

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

April 21, 2024



Prelude *Mfurahini, Haleluya* setting by Cathy Moglebust
Grace Notes Handbell Choir; Emily Hayes and Justin Felix, percussion

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The assembly stands and turns to face the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

ELW 364 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (Mfurahini, Haleluya)*, stanzas 1-3

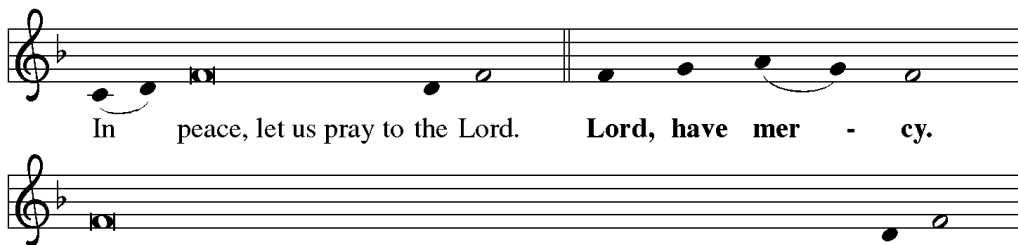
(11:00) Children Worship and Wonder

Children are dismissed for Children Worship and Wonder

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.**

Kyrie

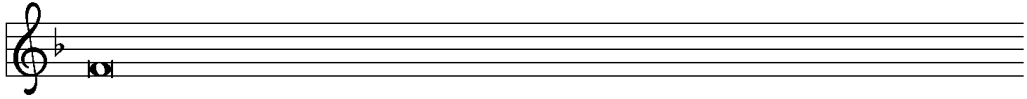


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

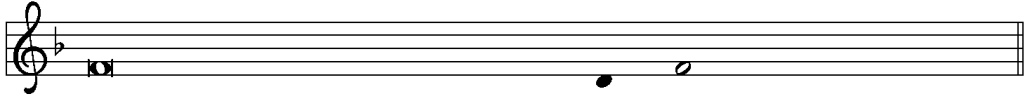
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



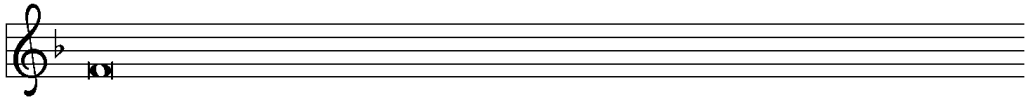
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



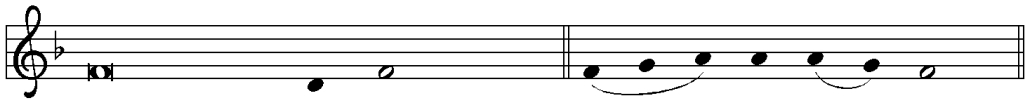
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

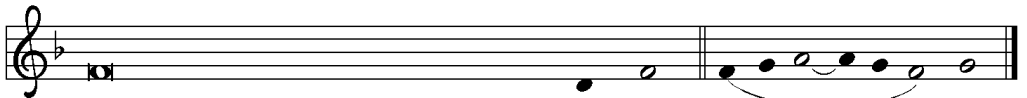


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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

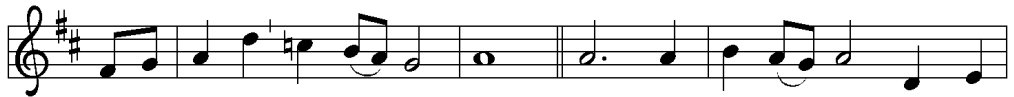


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12 *Salvation in the name of Jesus*

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 23 *(cantor sings verses; assembly sings refrain)*

I will live in the house of the Lord _____ all the
days, all the days of my life.

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24 *Love in truth and action*

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God;

²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus

Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand to welcome the reading of the Gospel.

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.

(cantor) Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me. (Repeat alleluia)

Gospel

John 10:11-18 *Christ the shepherd*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:]¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sing the acclamation and then we sit.

Sermon Pastor Dana Lockhart

We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day

ELW 502

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Nicene Creed

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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace

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

We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

(11:00) Choral Offering

Loving Shepherd of the Sheep

Michael Burkhardt, quoting J. S. Bach

Parish Choir

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, keep your lambs in safety keep; nothing can your power withstand, none can pluck us from your hand.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach your lambs your voice to hear; suffer not our steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where you lead us, we would go, walking in your steps below, till before your heavenly throne we shall know as we are known.

We stand.

Offering Song WOV 671 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia give praise to his name. 1 Je - sus is Lord of
2 Spread the good news o'er
3 Come, let us praise the

all the earth; he is the king of cre - a - tion.
all the earth; Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

Refrain

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a song. It consists of three staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le -'. The second staff continues the lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia give praise to his name. 1 Je - sus is Lord of', followed by two alternative lines: '2 Spread the good news o'er' and '3 Come, let us praise the'. The third staff continues with 'all the earth; he is the king of cre - a - tion.', followed by two alternative lines: 'all the earth; Je - sus has died and has ris - en.' and 'liv - ing God, joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.'. The word 'Refrain' is written above the final measure of the third staff.

Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving

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.**
It is indeed right...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 -

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two staves of music in a single system, both in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The music is simple and melodic, with a steady rhythm.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

...Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
 ...great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
 ...all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
 ...now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Music during Communion

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.

A Prayer on Slane Irish Folk Tune, arranged by Jeffrey Honoré
Grace Notes Handbell Choir

Be Thou My Vision setting by Mark Hayes

When all have communed, we stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Hymn ELW 544 *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing*

Dismissal

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

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Praise the Lord, rise Up Rejoicing* setting by Mark Sedio

Serving Today

Assisting Minister	(8:30) Richard Michel (11:00) Roland Born
Cantor	Ole Wendroth
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Chris & LaDawn Reynolds (11:00) Bea & Victoria Lockhart
Greeter	(8:30) Jim & Judy Knauss (11:00) Gisela Atkerson
Sacristan	(8:30) Julie Keller (11:00) Phyllis Hasbrouck
Counters	Penni Black & Carol Buchanan
Livestream Operator	David Templar
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	
Sexton	Neil McComb

Worship Servants for Next Sunday (April 28)

	8:30	11:00
Assisting Minister	Ray Hughes	Ray Hughes
Cantor	Justin Felix	Justin Felix
Ushers	Richard Michel & Lin Whitley	Wendroth Family
Greeter	Linda McDaniel	Debbie Rosenberg
Sacristan	Julie Keller	Phyllis Hasbrouck
Counters	Judy Page & Elaine Billington	
Livestream Operator		Jonathan Delap

April 21, 2024 Announcements

Being a Prayer Pal for the 50 Days of Easter

In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday, and lasts seven weeks, ending with the 50th Day, Pentecost Sunday. The day of Pentecost is known in the Christian Church as the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles. This year, Pentecost will be on Sunday, May 19th and the Evangelism Committee is offering the congregation the opportunity to randomly pair up with another member of the congregation to pray for each other, and offer each other encouragement and support for the next 50 days. If you would like to participate, e-mail Gayle McGrath, chair of the Evangelism Committee, at gayle.mcgrath@outlook.com and let her know your contact information. Beginning April 7th, members of our congregation who would like to participate will become “prayer pals”, through e-mail or phone calls. Celebrate the season of Easter with prayers for each other!

God’s Pantry

April’s God Pantry Items will be: **Breakfast Foods: Boxed Cereals, Oatmeal, Granola Bar, Biscuit and Pancake Mixes.** Please bring all food items to place in the God’s Pantry labeled blue bin, located behind the privacy screens in the Narthex! Thank you so much!



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped make our soup lunch fundraisers for the National Youth Gathering successful, especially to those who brought soup! Our next soup lunch will be April 28th after the 11:00 service. If you would like to bring in a soup for this fundraiser, please reach out to Paige Barricklow and let her know what you're bringing. If not, please plan to stay after church on the 28th for a bowl of soup!

Confirmation Updates

Confirmation instruction on April 21st will be earlier than previously scheduled. We will meet at 4 pm (immediately following the afternoon youth activity).

We are also moving our Confirmation service from the 11:00 am service on Pentecost Sunday (May 19) to the 11:00 am service on Trinity Sunday (May 26). A reception will follow.

Save the Date: Outdoor Service

There will be one service at 10 am on June 30. This will be our annual outdoor service and will be at the same location as last year (Shillito Park). More details to come!

Pentecost Ideas Needed!

Pentecost Sunday is traditionally the third great feast day on the church calendar (along with Christmas and Easter). This year, we are hoping to make Pentecost a grand celebration at Faith Lutheran. Let's make this a Sunday where we bring a friend, reach out to someone we haven't seen in a while, or invite someone new. The goal is to hit at least 150% of our in-person average Sunday attendance. This would be about 130 people between both services.

To do this, we need suggestions for Pentecost traditions and practices that are meaningful. Please send ideas to Pastor Dana at pastordana@faithlutheranchurch.com.

We also need to determine the linguistic diversity of our wider congregational family. If you are proficient in a language other than English (and would be willing to have a small part in a service), please let Kathy or Pastor Dana know.

Israel/Palestine Forum

On April 14th, Faith had an initial forum about the ongoing crisis in Gaza and the wider issue of peace in the Holy Land. Pastor Dana shared resources from the ELCA and we had a respectful discussion. To build on this, a second forum is scheduled for May 5th at 10 am in Faith House. All are welcome to attend and take part in the conversation. Please contact Pastor Dana for more questions or for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, April 21

Used Book Sale

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
- 2:00pm FLY Earth Day Event
- 3:30pm Ruth Lundborg Recital
- 4:00pm Confirmation

Monday, April 22

- 6:15pm AA
- 7:00pm Sophia Group

Tuesday, April 23

- 9:00am FLLC Creative Movement Class
- 11:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 7:00pm Grace Notes

Wednesday, April 24

- 6:00pm AA (Faith House)
- 7:00pm Parish Choir

Thursday, April 25

- 7:15am Men's Group (First Watch)

Friday, April 26

- 6:00pm Jose Lino Recital

Saturday, April 27

- 3:00pm Meredith Lee Recital

Sunday, April 28

Used Book Sale

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
- 12:00pm FLY Soup Lunch
- 2:00pm Ivy Moore Recital

When you pass through the

waters,

I will be with you; And through the

rivers,

they will not overflow you.

When you walk through the

fire,

you will not be scorched,
Nor will the flame
burn you.

Isaiah 43:2, NASB