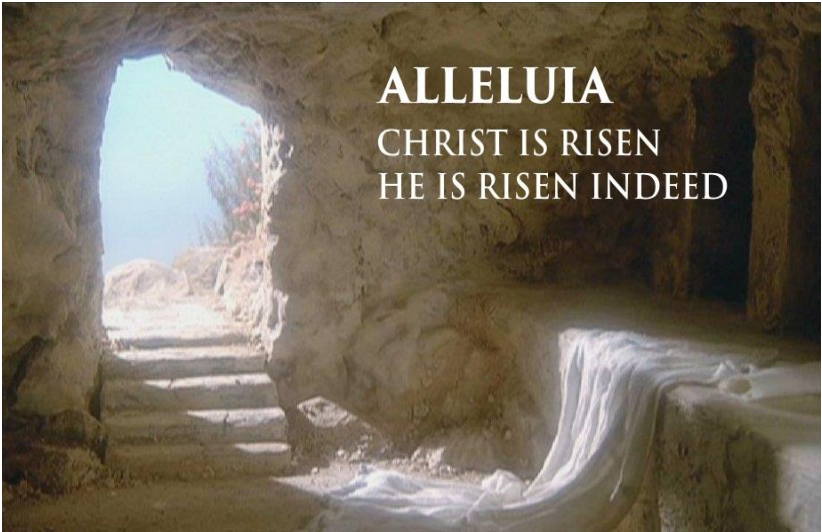




**FAITH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*New beginnings. New life.*



**APRIL 20, 2025**

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

**Welcome to Faith:** *We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a guest or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Gauger after the worship service.*

**Communion:** *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

**To the Parents of Young Children:** *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me & do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery. Both bathrooms have a changing table. There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. We are glad you are here with your children!*

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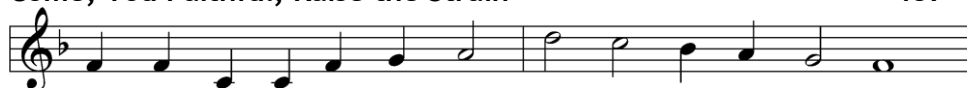
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Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
 4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
 His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
 Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
 Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
 God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547 Text and tune: Public domain

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 People Amen.

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People **Bur if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor 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.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People	Amen.

## Gloria in Excelsis



The musical score for "Gloria in Excelsis" is written on ten staves of music. The melody is in a single key with a flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: [A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. [C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther: We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Pastor	Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace

confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People**     **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 5: 12-20*

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

**Reader**     This is the Word of the Lord.

**People**     Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

*Revelation 1:4-18*

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**Reader** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues the melody with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

### Holy Gospel

*John 12:19-31*

**Pastor** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.  
**People** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

<sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor      This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People      Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**



The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come  
 to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Please sit*

## Children's Message

### O Sons and Daughters of the King

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1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had  
 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt-ed the dis - ci - ples' word.  
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith-less but be - liev-ing be."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

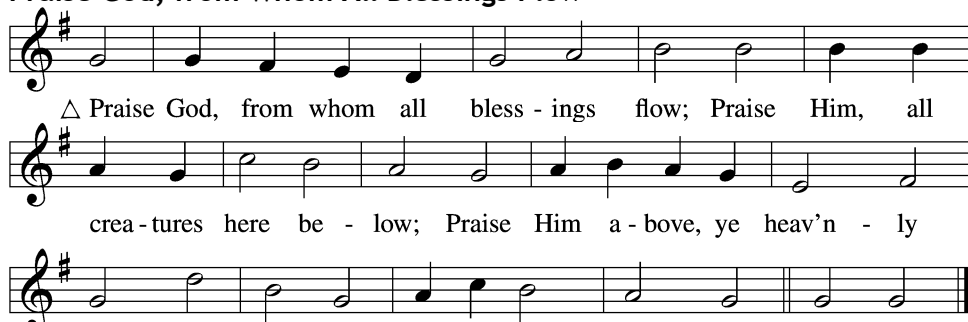
8 How blest are they who have not seen  
 And yet whose faith has constant been,  
 For they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Sermon: “Believing in Thomas”

*Please stand*

### Offering

#### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

#### 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.

### Benediction

Pastor     The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious  
to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you His peace.

People     Amen.

# This Joyful Eastertide

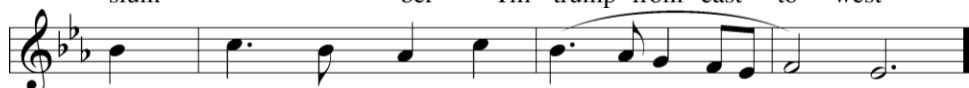
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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west

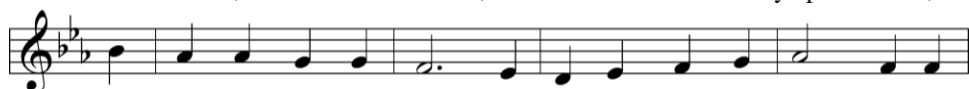


Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

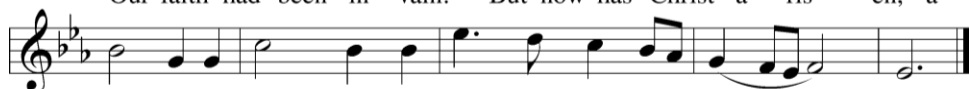
## Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Tune: Davids Psalmen, 1684, Amsterdam Text and tune: Public domain

## Silent Prayer

### Dates to Remember

Sun. May 4 Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Tue. May 6 Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM

### Birthdays

Sat. May 3 Lynnea Blackburn

### Faith Servant Schedule

Date	April 27, 2025	May 4, 2025	May 11, 2025
Acolyte	Piper Maxwell	Korbyn Corum	Piper Maxwell
Screens	Ella Corum	Ella Corum	Peter Klein
Reader	Dave Trimble	Phil Blankenburg	Justin Lange
Ushers	Jamey Maxwell Phil Blankenburg	Mike Wright Jim Bennett	Steve Sparenberg Richard Wright
Music	Angie Corum	Roberta Sparenberg	Angie Corum
Elder	Jamey Maxwell	Justin Lange	Justin Lange
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**Please remember to take your Easter lilies  
home if you haven't already!**

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