

ELW # 385 Vv.1,3,4



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
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:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice 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!

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## The Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ELW p. 94

PM: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**All: Amen.**

PM: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

PM: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

PM: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, Our sins are forgiven.

**ALL: Amen**

### **The Kyrie** (*spoken*)

ELW p. 138

AM: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For the peace from above and for our salvation,

Let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: 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.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their

Worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

AM: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **All: Amen.**

### **The Hymn of Praise**

“This Is the Feast”

ELW p.140

### **Prayer of the Day**

AM: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

AM: Let us pray.

**ALL: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with**

**you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **God Speaks To Us in the Word**

### **The First Reading**

Acts 4:5-12

**Lector:** A reading from Acts Chapter 4:

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is  
    'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
    it has become the cornerstone.'  
<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### **Psalm 23**

**Lector:** Today's Psalm is Psalm 23

*Read by All*

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **The Second Reading**

**1 John 3:16-24**

**Lector:** The Reading is from First John the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter:

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**L:** Holy wisdom, Holy word...

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Kids Talk**

Pastor Paul Anderson

**Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Gospel Reading****John 10:11-18**

PM: The Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter:

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord!**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

PM : This is The Gospel of the Lord

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

Pastor Paul Anderson

*Refrain*  
All

Shep- herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

death in - to life, life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep- herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead - ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Refrain*

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban - quet of love in the face of

ha - tred, crown - ing me with love be - yond my pow'r to hold.

*Refrain*

Leader or All

5 Sure - ly your kind - ness and mer - cy fol - low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for - ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All

Shep - herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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## The Apostles' Creed

ELW p. 105

AM: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

**ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*(AM: please be seated for the prayers)*

## The Prayers of the Church

ELW #232

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

**Let my prayers rise up like incense before you,  
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you (x2)**

*A brief silence.*

Loving Shepherd, you know your own and your own know you. Your voice calls us to your loving embrace. Strengthen your church throughout the world that we bear witness to your expansive love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Shepherd, you are generous with the gifts of goodness and mercy. Restore your creation to wholeness so that cities and towns, countryside and wilderness, may abound with life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Hope-giving Shepherd, the nations and peoples are your heritage. Place into the hearts of all leaders and rulers the passion to serve. Crucify any desire to overpower others and give leaders joy in lifting up the lowly.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**



Abiding Shepherd, your love flows as we reach out to those around us. Move us with your Spirit, so that we lay down our lives for those in need (*especially*). Help us love one another in truth and action. Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Saving Shepherd, you restore us to wholeness. Help our community in our life together and give us vigor as a people of faith. In the midst of challenges and opportunities (*specific concerns may be named*), fill us anew with you Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal Shepherd, you hold us securely in your loving hands. In the assurance of resurrection hope, we remember our loved ones who have died in you. Bring us, with them, to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Let my prayers rise up like incense before you,  
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you (x2)**

### **Pass the Peace**

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you, and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

### **The Offering**

“We Are An Offering”

ELW #692

### **Offering Prayer**

AM: Let us pray. God of love,

**ALL: you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.**

**Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved**

**Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ***Jesus Comes to Us In His Supper***

*Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever.*

*Communion will be served in individual portions*

### **Words of Institution**

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,  
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty

Father, now and forever.      **All: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

**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.**

## **Distribution**

PM: Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. So come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you!

## **Blessing:**

PM: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep, and unite us, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

AM: Wellspring of joy,

**ALL: through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# God Sends Us Into The World

## Benediction

PM: May the Christ who walks on wounded feet  
Walk with you on the road.  
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands  
Stretch out your hands to serve.  
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart  
Open your hearts to love.  
May you see the face of Christ in ev'ryone you meet,  
And may ev'ryone you meet see the face of Christ in you.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

### Sending Song

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW #789



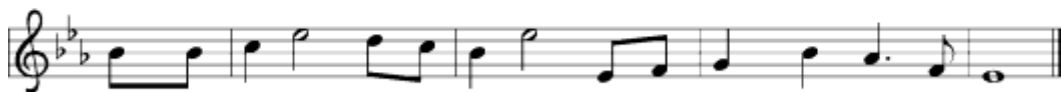
1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

## Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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***Pray for our Members and Friends...Please call or email us with your prayer requests.***



**Prayers for safety and healing:** Richard Castor, Terilee, Darcie Darlington, Deidra Markette, Garrett Park, Kerry Lee, Carl Wooleck, Crystal, Lonnah H, Jacob, Nev, Racquel, Pat, Carl, Wanda Huddleson, Shirley McGourty, Morry Mitteness, Millie and Erv Unruh.

Richard Castor

### Prayers for comfort:

**Discovery:** Clara Felton

**The Beehive:** Yvonne Olson

**Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

**Remington:** Chuck Olson

**Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty

**At Home:** Bertie Senn

## Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

### Today April 25

### May 2

<b>Accompanist</b>	Amber Richardson	Colleen Southwick
<b>Guitarist</b>	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
<b>Call To Worship</b>	Celeste Pogachar	Scott Southwick
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandy Russ	
<b>Lector</b>	Deb Cathey	
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Carl Russ	Scott Southwick
<b>Projection</b>	Rod Pogachar	

