

Faith Lutheran Church

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John 13:34

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



- To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .
..we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,
study and fellowship
..we **Equip** the people of God with a faith
that works in real life
..we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ
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Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26)
We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

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You also can find the audio available on Faith’s website under worship Sermons.

Faith Lutheran live streams it’s services. No names of participants are broadcast.

A Legacy of Love

The Easter season brings renewed energy and hope to faithful disciples in every generation. The Holy Spirit keeps calling us to join the great cloud of witnesses who can say “We have seen the Lord!” This is a tremendous legacy that we receive by grace through faith, and we pass it on to others who will also be known as disciples of Jesus.

A legacy is more than a monetary inheritance. It is a call to honor someone’s memory and to keep alive the traditions, values, and visions that this person hoped would continue. The legacy of Jesus involves all these things and so much more. He has empowered us to find hope at the foot of the cross, life in an empty tomb, and light amid darkness. He tells us that we can live a new life, and he says in the clearest language possible: “Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

This legacy is the foundation of all that we do as the church of Jesus Christ. It fills our lives with meaning and purpose. It calls us to live with both courage and humility. It gives us a new hunger for God’s justice and peace. It reminds us that we belong to Christ—and we are called to live as disciples of the one who was crucified and who rose from the grave to make all things new.

Rejoice in this great calling! Even as we face the difficult challenges of living faithfully in a complex world so wounded by the power of sin, God makes it possible for others to see that Christ is alive in our hearts. This may be more than we were expecting, but day by day this legacy lives on. Open your hearts to the gift of a love as great as this!

Sunday, May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Music Sunday

Introduction to the day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

If hearing assistance is needed, please ask an usher for a personal PA receiver.

The ushers also have large print copies of today's worship folder available.

If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.

There is a nursery available during the worship service for those who wish to use it. It is located at the end of the hall beyond the coat racks.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.
Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” (arr. Dobrinski)
Faith Bells

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly stands

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
with leaves for the healing of the world.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
into this community, and throughout all creation.
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW #369

GREETING

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“True Light”

(Hampton)

Chancel Choir; Chris Lewis and Ryan Thompson, soloists

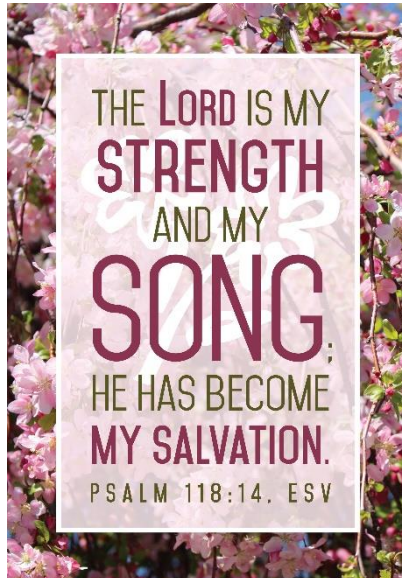
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.



WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

“Hallelujah Round of Praise” (Mozart, arr. Lovelace)
Chancel Choir and Joyful Noise
(Based on the Psalm of the Day: Psalm 148: verses 1 – 3)

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels;
Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
Praise him, sun and moon;
Praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

John’s vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

A reading from Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth - er as

The first system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some chords. The lyrics are: "A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth - er as".

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I have loved you, that you love one an - oth - er as I have loved you.".

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if".

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line. The lyrics are: "you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know".

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

The fifth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. It includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass line. The lyrics are: "you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.".

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

"In the Secret"

Joyful Noise

(Park)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten

ELW #295

(vs. 1, 4, 5)

vs. 1 and 4 choirs

vs. 5 choirs and congregation

RECOGNITION OF MUSIC PARTICIPANTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Prayers of intercession are offered.
To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the
prayers, and the assembly responds:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

"Do Lord"

(arr. Schram)

Chancel Choir

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la-lor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
 4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
 guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
 fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
 with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
 joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
 hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

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The assembly stands

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,

as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,
 meet us now in this meal.

Nourish us to follow you,
 using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,
 and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

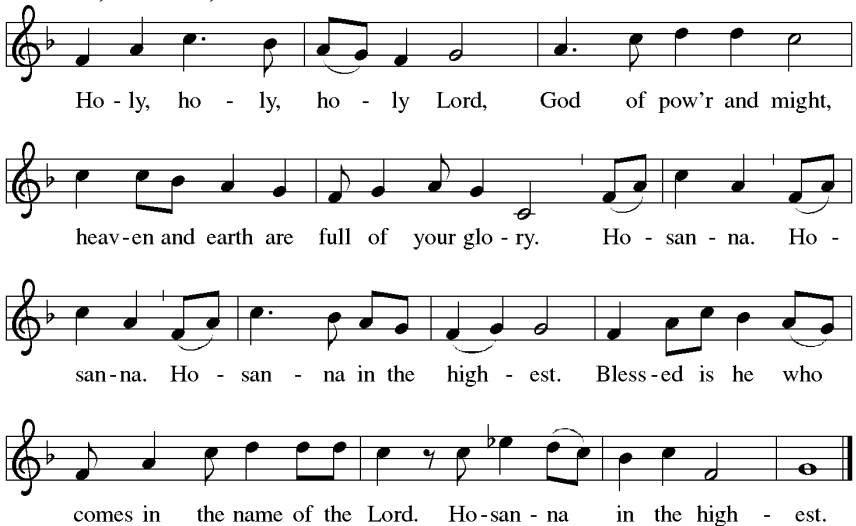
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of
the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
gives everyone a place at the welcome table.
Alleluia! Come to the feast.
The assembly is seated

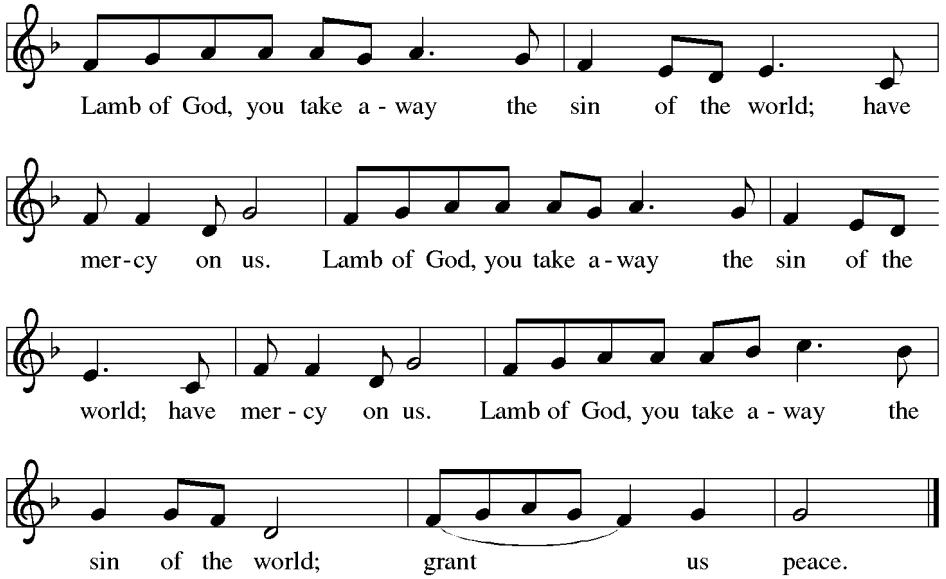
COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

(Silesian folk tune)

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

(Beethoven)

“Cantate Domino”

(Hassler)

Flutes of Faith

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

When Long before Time

ELW #861

The assembly stands

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness
and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us.

Risen to new life with you,

send us now to bear your healing love
into the wounded world,

in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The blessing of the living God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

surround and sustain you,

keep you from harm,

and fill you with courage.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

When In Our Music God is Glorified

ELW #851

DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Congregation is seated until the conclusion of the postlude

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in F Major”

by Dietrich Buxtehude



Siblings in Christ, welcome to worship! May your time in the Lord be rich and blessed.

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Bi-Weekly Announcement packets are available in the narthex.

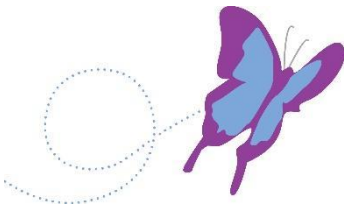
May 12 Attendance: 103

Serving Faith	May 19	May 26
Acolyte	open	open
Altar Care	Diane Hill/Open	Diane Hill/Open
Communion Assistants	open	open
	Rich Weingartner	Elaine Harrison
	Mike Eschelbach	Bob Shorman
Greeters	Mike Eschelbach	Marla Holle
Readers	Rich Weingartner	Elaine Harrison
Lay Assistant	Mike Eschelbach	Bob Shorman
Ushers	Schultz Family	Kopf Family
Nursery	Marquardt's	Williams Family
Coffee Hosts	Debra Borton-McDonough	open

Altar Flower Dedications:

Sunday, May 19th

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran.



Butterflies For Sale!

On Sunday, June 16, we will be releasing live butterflies outside by our Butterfly Garden. Butterflies are the symbol of new life. And, as we

celebrate the Pentecost season and the beginning of summer activities, we will be releasing painted lady butterflies to celebrate God's gift of creation. The Green Team is inviting you to order a butterfly for \$12.00.

Following worship on June 16, you will be given your butterfly to release by our garden. This project is a Green Team fundraiser. A portion of the money earned from these butterfly sales will go to help with the purchase of new windows in our Parish House. Place your butterfly order by using the form below and turn it into the church office. ***All orders must be received by Sunday, May 26!***

Green Team Butterfly Order Form **Order Deadline: Sunday, May 26th**

Quantity

Total Cost (\$12/each)

Name: _____

Dedication (if any): _____

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church.

Please put "Butterflies" in the memo line.

Place this form in Katie Love's mailbox or the church office.