

EASTER SUNDAY

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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*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Theme of the Day: Today's goal is to both *profess* Easter and *possess* Easter. Easter happened. That's *profess*. Easter is happening in me. That's *possess*!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(LSB 457)

EASTER GREETING

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** 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.
- P** 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.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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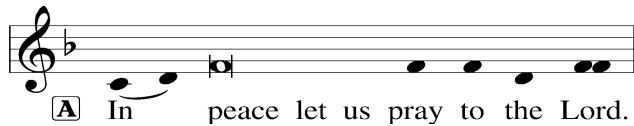
Psalm 118

[During the sermon Series on Exodus we are using Psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 118]

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation!
C **The LORD's right arm has done marvelous things!**
P The LORD's right arm is raised in triumph.
C **The LORD's right arm has done marvelous things!**
P We will not die; instead, we will live to tell what the LORD has done.
C **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**
P This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
C **This is the day the LORD has made.**
P Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
C **Alleluia! Christ is risen!**
P He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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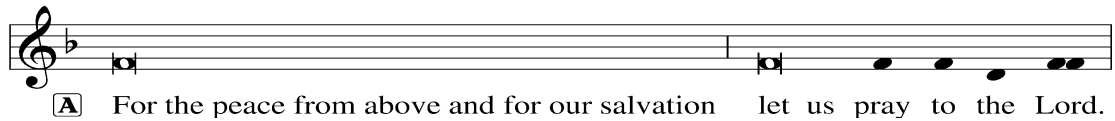
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



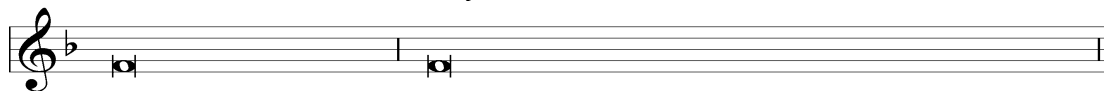
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



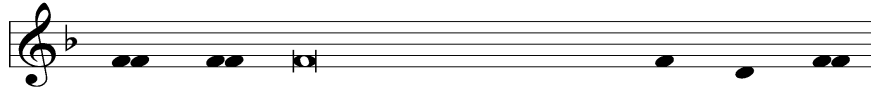
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



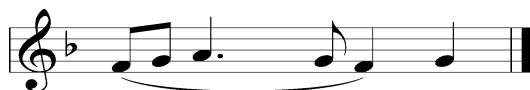
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



C 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.

THE SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 15:1-18* (The Song of Moses and Miriam)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“When I Behold Jesus Christ” (*setting by Matthew Machemer*)

Men of Faith Choir

Assisted by: Vocal Trio

Andrew Wulf, flute

Tiger Duinkherjav, Oboe

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:55–58

(Victory Over Death)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: **C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below the second staff, the lyrics are: words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The piece ends with a double bar line.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 28:1–10

(The Resurrection)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

(LSB 480)

SERMON

*"Against All Odds!"
Pastor Brad Urbach*

(Exodus 34:1-8)

Weekly Suggested Reading: Yes, More Moses – Read the Book of Leviticus

CREED

Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING

We gather our tithes and gifts of love

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You kept Your promise and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by His rising again, we have the hope of everlasting life. Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not fear our enemies nor give in to the temptation of despair in our days of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

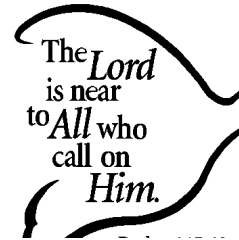
P Be with Matthew, our Synod president; _____, our district president; and all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P Have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially* _____]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We pray that You will not abandon us to Sheol but that, when we awake in the resurrection of all flesh, Your presence will give us joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

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 our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
Both Services

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C Amen.

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

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 mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "The Infant Priest Was Holy Born" (LSB 624)
- "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (LSB 474)
- "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" (LSB 671) Tune 648

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

☐ Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His

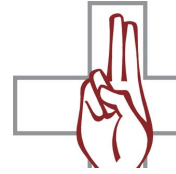
kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Numbers 6:24–26




C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (LSB 461)

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Silent Prayer: Spirit of the Living God, empower me to both *profess* and *possess* Easter – today and forevermore. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lenten Notes

 **Lenten Notes** – The season of Lent is now over...During Lent the joyful alleluias and the cheerful Hymn of Praise is not generally sung but is now restored...the cross is draped in white to commemorate Christ's death... flowers are restored on the Altar which helps us appreciate the bright fragrant blooms of the Easter morning spring flowers... The three nail sculptures in front of us were created and welded by Kevin Axtell. Thanks Kevin... Michael Shoup provided the bright up-lights in the Chancel...Ken & Cheryl Brull provided the three large crosses and they were draped by our Altar Guild as well as the Easter floral arrangement... May God richly bless your Lenten journey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EASTER SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER When Isaiah wrote about God's plans in terms of a feast, people may have wondered, "Says who?" The prophecy wasn't clear, and the resurrection of Jesus was still

centuries in the future. If the women at the tomb decided to tell someone later, they might not have been believed. But today's Epistle includes a list of those who did hear and see Jesus Himself, including Paul, who had persecuted the church. We are here because untold millions of our brothers and sisters heard God's Word, came to faith, and couldn't keep the news to themselves. Who told you? Whom will you tell? And if anyone asks, "Says who?" invite them to join us in worship to hear for themselves.

Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation: Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated. *Opening Sentences*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Easter Sunday! 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 this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services 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.



Easter Breakfast Join us between services for Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Mar. 20, Att. 63, Offering \$165.00; **Sun., Mar. 24, Att. 305;** General Fund \$11,356.35; Sunday School \$44.00; Building Fund \$225.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Lutheran Witness \$5,500.00; Mexico Mission \$30.00; Bible Study \$260.00; Men's Breakfast Fundraiser (Lutheran Witness) \$935.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Mrs. Olaf (Julie) Larson (Generations) \$500.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. *Please use a separate check for your donation.* Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The

counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



We'll deliver this year's collected food to the Food Pantry Tuesday, April 2nd.

We need people with trucks, vans, or SUVs to be at the church at 9:45. We'll load the food and other items and bring it to the Pantry.

This should only take about an hour of your time. Thanks.



Mexico Mission The Mexico Mission team thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2024 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the

church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.



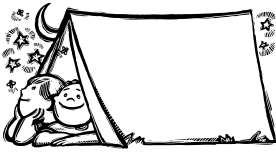
Also, there will be a Mexico mission trip fundraiser rummage sale at the church Friday and Saturday, April 5th-6th. If you wish to contribute rummage, please have your items at the church by Wednesday, April 3rd.

The LWML is taking a break from assembling Little Dresses kits this year. We will be doing it again, so please continue to donate your items for this project. Instead, we are assembling **Health Kits** for **Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter** here in Pierre. We are starting with several items that were already donated for other health kits but were not used. We have added a few things to our list of needed items so we can complete 50 kits. **The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex – please list what you are donating and be mindful of what is needed. Only donate those things listed.** We will be collecting these items through April. If we fill this request, we will add more kits. Thank you for your help with this. If you have questions, please call Jan Larson 650-280-0862. **PS** We do not need any soap for the kits – they already have plenty of these! Items needed: New large bath towels (50), wash cloths (18), new, sealed toothbrushes (43), small or travel size toothpaste (30), lip balm (50), small or travel size shampoo (23), small or travel size conditioner (34), small or travel size lotion (28), fingernail clippers (31), small or travel size deodorant (50).

LWML Presentation Monday, April 8th at 7pm, LWML will have speaker Nance Orsbon representing Church of Hope. She will be talking to the group about the needs of

women leaving the South Dakota Women's Prison. Each lady receives an exit bag which includes toiletries, feminine products, etc. LWML will be holding a silent auction that night, with all proceeds going to support this great mission.

We invite everyone to join us on the 8th in the sanctuary to hear Nance, enjoy fellowship, treats, coffee & help support this local mission!



Help a Camper go to Camp! Sunday morning April 14th our Men's Club will sponsor a scrambled egg and sausage breakfast with fresh biscuits and jelly. Proceeds will go to help our youth go to either Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp.

Join us for a Faith Lutheran Trip to Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum July 28-Aug. 3, 2024 Sign up in the Narthex by April 1. See the latest details at www.faithluth.com/ArkTrip.

You will be amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! Travel via the Faith Motor Coach. Travel cost per person, \$225, deposit required. Lodging (details yet to be determined) and Meals on your own.

Tentative Itinerary:

Day 1/2: Travel to Lawrenceburg, IN

Day 3: Tour Creation Museum

Day 4: Tour Creation Museum or Ark Encounter

Day 5: Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY

Day 6/7: Travel to Pierre, SD

Again, sign up by April 1. We need 30 people to go. Contact church office @ 605-224-2216 or Dennis Ryckman @ 605-222-7713 for more information.



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Get your taxes done for free. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre/AARP Foundation tax-Aid Program will be accepting appointments for the upcoming season. There are 6 volunteers available to provide services. To obtain an appointment, please contact the Pierre Senior Center @ 605-224-7730 or in person from 1-3 PM. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. You will need to obtain an information packet, which contains instructions and forms to be completed prior to your appointment. Self-employment income, some rental income, Out-of-State returns and other situations are Out-of-Scope.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a

different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **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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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Three Days” - The disciples’ reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus’ death and resurrection.

10:30 AM - Rev. Steven Turner, President of Iowa District West, presents an Easter message titled “Jesus Lives! What Does This Mean?” This sermon is based on Mark 16:1-8. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth 

This Week at Faith Lutheran

TODAY: Mar. 31 EASTER

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am Easter Breakfast

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Apr. 1

7:00 pm Men's Club

7-10 pm Pickleball

Tues: Apr. 2

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am *Truth Project*

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6-9 pm Softball

Wed: Apr. 3

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm *Connected to Christ* Study

6:30 pm *John* (in homes)

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Apr. 4

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: Apr. 7

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders

