

THIRD 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*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” (LSB 601)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† **WORD** †

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41* (Peter preaches to the people gathered in Jerusalem.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Grosser Gott, wir loben dich" (arr. Bob Moore)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:17–25 (Peter writes that we are redeemed by the blood of Christ.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



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

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:13–35 (Two witnesses learn from the Risen Lord at Emmaus.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth 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)

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. Luke 24:27, NRSV



BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN

"Stay with Us"

(LSB 879)

SERMON

“It Finally Makes Sense”
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Luke 24:13-35)

CREED

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

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

(LSB 192)

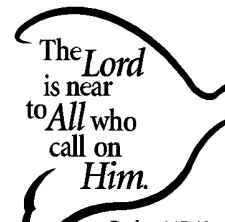
C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE

(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.



God of all compassion, Your Spirit opens the Holy Scriptures to the hearts of Your people. Enlighten us by the resurrection light that never fades, that our hearts may burn in faith toward You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You have established Your Church so that Your promise of eternal life might be delivered to us, to our children and to all who are far off — to everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself. Grant us faithful pastors to proclaim repentance and forgiveness through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, grant that Your Word may be the foundation of every Christian home; that husbands and wives may be united in faith and hope; and that children may hear and be nurtured in this Word by faithful parents. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, stifle the powers of darkness and end the reign of war, violence and terror. Give leaders who will seek peace and work for the common good. Instill in them a love of righteousness and guide them in the pursuit of justice for all. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Larry, our governor; all state and local officials; all medical and emergency workers; and all members of the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers [*including _____*]. Guard us against despair and grant us patience in days of trouble as we await Your perfect healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, Your compassion is made known to us through Your Son's breaking of the bread. Open our hearts and mouths to receive forgiveness in the body and blood of Christ, who suffered for us and has entered into His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son, You have delivered our souls from death, our eyes from tears and our feet from stumbling. Comfort all who mourn with this truth, that they may not grieve as others do who have no such hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These things and whatever else You know that we need, kind Father, grant us for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, 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 11:00 am service continues on page 11 with the Benediction.



Holy Communion

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 pastor**, 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** ✠

8:30 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tress of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Christ Is Risen!
CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED
Alleluia

SANCTUS

(LSB 195)

C 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 Amen.



AGNUS DEI

(LSB 198)

C 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

"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" (LSB 774)

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB 680)

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" (LSB 563)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB 199)

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.

HOPE
LIVES
BECAUSE
JESUS
LIVES.

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 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (LSB 923)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER The wearing of camouflage-patterned clothing is not limited to military personnel and hunters these days. It can be seen in many forms on the clothing of people of all ages in a variety of settings. The English word *camouflage* is a direct borrowing from the French word meaning, “to veil, disguise,” which, in turn, is derived from the two Italian words meaning “head” and “to muffle.” Seeing things that are camouflaged or hidden may take special

effort, especially when it is creatures in nature that are using camouflage to blend in with their settings. In our worship, we are most blessed in seeing our Lord present in the Sacrament, hidden under the forms of bread and wine. One communion hymn begins, “Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be” (LSB 640:1). The hiddenness of Jesus was experienced by two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Ultimately, their eyes were opened and they beheld the risen Savior. Today in our worship, we seek to see Him as He chooses to be known to us.

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

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 Third 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. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed., Apr. 8, Att: 0; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Apr. 12, Att. 277;** General Fund \$15,634.74; Sunday School \$9.00; Building Fund \$175.00; Love Fund

\$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Easter Flowers \$40.00; Mexico Mission \$3,218.00; Trinity Lutheran for Services \$200.00.

Endowment Fund 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. **Please specify where you would like your donation to go:** Blessings (the original Endowment Fund), Foundations (Building), Future (Education), Generations (General Fund), or Undesignated (anything that has not been specified for use). **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!



joining this group.

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider

New Church Cookbook It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered. **We have had about 300 recipes submitted so far. Still could use more. Keep them coming! We want a nice full cookbook!**



Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling

the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.



Building Healthy Families: Many of the challenges we face today as individuals, couples, or families are made worse by economic downturn, job loss, divorce, or other changes that make it difficult for available dollars to last to the next paycheck. Here’s an important message: Don’t ever let lack of finances be a barrier to calling LFS for support! A growing number of LCMS people here in South Dakota make monthly, quarterly, or annual gifts so that LFS can always say “Yes” when someone calls for help who doesn’t have insurance or financial resources to cover the entire cost of care. LFS accepts most major insurances and offers a sliding fee scale for those without insurance. Pregnancy counseling is always provided with no fee. Don’t hesitate to call. It’s why we’re here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081**

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

10:00am - “A Girl’s Best Friend” - Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all.

10:30 AM - Rev. Joseph Greenmyer, pastor at Faith & St. Peter's Lutheran Churches in Parkston & Emery, SD, presents a message titled “Where can Jesus be Found?”. The sermon is based on Luke 24:13-35. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Sin has made an impact on human conception: Babies are conceived that the parents do not want, and parents who desperately want children do not conceive. Yet, I do not believe for one moment that there is ever an unplanned pregnancy. God personally knows every child even before conception. He has a plan to create, redeem, and call that child into a relationship with Him.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year’s camp theme is “Lifted Up”. The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor’s Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Apr. 19

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Board Stewardship/Endow.
3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Apr. 20

6-8 pm Lady Caps. in Gym
6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Apr. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions
6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

Wed: Apr. 22

5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home

6:00 pm Midweek

6:00 pm Eighth Grade Questioning

6:30 pm *Galatians* in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Apr. 23

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:30-7:30 pm MOPS

Sun: Apr. 26

8:30 am Worship

9:30-10:45 am Confirmation Recept.

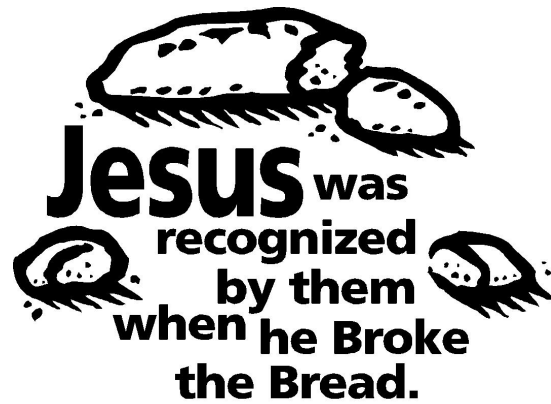
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11:00 am Confirmation/Communion

5-7 pm SLA Meeting in Gym



On the Road to Emmaus



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