

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025 A.D.

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



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name"

(LSB 549)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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 ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation –

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

C Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

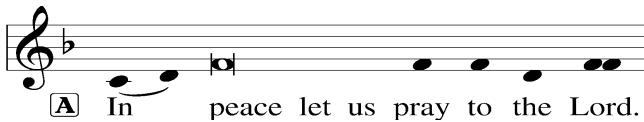
P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

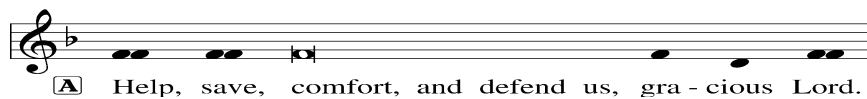
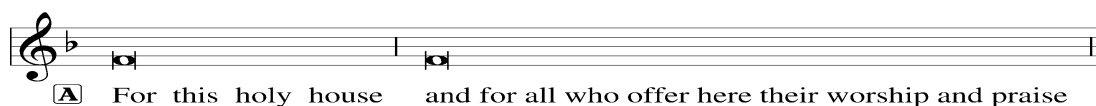
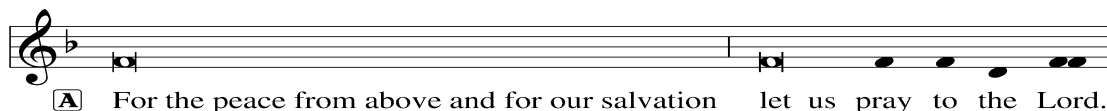
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation –

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.


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THIS IS THE FEAST

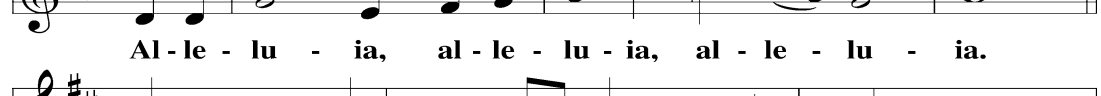
Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



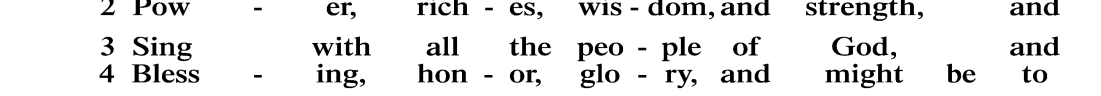
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.



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

C 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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 5:12–32* (“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the strain” (*arr. Michael Burkhardt*)

Tiger Duinkherjav, oboe

Andrew Wulf, clarinet

Carlene Barber, Lori Billet & Pam Warriner, bells

Noel Clocksin & Clare Swanson, Xylophones

EPISTLE *Revelation 1:4–18* (To Him who loves us be glory forever.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:19–31* (Thomas confronts Jesus with his doubts and Jesus confronts him with His wounds to show that the news of the resurrection is true.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth 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)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (LSB 470)
Verses 1-5 before sermon; verses 6-9 after sermon

SERMON "Glad When They Saw the Lord" (John 20:20)
 Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

RITE OF CONFIRMATION 11:00

Lexi Jane Bales *Psalms 46:5*
Abigail Theresa Brusseau *Joshua 1:9*
Cadence Madison Cornelison *Psalms 23:4*
Sophie Dawn Fuerst *Romans 8:18*
Jackson Matthew Grohs *John 3:16*
Blake Robert Hansen *2 Chronicles 15:7*
Jaxton Rey Hoftiezer *John 3:16*
Kourtney Dee Ann Hughes *1 Peter 5:7*
Julia Mae Jacobson *Psalms 91:10*
Lander Wade Marnell *Revelation 7:16-17*
Hudson Brundon Okroi *Romans 5:8*
Lincoln Eugene Olson *Matthew 7:24*
Sumara Caroline Elizabeth Paul *Psalms 119:105*
Lily Jane Reitzel *Joshua 1:9*
Colt John Schilling *Matthew 28:20*
Elyssa Jean Tedder *Hebrews 12:11*



(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.

Glorious Lord, You have worked the salvation of the world through the death and resurrection of Your Son. Give strength to our praise, and let our hearts and mouths be filled with the joy of Your wondrous works. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to die for our sins and to rise for our justification. By His holy wounds, bless us with the forgiveness of sins, and bless those sent to serve us in Your name, that Your Church would be built up in our time and in the ages to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Merciful God, remember those who have wandered from the household of faith. Faithful to Your promises, work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for Your unending grace and steadfast love, that they might return to the faith and delight in Your Son, crucified and raised for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

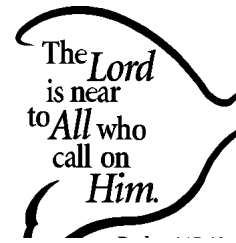
- P** Lord of hosts, You sent Your angel to free the apostles from prison, that they would speak of the life of Christ. Send Your holy angels to minister to those imprisoned on account of the testimony of Jesus, and embolden Your whole Church to give a faithful and loving witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we pray You to lead and guide our president; Congress; our governor; the legislature of our state; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Protect and defend those within our community who enforce the rule of law, respond in emergency and disaster, and guard our liberty here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Great Physician, even the shadows of Your apostles brought healing to the afflicted people of Jerusalem. As we rest under the shadow of Your wings, heal Your



afflicted servants, [*especially* _____,] that they would rejoice in Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Father, Your Son greets His disciples with peace despite their sins against Him. Make us confident in His mercy toward us, and gladden our hearts as He comes to us in His body and blood with forgiveness and renewal. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Alpha and Omega, almighty God, who was and is and is to come, with You all the souls of the faithful rest in safety and in the assurance of the resurrection of all flesh. Make safe our way to join them, and bring us with John and all the saints into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom; 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.**

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 8:30 am service continues on page 11 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 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 ✠

11:00 am service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

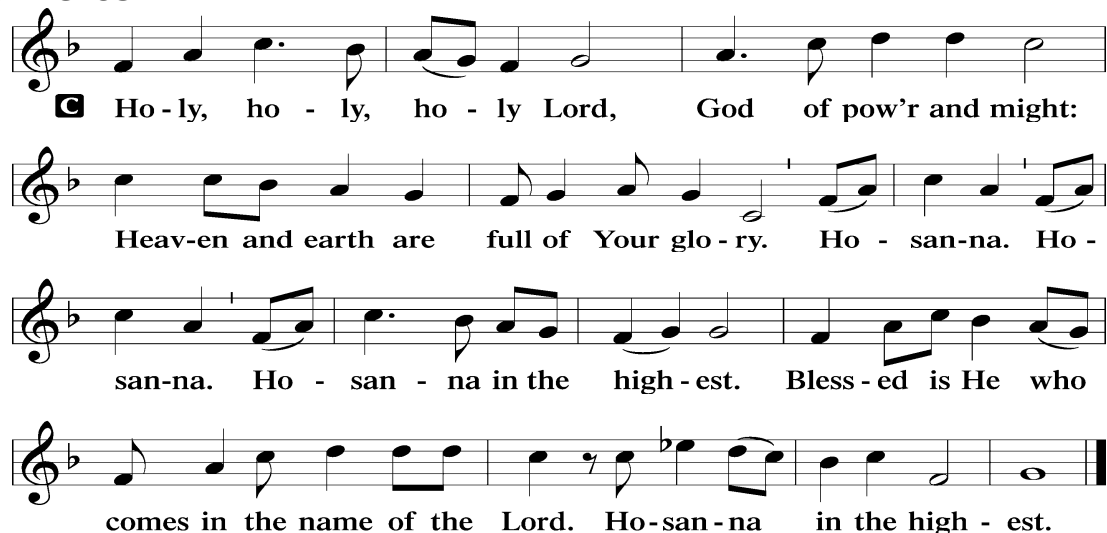
C We lift them to the Lord.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our

Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

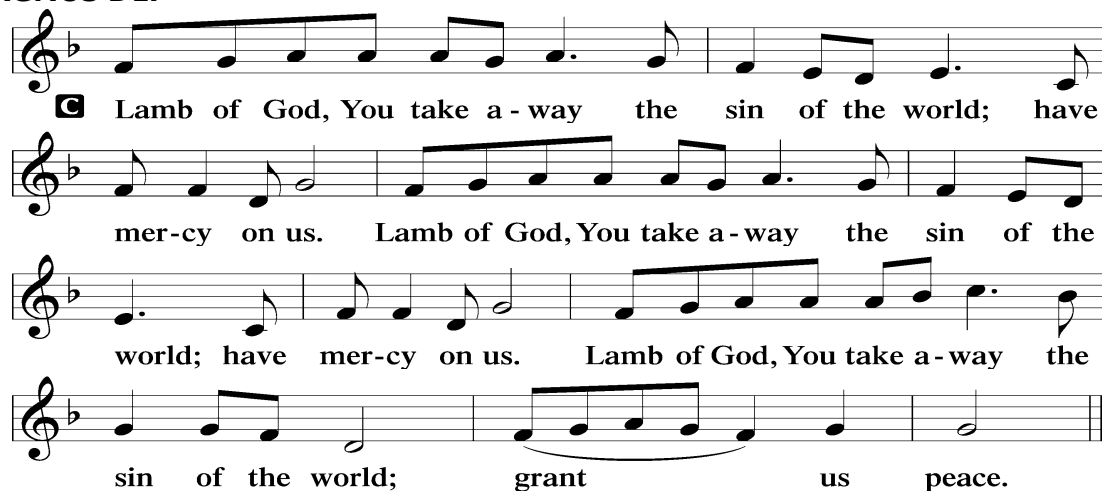
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"This Joyful Eastertide"

(LSB 482)

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

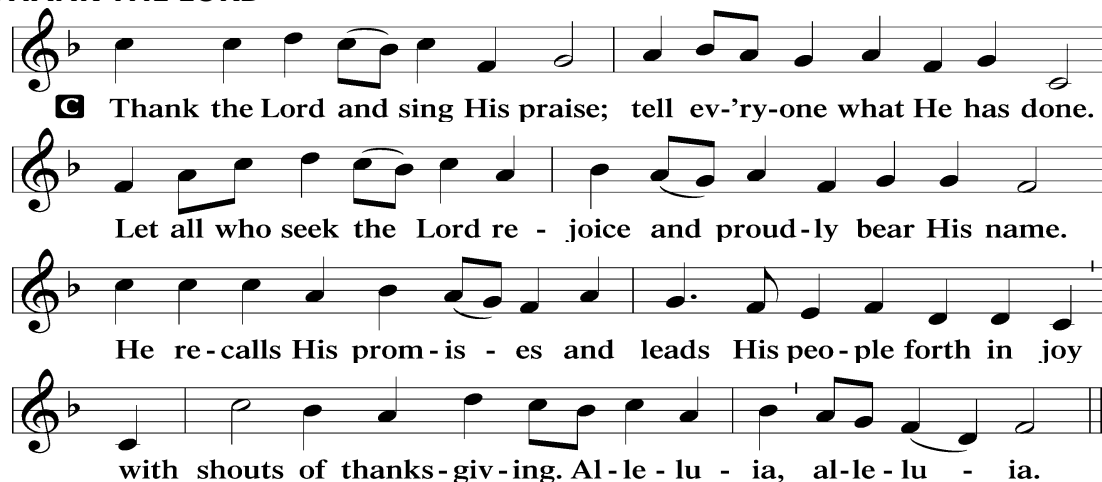
(LSB 464)

"He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord" (LSB 480)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.


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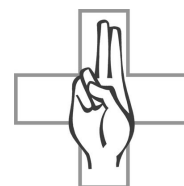
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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

C Amen.

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

CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" (LSB 917)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, “My Lord and my God!” Don’t let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. John 20:19–20

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Second 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 this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke. Pastor and Susan Urbach are worshipping at Memorial Lutheran in Sioux Falls this morning as the congregation celebrates the retirement of Pastor Aaron Asmus. Reverend Asmus has served our District for many years including being the Director of Music at Camp Minneboji. Pastor and Lisa, who has served our District LWML for many years, will remain in Sioux Falls.

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.

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.

Broadcasts Our Sonrise radio broadcast and our cable broadcast are sponsored this week in honor of the 70th wedding anniversary of Marvin & Jeanne Schweigert on May 1st. Marvin & Jeanne are long-time members of Faith and have been very active in the workings of Faith throughout all those years. Happy Anniversary, Marvin & Jeanne!!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thurs. Apr. 17, Att. 155; Offering \$2,260.00; **Fri. Apr. 18, Att. 246;** Offering \$1,400.00; **Sun., Apr. 20, Att. 562;** General Fund \$11,574.32; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$390.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Flowers \$100.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Mexico Mission \$1,965.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$100.00, (Generations) \$250.00, (Foundations) \$50.00.

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!

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank Cheryl Brull, Ken Brull, Renee Knapp, and Dale Knapp for their work in bringing the tomb of Jesus to life. It has served as the focal point during the season of Lent, where its decorations reminded us of the coming suffering our Lord would experience on Good Friday. Now the tomb has transformed into a symbol of life, adorned with flowers and white cloth to remind us that our Savior has risen and that he is alive.

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve.

Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31. Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.

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 - “Gates of Glory” - Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

10:30 AM - Rev. Matthew Wurm, pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD presents a message titled “Do not Disbelieve, but Believe.” The sermon is based on John 20:27. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth 



LCMS Youth Gathering The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on

Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Camp Minneboji It's time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025! This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.



Circuit Bible Camp Students who are finishing 4th – 8th grade are invited to join us for Circuit Bible Camp, which takes place July 7-9. We will be travelling to Hot Springs and taking in some of the local natural sights. This includes hiking, swimming, and eating outdoors. Packing list includes: Bible, clothes for 2 days (plus extra just in case), toiletries and towel, swimsuit, shoes for hiking, and an outdoor game if you have any.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Apr. 27

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:30 am Confirmation Reception

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Confirmation/Communion

2-5 pm Softball

Mon: Apr. 28

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Apr. 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Wed: Apr. 30

6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study

6:30 pm *Jesus* Bible Study in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 1

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sat: May 3

1:30-5 pm Wulf Music Recitals

Sun: May 4

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

1-4 pm DSS Foster Event

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders