



April 18, 2021

Easter 3

Now the Feast and Celebration

***We welcome you
with open arms and open 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.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude (*A time for prayer and meditation*) Susan Peterson, Accompanist

(*Now the Feast Liturgy* is located inside the back cover of the red hymnal.)

Call To Worship Celeste Pogachar

Welcome and Prayer Requests

AM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion 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. No formal offering will be taken today, please leave in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.

AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)

Gathering Hymn

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW#367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings; "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing; "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife, "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

PM: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*)

Most merciful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

PM: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

All: Thanks be to God!

Kyrie (*Sung*)

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AM: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the...

Refrain:

All: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

AM: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... (*Refrain*)

AM: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... (*Refrain*)

AM: Help, save and defend us, O God.

All: Amen.

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory forever more!**

**1) Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. (*Refrain*)**

**2) Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. (*Refrain*)**

3) For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of

Prayer of the Day (*Sung*)

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AM: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

AM: Let us pray. (*Spoken*)

**All: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and
you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of
life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your
Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

(AM: please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks To Us In The Word

The First Lesson

(Sparks Bible pg 506)

Acts 3:12-19

Lector: A reading from the 3rd chapter of Acts:

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Psalm 4

Lector: Today’s Psalm is Psalm 4

(Lector: Give response directions to congregation)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine abound.

**⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. R**

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

Lector: A reading from the 3rd chapter of first John:

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be, has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God

Kids Talk

Nancy Osborn

(AM: *Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*)

Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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All: Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Gospel

(Sparks Bible pg 496)

Luke 24:36b-48

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

PM : This is The Gospel of the Lord

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

(AM: Please stand as you are able for the Hymn of the Day)

The Hymn of the Day

“Lord You Give the Great Commission”

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Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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We Respond To God's Word

The Apostles' Creed (*AM leads*)

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, born of the Virgin
Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell, and rose again on the third day, and ascended into
heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together worshiped and glorified,
who speaks through the prophets. I believe in the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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 prayer rise up like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and
wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that
the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all
nations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your
love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration (*local
concerns for creation may be named*). Provide all the inhabitants of earth a
peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on
you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and
give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear
us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their
distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse
them back to health and wholeness (*especially*). Be close to the hearts of the
lonely. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us (*especially*). Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. 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 prayer rise up like incense before you,
The lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.**

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

“As the Grains of Wheat”

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Refrain: **As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
Were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
Be gathered into one in you.**

**Verse 1) As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
May we share the presence of your love. (Refrain)**

**Verse 2) Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
When all creation shares this feast with you. (Refrain)**

The 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 you now and forever.

Communion will be served in individual portions

The Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

PM: Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba we pray.

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

Distribution

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. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, 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 for ever.

ALL: Amen

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Wellspring of joy,
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.**

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 “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW#389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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God Sends Us Into The World

Dismissal

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

AM: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Sung liturgy is reprinted from Marty Haugen's "Now the Feast and Celebration"

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests.



Prayers for safety and healing: Jacob Nevach, Rochelle, Carl, Pat, Wanda Huddleson, Shirley McGourty, Celeste Pogachar, Eunice Romo Morry Mitteness, Millie and Erv Unruh, Bonnie Montgomery, Linda Bentz.

Prayers for comfort: Family and friends of Marilyn Moore

Discovery: Clara Felton

The Beehive: Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Charles Olson

Home Nursing Care: Bertie Senn, Virginia Rotering, Smitty

Incarcerated: George Davis

Please let us know if you are having surgery or know of someone who is, or if you or someone you love is in the hospital. We are here to help support in any way we can, especially with prayers.

This prayer list will be refreshed monthly.

Please feel free to resubmit.

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today April 18

Accompanist

Susan Peterson

Call To Worship

Celeste Pogachar

Ushers

Carl Russ

Lector

Sandy Russ

Assisting Minister

Celeste Pogachar

Projection

Rod Pogachar

April 25

Accompanist

Amber Richardson

Call To Worship

Ushers

Lector

Deb Cathey

Assisting Minister

Carl Russ

Projection

