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 - 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 "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.



Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

Pre-Service Music

Sunday: Handells 8:00 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - arr. Lloyd Larsen
10:30 "The Day of Resurrection" - arr. Frances Callahan

Order of Service

Divine Service 2 - *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 167, adapted

HYMN: "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright" - *Lutheran Worship* #147



1. That East - er day with joy was bright, The sun shone
2. His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; His wound - ed
3. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Who with your
4. O Lord of all, with us a - bid In this our
5. All praise, to you, O ris - en Lord, Now both by



out with fair - er light, When to their long - ing
hands and feet he showed; Those scars their sol - emn
grace our hearts pos - sess That we may give you
joy - ful East - er - tide; From ev - 'ry weap - on
heaven and earth a - dored; To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
wit - ness gave That Christ was ris - en from the grave.
all our days The will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield Your own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
e - qual praise, And Spir - it blest, our songs we raise.

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

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 Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast"

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

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +



First Reading

Acts 9:1-22

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

And he said, "Who are you, Lord?"

And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."

And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

Epistle

Revelation 5:8-14

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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



VERSE



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

We know that Christ being raised | from the dead.
will never | die again.

Romans 6:9

(Alleluias are repeated)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?"

They answered him, "No."

He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"
 He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
 He said to him, "Feed my lambs."
 He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"
 He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you."
 He said to him, "Tend my sheep."
 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?"
 Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."
 Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" - LSB #458, stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens
 2. No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin
 3. Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to
 5. Here our true Pas - chal Lamb we see, Whom God so free

- es - gi - ven; But now at God's right hand He stands
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
 de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown
 - ly - gave us; He died on the ac - curse - ed tree,

And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
 And there - fore death had brought us In - to bon - dage
 From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no
 So strong His love, to - save us. See His blood now

joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
 from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold
 more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
 marks our door; Faith points to it; death pas - ses o'er,

Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
 It's sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
 And Sa - tan can - not harm us. Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON Vicar William Ebel

Gathering of the Offering

Handbells: 8:00 “Psalm Meditation” - Judy Hunnicut
 10:30 “The Strife is O’er” - arr. J. Wayne Kerr

Did you know that our endowment funds are considered “non-designated” and cannot be used for normal operating expenses? Each year, 5% of the value of the endowment portfolio on January 1 is made available to support non-operating expense projects within our congregation.

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.

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+ 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

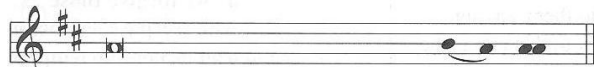

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

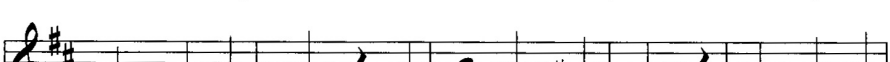
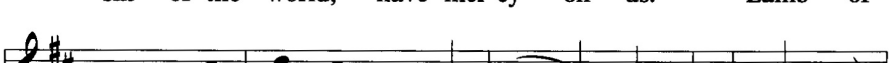
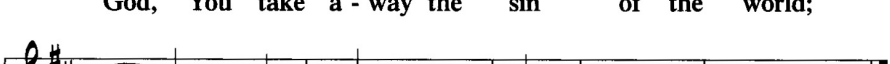
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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:

- 8:00 "Feed My Lambs" - Chas. Buffham
Karin Barth, soloist
- Handbells: 8:00 "The Day of Resurrection" - arr. Barbara Kinyon
"The Strife is O'er" - arr. Michael Keller
- 10:30 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" - arr. M. L. Thompson
"Christ is Arisen, Alleluia" - arr. John Behnke

"Come Risen Lord" - Hymnal Supplement 98 #856


1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest;
2 We meet, as in that Up - per Room they met.
3 One bod - y we, one bod - y who par - take,
4 One with each oth - er, Lord, for one in Thee,

Nay, let us be Thy guests; the feast is Thine.
Thou at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand.
One Church u - nit - ed in com - mu - nion blest,
Who art one Sav - ior and one liv - ing head.

Thy - self at Thine own board make man - i - fest
"This is My bod - y"; so Thou giv - est yet;
One name we bear, one bread of life we break,
Then o - pen Thou our eyes, that we may see;

In Thine own sac - ra - ment of bread and wine.
Faith still re - ceives the cup as from Thy hand.
With all Thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
Be known to us in break - ing of the bread.

“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” - LSB #531

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” - LSB #729

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION
Amen.

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

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: **"Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia" - LSB #463**

- 1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!**
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!
- 2. For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!**
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!
- 3. Christ, the Victim undefiled, Alleluia!**
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!
- 4. Christians on this holy day, Alleluia!**
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Postlude

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