

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



T DIVINE SERVICE T

OPENING HYMN (11:00A/7:00P) "All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name" (LSB 549)

OPENING HYMN (8:30A)

1. Dearest Jesus, we are here,
Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near
In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given
As a child and heir of heaven

2. Dear Savior, Olivia own;
Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed her;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne,
Way of Life, to heaven lead her;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever
From Your side this branch forever.

RITE OF BAPTISM (8:30A) – OLIVIA DREW ALBRIGHT

3. Now into Your heart we pour
Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar;
May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write this name we now have given;
Write it in the book of heaven!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

T W O R D T

INTROIT

Psalm 23 (antiphon: John 10:14,15b)

P I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

P He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

C **He restores my soul.**

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

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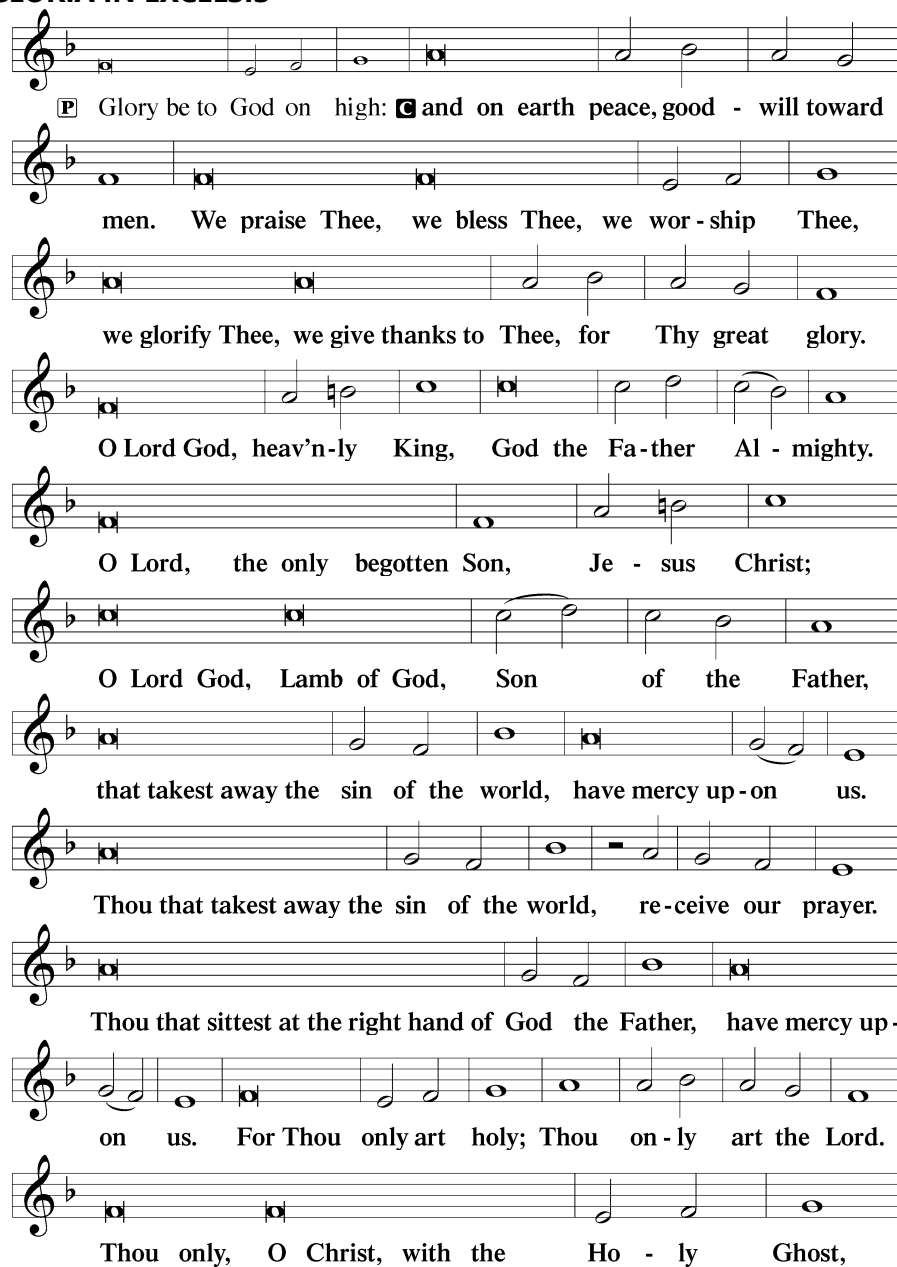


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 4:1-12

(By whose authority?)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision/My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (arr. Adams)

Andrew Wulf, flute

EPISTLE

1 John 3:16-24

(Love through belief)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

(Jesus is the good shepherd)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our confirmands, that the Lord would continue to bless and prosper their lives in the pursuit of loving you and their brothers and sisters, and that they would abide steadfast in this faith until the end, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P In thanksgiving for our risen Christ, the firstfruits from the dead, who has secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences, that He would also bless with temporal health those who suffer especially _____; and that He would grant us aid not only in this moment, but immortal health in the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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.**

The 8:30A/7:00P services continue on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T
11:00 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)
- "I am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)
- "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" (LSB 524)

DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

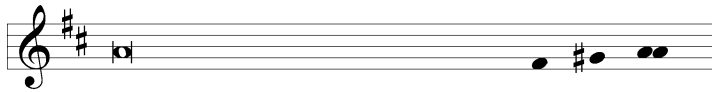
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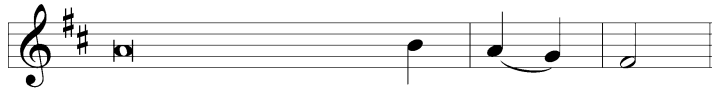
NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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 peace.
C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”

(LSB 737)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 25 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

AS WE GATHER Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a

sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for one's self when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. *John 10:14-15*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth Sunday of Easter! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.

Confirmation Today is Confirmation Sunday. Join our 8th grade confirmation class between services for a reception to congratulate our confirmands. Goodies will be provided.

Social Distancing Our Board of Elders have decided to relax the social distancing somewhat. **If you want to be social distanced please sit in the center two sections.** The ropes will be removed from the outer two sections for those who are not opposed to sitting closer together.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.

Newsletters Future monthly newsletters are being sent electronically. Those wishing to continue having it mailed, please contact Helen in the office (224-2216) and we are happy to send them.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed., Apr. 14, Att. ?; Sun., Apr. 18, Att. 230; General Fund \$13,847.39; Building Fund \$290.00; Love Fund \$125.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Utecht Ministry \$70.00; Mexico Mission \$5,900.00; Dakotamart \$800.00 (\$400 to Preschool & \$400 to Daycare); Flowers \$15.00; Facility Use Donation \$100.00; Reimbursement from Mexico Mission Fund to General Fund \$918.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Transit Rides Anyone wishing to attend any activities or church services at Faith Lutheran may get **FREE** transit rides to and from the activities. To be sure to arrive on time **PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE**. If you forgot please call several hours in advance as they are usually pretty busy on Sunday mornings getting others to church also. River Cities Public Transit phone number is **945-2360**.

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Butter Braids If you ordered Butter Braids from the Daycare fundraiser and have not picked them up yet **PLEASE pick yours up today or as soon as possible**. They are in the white freezer in the kitchen. There is a list on the counter of what you ordered if you have forgotten.
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COMPASSION SUNDAY is today. Compassion packets will be on the Living Room table for anyone wishing to sponsor a child living in poverty. Sponsors make such a difference in the spiritual and physical lives of these children.

This is a great opportunity to live out God's call to care for the poor. As a sponsor, not only will you help support a child's growth and development, but you also will build a relationship with him or her. Through letters, you can remind a child that you love them, that God loves them and that there is hope.

The packets will also be available for viewing next Sunday, May 2.



THANK YOU! A sincere thank you to all who donated items, purchased items or gave a monetary gift to our LWML Silent Auction! We were humbly blessed with \$824.50 to go to the Church of Hope at the Women's prison here in Pierre. Our speaker Laurel Wempe, will be purchasing study Bibles with the funds.

Middle School Mentors Needed "The middle school principal is asking for any men from our congregation that would be interested in mentoring middle school age boys. Contact Pastor Sam for more information."



Bake Sale & Silent Auction Mexico mission trip team will be hosting a free will bake sale and silent auction Sunday of Mother's Day, 9th of May. If you would like to donate a baked good bring that Sunday or leave in kitchen labeled. Silent auction items can be left labeled in front closet or contact Shannon 695-6030.

Men's Softball Team Faith Lutheran is again having a men's softball team. We need a few more players to fill the roster. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Dennis Ryckman as soon as possible. Must have parent's permission if under 18. The team plays on Friday nights during the summer months of May to early August. Also, if you would like to help co-sponsor the team registration fee, let Dennis know.



Ushers Needed Some of our usher crews are in desperate need of recruits. We especially need people for the Jan./May/Sept. 8:30 crew, the Apr./Aug./Dec. 8:30 crew, the Feb./Jun./Oct. 11:00 crew and the Mar./Jul./Nov. 11:00 crew. The positions are open to any confirmed member, male or female. If you are willing to help talk to any of the ushers or call the office and we will put you in contact with the captains of the teams.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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10:00 AM: This is the Life – "The Prisoners." An elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.

10:30 AM: Reverend Kurt Laskowski, pastor at Zion and First English Lutheran churches in Hurley and Centerville, SD brings the message "Boldly Confess Christ." He bases the message on Acts 4:1-12. The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the website: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Death is the one thing no Christian has to do on his or her own. Jesus has already been through suffering and death before us. He knows the way through death and the way back to life, too. Our friends and family cannot go with us—but Jesus can. He will never let go of our hands. And He will bring us back to life with Him because He has promised, and He will never lie.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Apr. 25 Compassion Sunday
Compassion packets in Living Room

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Confirmation Reception
9:45 am **NO** Sunday School
11:00 am Confirmation/Communion

Tues: Apr. 27

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study

Wed: Apr. 28

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Wednesday Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Apr. 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions
6:30 pm Church Council

Sun: May 2

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Voters Meeting
9:45 am **NO** Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Faith Lutheran Youth

Camp Minneboji

Camp is scheduled for June 20-26, 2021. Minneboji is a Lutheran summer camp program led by our South Dakota and Minnesota South districts of the LCMS and hosted at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Iowa. This year’s theme is “Washed,” exploring who we are as baptized children of God. Through Bible study, talks with missionaries, music, crafts, and sports, your student will develop their sense of who God has made them and called them to be. Registration forms will soon be available in the church office. See Pastor Sam with questions or if you are interested.



Circuit Bible Camp This year our Circuit Bible Camp will be held July 12-14. More details to come as further decisions are made. Details will be in the bulletins and newsletter as they become available.

