

# Faith Lutheran Church

# April 9, 2023 8am and 10am Sunday of the Resurrection ELW Setting 3

## We welcome you with open arms and open hearts!

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

We're 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 here for the first time, please complete a response card found in the pews and put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

# God Gathers The Body Of Christ

#### **Prelude**

Susan Peterson, Accompanist

#### **Call To Worship**

PM: God is alive... All: New birth is given.

PM: Hope is alive... All: A new age is dawning.

PM: Joy is alive... All: Redemption is here.

PM: Love is Alive... All: Death cannot harm us.

PM: We are alive... All: New life is within us.

PM: The church is alive... All: God's Spirit is within us.

PM: God of life, we worship you

All: God of creation, we praise you.

PM: God of revelation, we learn from you.

All: God of resurrection, we are here to celebrate you.

# **Gathering** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW#365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia! now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

# **Easter Greeting**

AM: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia! (3x)

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?

# Hymn of Praise "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW#855, vs. 1&2

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

  Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

## **Prayer of the Day**

AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

AM: Let us pray:

All: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

God Speaks To Us In The Word

Reading Acts 10:34-43

**Lector:** A reading from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts:

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

<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."

#### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

<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.

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.

<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.

<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.

Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

# **Lector:** A reading from Colossians, Chapter 3:

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word. All: Thanks be to God. Kids' Talk

**Gospel Acclamation** 

"Alleluia"

ELW Setting 3, p.142

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

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

PM: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 28:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

PM: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Song

"Christ Is Alive"

Pastor Paul Anderson ELW#389 vs. 1,2&5

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
  The cross stands empty to the sky.
  Let streets and homes with praises ring.
  Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,

but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise. The Nicene Creed ELW p.104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from

Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

# Amen

## The Prayers of the Church

AM

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

#### A brief silence.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for (Dietrich Bonhoeffer and) all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world (places of concern or conflict may be named) that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized (especially) and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise (especially), free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

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**

#### **Pass the Peace**

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

All: And also with you.

**Offering** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW#186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.

# **Offering Prayer**

AM: 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: as you trust the God you meet in Jesus, you are 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. If you are not yet baptized, we invite you to speak to the pastor about receiving the touch of God's love and leadership through the water and word of baptism as well.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

ELW Setting 3, p.144

PM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

PM: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PM: It is indeed right...

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

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### **Words of Institution**

**WOV** p.37

PM: ...all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,

now and forever.

All: Amen

PM: Let us pray the prayer the Lord taught us to pray:

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**

# God Sends Us Into The World

# **Blessing**

PM: May the Lord strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

# **Post Communion Prayer**

PM: Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### **Benediction**

PM: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

#### All: Amen

#### Announcements

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

#### Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won! 2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Refrain

#### **Dismissal**

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

AM: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Postlude**

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Easter Breakfast following 1<sup>st</sup> service and benefits our college scholarship fund. Come on in and enjoy some great food and even better company!



BIBLE CAMP SUNDAY, Sunday, April 16