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**i** - congregation stands. **h** - congregation sits. **k** - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.  
**g** - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

*If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.*

### **Reminders in Preparation for Service:**

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggly room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

### **Visitors and Guests:** Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

**College Students:** Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

**Prelude** "Ye Sons and Daughters" - Alexandre Guilmant



Order of Service

HYMN: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” - LSB #474

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

EASTER GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4b, 5b-6

In his Book of Revelation John writes that Jesus "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" (Revelation 1:7). In our fallen nature we all have reason to fear, but together with John we know that God declares us righteous for Jesus' sake. Let us therefore go to His throne of grace in all confidence.



Most gracious God,

we confess that we have wavered in our faith, at times seeking evidence that You have indeed conquered death and the grave. Open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds, to the joyful news of Easter. We confess that we have not always forgiven one another as completely as You have forgiven us, preferring to remember hurts and disappointments. Strengthen our love for our brothers and sisters in the faith. We confess that we have not boldly proclaimed our faith to the people we meet in our neighborhoods, at work, and in school. Grant us courage to use the opportunities You provide so that many may come to faith in our risen Lord.

When Jesus appeared to the disciples on Easter evening He told them, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them" (John 20:23a). 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"

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

Women

Men

Women

Men

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. Refrain

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Stanza 4

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. Refrain

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Final Refrain

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.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



First Reading

Acts 5:12-20

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. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 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. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-18

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, 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 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 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. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 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."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, 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. The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 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.

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, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

This is the Word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



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

Choir: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* John 20:29b

(Alleluias are repeated)

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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

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

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**NICENE CREED** (inside back cover of hymnal)

**Sunday: Children's Lesson** Vicar William Ebel

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** "O Sons and Daughters of the King" - LSB #471

*Refrain*



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

1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,

Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the  
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the  
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.*

grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!

**Women:** 4. *That night the Apostles met in fear,  
Among them came their master dear  
And said: "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia!*

**Men:** 5. **When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!**




**Women:**        6.        *"My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon my hands, my feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia!*

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

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

**ALL:**           9.     **On this most holy day of days**  
                       **Be laud and jubilee and praise:**  
                       **To God your hearts and voices raise.**  
                       **Alleluia!**



 **THE MESSAGE:** Pastor Joshua Errer

**Gathering of the Offering**     *"We Walk by Faith" - Marty Haugen arr. by Lynn Trapp*

*Did you know that your offering promotes life long Christian growth through the offering of multiple adult Bible studies each week?*

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the offertory we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.



## i PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT +

(adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 177)

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.


## PREFACE




## PROPER PREFACE

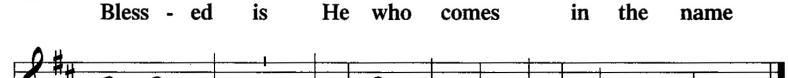
SANCTUS

  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

  
glo - ry. 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.

LORD’S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

  
The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

AGNUS DEI

  
A - men.

  
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, grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMNS:

“At the Lamb’s High Feast” - *LSB* #633

“We Walk By Faith” - *LSB* #720

“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” - *LSB* #741



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” - *LSB* #549, stanzas 1, 2, 3, 7

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|---|--|
| 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!<br>Let angels prostrate fall;<br>Bring forth the royal diadem<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Bring forth the royal diadem<br>And crown Him Lord of all.             | 2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,<br>Who from His altar call;<br>Extol the stem of Jesse's rod<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Extol the stem of Jesse's rod<br>And crown Him Lord of all. |
| 3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,<br>Ye ransomed from the Fall,<br>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br>And crown Him Lord of all. |  |
| 7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng<br>We at His feet may fall!<br>We'll join the everlasting song<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>We'll join the everlasting song<br>And crown Him Lord of all.         |  |

Postlude “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” - Paul Manz

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