

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER MAY 18, 2025 10:00 AM

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## WELCOME STATEMENT

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God’s beloved child, “for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For 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 as we strive to serve our world.

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*For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.*

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## PRELUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Faith Bells

arr. Michael Helman

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: In the name of † the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the  
baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Pastor: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: **make us one as you are one.**

Pastor: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our  
own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: **make us one as you are one.**

Pastor: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open  
the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in  
captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

All: **make us one as you are one.**

Pastor: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is  
shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

All: **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN – Crown Him with Many Crowns (ELW 855)



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.

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## GREETING

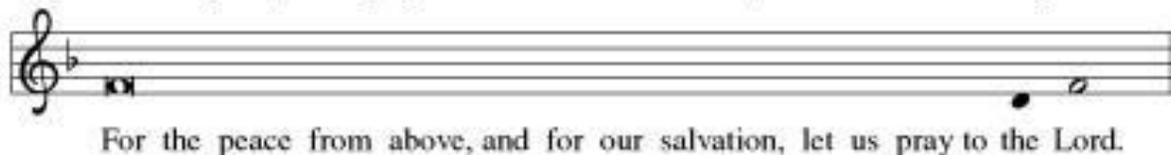
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

# KYRIE



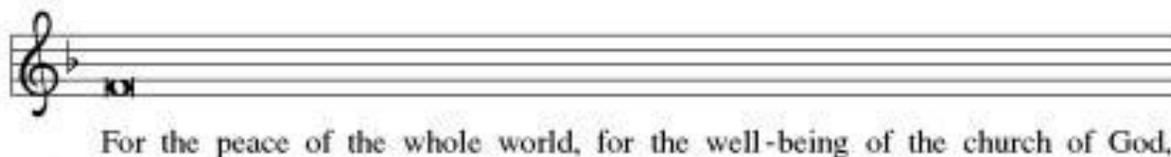
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



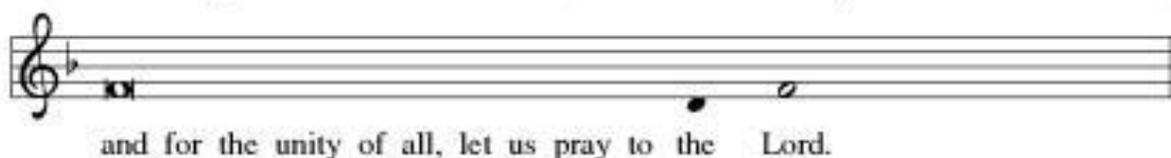
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



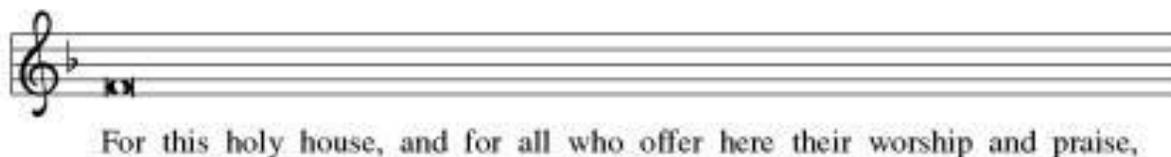
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



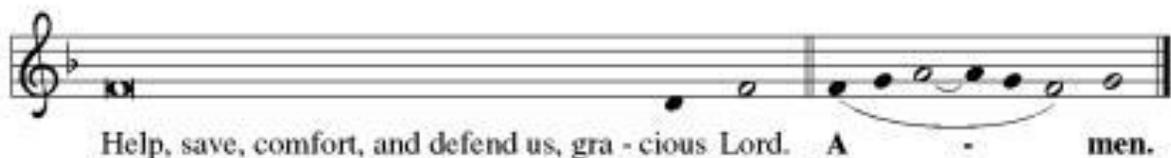
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

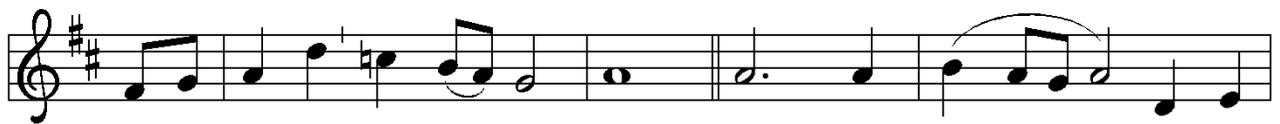


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: Let us pray. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

- Sarah Ewart is graduating from Eli Broad College of Business  
*Daughter of Jim and Peggy Falk*
- Echo Hereza is graduating from Saginaw Valley State University
- Grace Parker is graduating from Grand Ledge High School  
*Granddaughter of Jamie Spellicy*
- Dane Webb is graduating from Michigan State University
- Issac Webb is graduating from Williamston High School

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **FIRST READING Acts 11:1-18**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish 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' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "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. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The 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. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

<sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>17</sup> If 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?" <sup>18</sup> When 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."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise the LORD, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
who commanded, and they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;

<sup>8</sup> **fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;

<sup>10</sup> **wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;

<sup>12</sup> **young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**<sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## **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.*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And 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;

<sup>4</sup> he 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.”

<sup>5</sup> And 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.” <sup>6</sup> Then 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.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**



*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little 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.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

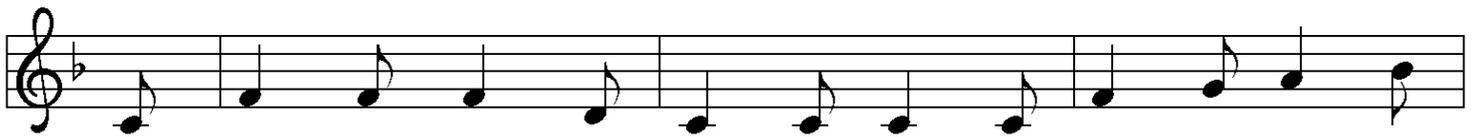
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY – I Come With Joy (ELW 482)



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## PRESENTATION

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these siblings, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism. I present the following individuals,

**Abby Steinke** - *Let your steadfast love become my comfort according to your promise to your servant. Psalm 119:76*

**Isaak Nyquist** - *he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. Titus 3:5*

**Kara Floyd** - *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long. Psalm 23:6*

**Maddie Webb** - *Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." John 14:8 (If God is all you have, you have all you need.)*

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

All: **Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: People of God, do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **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.**

## AFFIRMATION

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*Family, Mentors, and Sponsors, please join your confirmand.*

Pastor: Stir up in [name] the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

*Please join in welcoming our youth by singing this simple call-and-response song:*

*Pastor:*

Come, let us worship God...

Come, let us worship God...

Welcome everyone...

To the love of God...

*Response:*

**Come, let us worship God...**

**Come, let us worship God...**

**Welcome everyone...**

**To the love of God...**

Hope for the children...

Hope for the children...

Welcome Abby

Welcome Isaak

Welcome Kara

Welcome Maddie

To the love of God...

**Hope for the children...**

**Hope for the children...**

**Welcome Abby...**

**Welcome Isaak...**

**Welcome Kara...**

**Welcome Maddie...**

**To the love of God...**

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

*Applause. All may return to their seats.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (ELW 752)



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Asst: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

... Hear us O God,

All: **your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All: **Amen.**

*Repeat "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying."*

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## OFFERING

"True Light"

arr. Keith Hampton

Chancel Choir  
Chris Lewis, Soloist

*Please stand as you are able.*



# OFFERING RESPONSE – Christ is Arisen (ELW 364 vs. 1)



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

## LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

*Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands.*

*"I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds." – Psalm 26:6-7*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

All: **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## PREFACE

Pastor: 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

Pastor: 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; 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 upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]dom 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 kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The table is now ready. So come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. So come, the feast of grace is spread.

*All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If, however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come to the table for a blessing.*

*Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come to receive communion at the altar rail.*

*Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer.*

*If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.*

*The assembly may be seated.*

## 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.



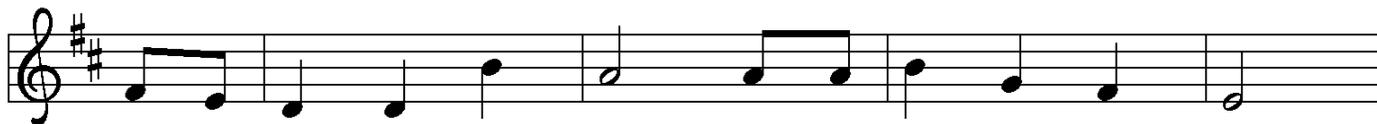
## COMMUNION SONG – Baptized and Set Free (ELW 453)



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

*Please stand as you are able.*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Asst: Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

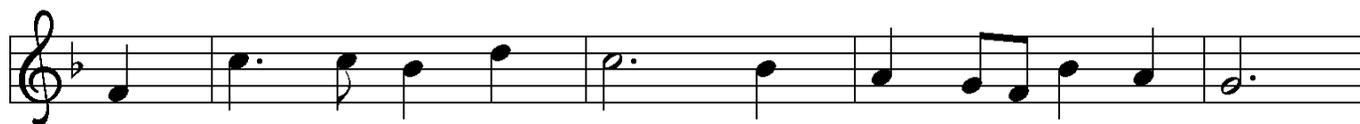
All: **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Pastor: May the triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

All: **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – Oh, Praise the Gracious Power (ELW 651)



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
 the love, the word, the tide.  
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
 with faith's bright songful voice!  
 Announce the gospel to the world  
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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## DISMISSAL

- Asst: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
 All: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 Asst: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

"Fanfare"

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

## FLC SCHEDULE

### Sunday, May 18

- No Sunday School
- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **5th Sunday of Easter/Celebration Sunday!**

### Monday, May 19

- Scouting America Meeting @5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

### Tuesday, May 20

- No Bible Study
- Girl Scouts @5:30pm

### Wednesday, May 21

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- FLC Staff Meeting @10:15am
- Lunch Bunch @11:45am

### Thursday, May 22

- RIC Meeting @6pm in Library

### Saturday, May 24

- Private Rental @1:30 in Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 25

- Worship Service @10:00am: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Monday, May 26

- Office Closed for Memorial Day

## **FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

**May 18**

Greeter(s): Harold/Jan Sollenberger  
Usher(s): Doug /Linda Hirt  
Sunday School: No Sunday School  
Coffee Hour: Celebration Sunday  
Counters: Jamie Doug Hirt/Kay Hillberg

Acolyte:

Reader: Megan Nyquist

Lay Assistant: Randy Royalty

Altar Care: Tammy Heilman

**May 25**

Greeter(s): Lois Neves  
Usher(s): Brenda Kopf/Randy Royalty  
Sunday School: No Sunday School  
Coffee Hour: Backman Family  
Counters: John McCracken/Kathy Mace  
Noisy Offering: Matt Schnizlein  
Acolyte:  
Reader: John McCracken  
Lay Assistant: Kim O'Brien  
Altar Care: Elaine Harrison

## **Faith Lutheran Church Prayer List**

*We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.*

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially **Rich, Lana, Kate, Marla, Chuck, Liz, Molly.**

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Lani, Jon, Landon, Hannah, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially our synod prayer partner, Peace Lutheran Church in Gaylord and their pastor, Rev. Megan Crouch, and for our synod assembly, and bishop election this week.

***\*New additions to our prayers are listed in bold; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to add or reinstate names to the prayer list.***

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### **Prayer Partners Letter**

We are participating in this activity and would love for you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **RIC MEETING**

Meridian Township is holding its annual pride event on **Saturday, May 31**, from 5 to 10 p.m. The Faith RIC Team will be meeting to start planning Faith's involvement in the event. **We'll be meeting on Thursday, May 22, at 6:00 p.m.** in the library. The primary focus will be on planning the booth Faith will have at the Pride Event, but will also talk about other plans at Faith for the upcoming year and beyond.

### **FLAG CEREMONY**

Scouting America has a Flag Retirement Ceremony every year at summer camp. If you have an old, tattered American flag, please leave the flag in the scout room in the basement. An official ceremony involves respectfully cutting up and burning the flag in a bonfire. It's a solemn (and really cool) event which follows procedures from scouting and the American Flag Code. **Please have them in by June 1st.** Questions? Contact Mark Kadrofske.

### **SECOND ANNUAL END OF SCHOOL YEAR PICNIC!**

Attention all youth! **The second annual FLC End of School Year Picnic will be held on Friday, June 6, from 6-9 pm at Faith.** We'll have a bar-b-que and a bonfire (for S'mores) along with backyard games, including pickleball, badminton, cornhole, horseshoes and soccer. **In addition to the families of our youth, the entire congregation is invited to celebrate!** For more information, text or email Mark Kadrofske at 517-703-6837, [markkadrofske@gmail.com](mailto:markkadrofske@gmail.com).

### **SAVE THE DATES**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held from **Monday, July 14th, to Thursday, July 17th.** **The program is open to pre-K through grade 5 youths and will be run in the evenings from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm.** Each evening will begin with a meal to be followed by a program. Parents and their children will be welcome to participate in program sessions. A theme for this year's VBS will be chosen later. Stay tuned for our next announcement!