



# EASTER SUNDAY FULL BULLETIN

**Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God** built on love: worshiping, welcoming, learning, and serving in Christ's name. All are welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us.

**Easter Sunday Worship Services: 8 am & 10 am**

*ELW refers to the red hymnal.*

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: God is alive.

**C: New birth is given.**

P: Hope is alive.

**C: A new age is dawning.**

P: Joy is alive.

**C: Redemption is here.**

P: Love is alive.

**C: Death cannot harm us.**

P: We are alive.

**C: New life is within us.**

P: The church is alive.

**C: God's Spirit is within us.**

P: God of life, we worship you.

**C: God of Creation, we praise you.**

P: God of revelation, we learn from you.

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

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

“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!

**GREETING** (3X)

A: Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed, Alleluia!**

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

**C: And also with you!**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

## “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW #855 vs 1-2

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The lord be with you.            C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of 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 [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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:** 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.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing 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.

## **SECOND READING**

Colossians 3:1-4

*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 the things that are above, not on the 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.

*Response after the readings.*

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **KIDS' TIME**

# GOSPEL ACCLIMATION (2X)

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW #172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The music is a simple, rhythmic hymn tune.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women,

“Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

*Response after the reading.*

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done”

ELW #366

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the victor's triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst;  
Jesus their legions has dispersed.

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
Christ rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!

4 Christ closed the yawning gates of hell;  
the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes that wounded you,  
from death's sting free your servants too,  
that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **CREED**

**A:** Let us profess our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C:** 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, 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.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain (*especially*). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

### **PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

### **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING HYMN**

**“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

**ELW #186**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Merciful God,

**C: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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, our duty and our joy, ...  
... we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray the prayer the Lord taught 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.

**P:** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee,  
truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,

praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
nourish your soul and fill you with his grace now  
and forever!      **C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Holy One,

**C: through this meal you have made your home  
among us and are making all things new. Send us  
now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the  
Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✝ bless you now  
and forever.      **C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks”

WOV #671

*Lyrics unavailable, please use BLUE hymnal.*

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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