



# EASTER VIGIL

April 4, 2026, 8:00 p.m.

 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.  
 - 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 "wigggle 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.

## **Order of Service**

*The congregation gathers in entrance for the lighting of the new fire, symbolizing light coming into the darkness at the time of creation.*

## **SERVICE OF LIGHT**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of the Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The pastor traces the cross on the candle while saying:*

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever,

*And then traces the Greek letters Alpha and Omega on the candle while saying:*

The beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega.

*He traces the year on the candle, saying:*

His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

*He puts the five wax nails into the candle, saying:*

By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*Then, lighting the candle from the newly kindled fire, he says:*

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray...

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All move to the back of the church to process in and receive the light from the Christ Candle. When passing the light, please keep the lit candles upright at all times.*

## Procession into the Church

The following response is sung 3 times -- once at the back, once at the center and again at the front of the church:



**A** The light of Christ.

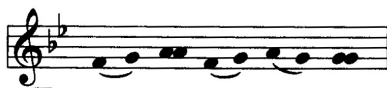


**G** Thanks be to God.

*After all the candles are lit and all have found a place in the church, the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) is chanted.*

Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

## PREFACE

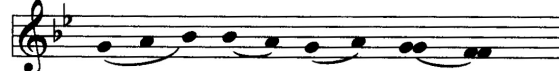


**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**G** And al-so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*



**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is this night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gave light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*The candles are extinguished.*



## SERVICE OF READINGS

On this most holy night, our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### THE CREATION

A reading from Genesis, chapters one and two.  
Genesis 1:1 – 2:2

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

**RESPONSE Psalm 104:** "When You Send Forth Your Spirit"  
 (Congregation joins to sing the following refrain after each verse).

*Refrain*

When you send forth your Spir - it,  
 we are re - newed, we are re - newed.  
 When you send forth your Spir - it,  
*last time: (☺)*  
 we are re - newed, we are re - newed.

*Manifold your works, O God of might; Maker of the earth, the air, the light.  
 Waters great and wide and all therein, creatures that abide, let life begin.*

**Refrain**

*When we look to you to give us food, you open your hand, fill us with good.  
 When you hide your face, we are dismayed; when you take away our breath, we fade.*

**Refrain**

*May the glory of our God endure. May our God be glad, be strong, be sure.  
 Unto you, O God, our praise we give: We will sing your glory while we live.*

**Refrain**

*Now may evil cease upon the earth; wickedness no more shall be of worth.  
 Pleasing God shall be our only goal. Alleluia! Blessed be God, my soul.*

**Refrain**

Let us pray...

Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE FLOOD

A reading from Genesis, chapters seven, eight, and nine.  
Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13

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

### Psalm 29

*(Sung responsively)*



Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly | beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glo- | ry and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;  
worship the Lord in the splendor of | holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the | waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many | waters.

**The voice of the Lord is | powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of | majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the | cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of | Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,  
and Sirion like a | young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord flashes forth | flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness | of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for- | ever.

**May the Lord give strength to his | people!  
May the Lord bless his peo- | ple with peace!**

Let us pray...

O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the Flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

A reading from Exodus, chapters 14 and 15.

Exodus 14:10—15:1

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Response: "When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" - *Hymnal Supplement 98, #825*



1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land Let my peo-ple go;
2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, Let my peo-ple go;
3. The pillar of cloud shall clear the way, Let my peo-ple go;
4. As Is - rael stood by'the wa - ter - side, Let my peo-ple go;
5. When they had reached the oth - er shore, Let my peo-ple go;



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.  
To lead the children of Is - rael through Let my peo-ple go.  
A fire by night, a shade by day, Let my peo-ple go.  
At God's com - mand it did di - vide, Let my peo-ple go.  
They sang the song of tri - umph o'er, Let my peo-ple go.



Go down, Mo-ses, way down in E-gypt's land Tell old Pha-roah: Let my peo-ple go.

Let us pray...

O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

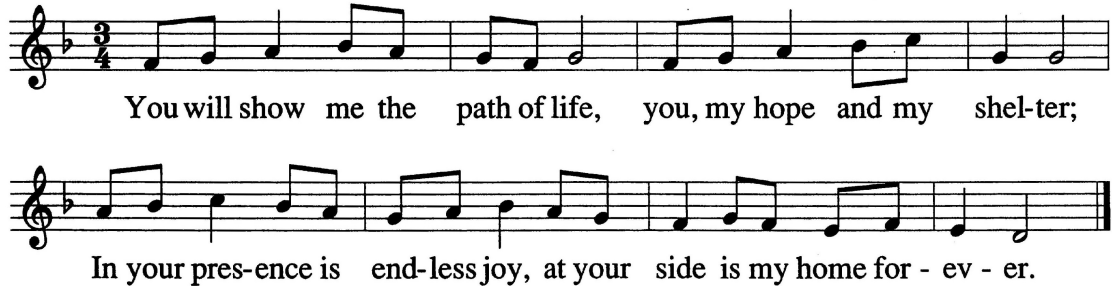
Amen.

## JOB CONFESSES THE REDEEMER

A reading from Job chapter 19  
Job 19:20-27

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

RESPONSE: Psalm 16, ant. 9



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;  
In your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

*Cantor*

1. *Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune,  
never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope.* **Refrain**
2. *From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety,  
through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me.* **Refrain**
3. *So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely,  
you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me.* **Refrain**

Let us pray...

Almighty God, our great Redeemer, in the sacrifice of Your Son You put to death our wretched flesh and in His rising restored our life. Grant that we may always cling to Christ by faith in this life that at the last we may rejoice to stand in our own flesh and see You face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE FIERY FURNACE

A reading from Daniel chapter 3.  
Daniel 3:1-30

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

**RESPONSE:** *Benedicite opera omnia* (Song of the three young men)

**All You Works of God, Bless the Lord - LSB #930, stanzas 1, 2, 5**

1. **All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
All you angels, now bless the Lord;  
Come you heavens and pow'rs that be,  
Praise the Lord and His majesty:**

*Refrain*        **Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!  
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,  
All you works of God, bless the Lord!**

2. **Sing you sun and you moon above,  
Stars of heaven now sing His love;  
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,  
Heat and fire—, you ice and snow**        *Refrain*

5. **Come humanity, sing along  
Sing, you people of God, a song;  
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,  
Join, you spirits and souls at rest.**        *Refrain*

Let us pray...

Look in mercy, O Lord upon Your faithful people, and by Word and Spirit bring to completion that good work which You have begun in us. Gather in Your people that all the world may see and know that what has been cast down has been raised up and what has grown old is made new, until the work You have begun in us is brought to its joyful fulfillment in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**



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

*(Ringing of the bells and raising of lights)*

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  
 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.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eight chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

## EASTER GOSPEL

**Matthew 28:1-10**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You, O Christ.**



**SERMON:** Pastor Larry Yaw

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISM and CONFSSION OF FAITH**

As the baptized children of God, I ask you now to confess your baptismal faith before one another and before the Lord and to profess your intention to remain faithful to this covenant God made with you in your Baptism. Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**I do renounce them.**

I ask you anew: Do you in the presence of God acknowledge the gifts God gave you in your Baptism?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**Yes, I believe 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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, 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 everlasting. Amen.**

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and sacraments, which are his means of grace, and in faith, word and action remain true to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**I do so intend by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**I do intend with the help of God.**



## RECEPTION OF ADULT CONFIRMANDS

Derek Blackman

Kimberly Porter

Emily Van Ess

### Gathering of the Offering

*Did you know that your offering provides four sessions of pre-marital counseling to all couples who are married in our church?*

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 gathering of the offering 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.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### + 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# PROPER PREFACE

## SANCTUS

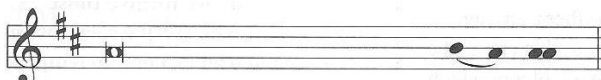
**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI



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



**C** A - men.

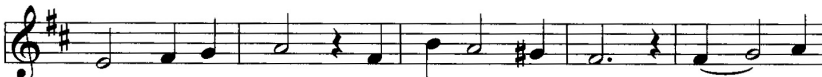
### AGNUS DEI



**C** 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.

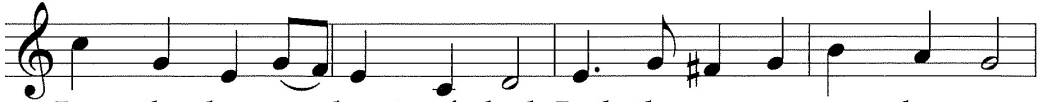


COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Alleluia, Jesus Lives”



1. Al-le - lu - ia!\_ Je - sus lives! He is now the liv - ing one;
2. Je - sus lives! let\_ all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed ones of earth.
3. Je - sus lives! why do you weep? Why that sad and fre - quent sigh?
4. Je - sus lives! And thus my soul, Life is yours e - ter - nal - ly;



From the gloom-y\_ haunts of death Forth the con-quer - or has gone,  
 Praise Him in a\_ no - bler song, Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
 He who died our broth - er here Lives our broth - er still on high,  
 Joined to him, your liv - ing head, Where He is, you too shall be;



Bright fore-run-ner to the skies Of His peo - ple yet to rise.  
 Praise the Vic-tor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Lives for - ev - er to be - stow Bless-ings on His Church be - low.  
 You with Him at His right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” - LSB #469

“Awake, My Heart, With Gladness” - LSB #467

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death on the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Bless we the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

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HYMN "This Joyful Eastertide" - LSB #482



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:



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!

Postlude "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" - N. Rowesthorne

