

# PRELUDE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: worshipping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name.

### **GATHERING**

### **ENTRANCE HYMN**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

ELW#385

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

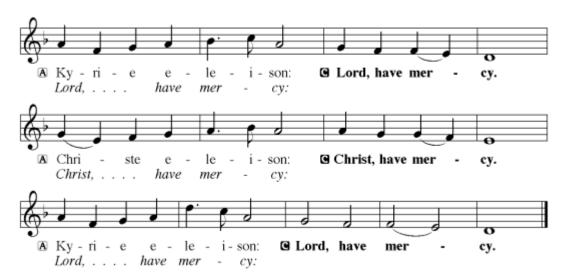
#### **GREETING**

A: 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.

A: Any prayer requests?

### **KYRIE**



### **HYMN OF PRAISE**





### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The salutation may precede the prayer.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us Pray. (The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:)

C: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### **WORD**

#### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

L: A reading from Acts.

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

### **PSALM** 116:1-4, 12-19

- <sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
- <sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.
- <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?
- <sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.
- <sup>15</sup>Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.
- <sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
- <sup>19</sup>in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

### **SECOND READING**

L: A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

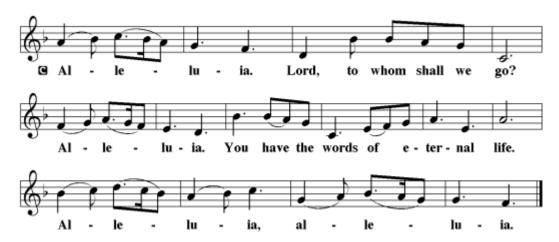
<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

After the reading:

L: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

### **GOSPEL ACCLIMATION**



GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

<sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

<sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" WOV#671

### Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord; Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the king of creation. *Refrain*
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ; Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
- 4 God has proclaimed the just reward; Life for all people, alleluia. *Refrain*
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

#### **CREED**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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

### THE PRAYERS

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

### A brief silence.

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives (*like Toyohiko Kagawa, whom we commemorate today*). Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who horde resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

### Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints (*especially*). As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

#### Amen

### **MEAL**

#### **PEACE**

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

C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



### After the gifts have been presented...

A: Let us pray.

Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.** 

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,... ...almighty, Father, now and forever.

C: Amen

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

#### **COMMUNION & COMMUNION SONGS**



"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

WOV#767

### Refrain

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

- Each little flower that opens,
   each little bird that sings,
   God made their glowing colors,
   God made their tiny wings. Refrain
- The purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

- The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them ev'ry one. Refrain
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. Refrain

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

ELW#488

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness, come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render. Bless the one whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded; Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, eagerly and gladly greet him.
  There he stands already knocking; quickly, now, your gate unlocking, open wide the fast-closed portal, saying to the Lord immortal:
  "Come, and leave your loved one never; dwell within my heart forever."

- Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder that the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless; with the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given. Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation.
- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, truest friend, and dearest treasure, peace beyond all understanding, joy into all life expanding: humbly now, I bow before you, love incarnate, I adore you; worthily let me receive you, and, so favored, never leave you.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

### **CANTICLE**



### **PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ out Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen

### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SENDING SONG

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW#367

- Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say:

  "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.