

Introduction to the day

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Paraphrase on Judas Macabeus" "Processional" Alexandre Guilmant Grayston Ives

WELCOME

We cordially greet and welcome all who have come to worship today.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

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

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."

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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.

A reading from Colossians.

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

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Pantry Ministry is an important and vital part of our community. Today we will be taking an offering for the Pantry Ministry.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

The holy gospel according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

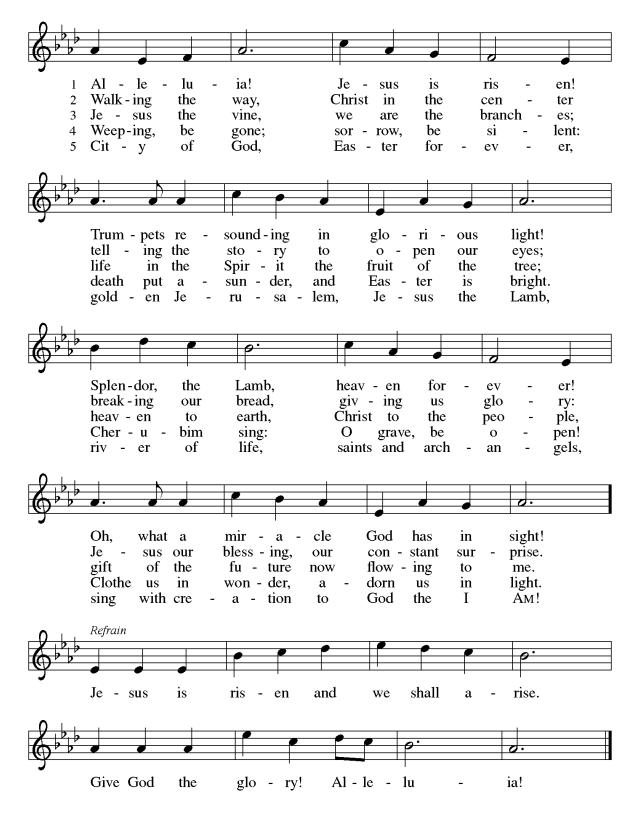
¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

SERMON

Pastor Ellen Schoepf

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song. HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987 Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. Music © 1969 Contemporary Worship 1, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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

Risen Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

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

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.**

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

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

(Albrecht and Althouse)

Chancel Choir



OFFERING RESPONSE

vs. 1 only

The assembly stands

Praise and Thanksgiving



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt. Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version Text © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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

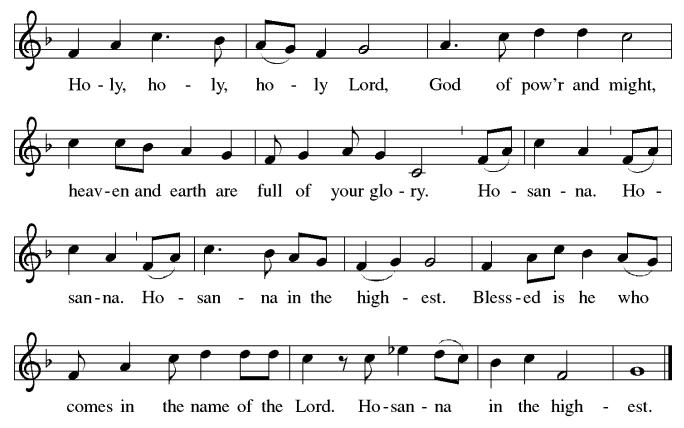
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



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

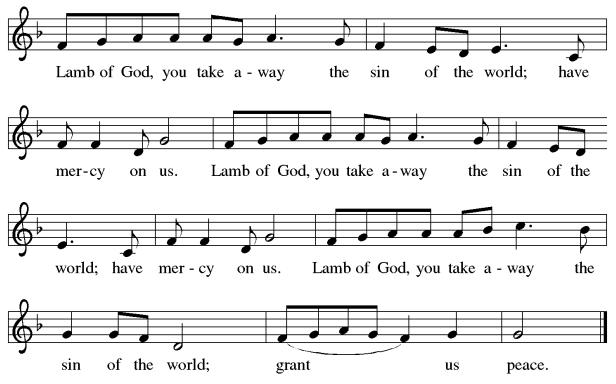
Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

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



COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" "Spring Carol" arr. Dale Wood Richard Proulx

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.**

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



Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623 Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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!**



We offer a special welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about Faith Lutheran, please see an usher or email Katie your contact information. <u>klove@faithlutheranokemos.org</u>

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Thank you to our Easter brass musicians: Emmet Lewis and Jaylen Hall, trumpet David O'Donnell and Gracy Tomek, trombone



2023 Flower Dedications

Jon and Elaine Harrison in honor of Pastor Ellen and Ken and their dedication to Faith during their time here.

Mike Kraft in memory of Karen Kraft.

Warren & Tammy Heilman in celebration of Emerson Ida Hall's birth.

Karen Whitmyer in memory of Ken Whitmyer.

The Kopf family in memory of William and Hilda Kopf, Richard and Jane Kemmler, Hannes and Eleanor Tietje, Sandra Fox & Donna Siegfried.

The Dingledine family in memory of Darry Breithaupt & Dorothy Dingledine.

Kathy Mace in celebration of 2023 weddings: Alex & Melanie, Brendau & Gabrielle; Jacob & Katrina.

Mike Eschelbach in celebration of Allen and Caroline Eschelbach.

Ken & Ellen Schoepf in celebration of the people and staff at Faith Lutheran Church.

Randy & Jamie Royalty in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.

Annie Mayer in celebration Tim Mayer, Rob, Allison, Maggie, Charlie, and Jack Mayer.

Ambs family in memory of Max Ambs.

John & Phylis Schleicher in memory of our parents.

Heidi Magyar in memory of Mabel Anglin.

The Paige Family in celebration of Pastor Ellen and Ken Schoepf, Bruce Williams, Deb Borton-McDonough, and the Faith Bell Choir.

Michelle Eschelbach in memory of Clara Peterhans, Caroline & Allen Eschelbach and Raina Kiko and in celebration of Easter which offers us new life.

Deb Borton-McDonough in honor of Pastor Ellen and Ken Schoepf.

The Herek family in celebration of Grandma & Grandpa and Nana & Papa.

Harry Nawrock, Carl & Kathy Richardson in memory of Rose Marie Nawrock.

Doug & Linda Hirt in memory of our grandparents and Doug's dad.

Feel free to take home your flowers after the service.

Offerings

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Loose Cash	\$	24.00
General Fund	\$15	,480.00
Flowers	\$	286.00
Building Rental	\$	50.00
Other	\$	400.00
Caring Committee	\$	123.00
Pantry Fund	\$	518.00
Subtotal	\$16	,881.00
Vanco		
General Operating	\$	950.90
Total	\$17	,831.90

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Loose Cash	\$ 32.00
General Fund	\$ 1,865.00
Memorials	\$ 575.00
Building Rental	\$ 100.00
Green Team T-Shirts	\$ 60.00
Other	\$ 1,100.00
Caring Committee	\$ 200.00
Flowers	\$ 68.00
Pantry Fund	\$ 75.00
Parish House	\$ 75.00
Subtotal	\$ 4,150.00
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 310.90
Pantry Fund	\$ 179.63
Total	\$ 4,640.53

January 1-February 28th, 2023 Income \$50,508.00 Expenses <u>\$56,221.00</u> Net Income (Loss) \$ (5,713.00)

Altar Care: Tammy Heilman Lay Assistant: Paul Hereza Ushers: Jon & Elaine Harrison Reader: Linda Hirt Greeters: Marla Holle Acolyte: Open Coffee Hour: No Coffee Hour Nursery: Jennifer Coe

For a quick overview of giving options, please visit the Faith Lutheran Church website and look for the giving button in the top right corner. www.faithlutheranokemos.org

Announcements:



John Schleicher has connected with **Rep. Elissa Slotkin** and she is planning to come to Faith Lutheran on Sunday, April 16, for both Sunday School and worship. You are invited to join us as we continue to explore Creation Care. As we move through winter and into spring, we experience the perfect time to again focus on our call to care for the earth.



NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS ON APRIL 23 AT 9:00 A.M. A STUDY ON CIVIC LIFE AND FAITH

Beginning on Sunday, April 23, John Schleicher and Rich Weingartner will co-teach a six-session study on *Civic Life and Faith*. This study curriculum was created by the Task Force on Civic Life and Faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and published by the ELCA's churchwide organization as a critical step toward development of a social teaching statement. The curriculum invites participants to delve into the nature of politics, the meaning of the Scriptures, the purpose of government, the responsibility of congregations and church-related organizations, First Amendment issues, the relationship of faith-based living and civic life, connections between worship life and serving neighbor in society, the nature of citizenship, and other relevant topics. These are weighty and difficult discussions for people of faith! We invite you to join John and Rich for this new class.



A special congregational meeting will be held at noon on Sunday, April 23 for the purpose of considering issuing a 2year transitional call to Pastor Bruce Thorsen to serve as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, to determine the compensation therefor, and to authorize the Church Council to take such action and enter into such agreement(s) as may be required to accomplish the call.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 30th following morning worship.

Friday, May 5 – The Islamic Center community will join us here at Faith Lutheran Church for a catered Halal dinner, and John Schleicher and the Imam will present a program on the Similarities and Points of Contact between Ramadan and Lent. The schedule for the evening looks like this:



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6:00 – 6:30, gathering time as people get to know others 6:30 – 7:00, dinner 7:00 – 7:30, program 7:30 – and on, Questions & Answers

For these events, there is a signup sheet in the Narthex. You can also sign up by using this link. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094caaa623a3f49-interfamith</u>

WICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY WHARTON CENTER There is a signup sheet for *Wharton Tickets* to Jesus Christ Superstar (thank you Rich Weingartner). The date for this show is Sunday, June 18th (Fyi- this is Father's Day) at 1:00 pm. Rich was able to get a group rate for tickets, so the price is \$82 per ticket. A \$1

handling fee per order will also be charged. Orders and payments must be made by May 5th. What a great opportunity for Faith friends to see this rock opera that has wowed audiences for over 50 years