

SECOND 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 "This Joyful Eastertide" (LSB 482)

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. 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 5:29–42* (The apostles proclaim the Good News about Jesus, the Christ.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Give Me Jesus" ...Trad. Spiritual, (arr. Lloyd Larson)
Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

EPISTLE 1 Peter 1:3–9 (We are born again to a living hope through the resurrection 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 John 20:19–31 (Jesus appears to His disciples gathered behind locked doors.)

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



Jesus Appears to the Disciples

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "O Sons and Daughters of the King" (LSB 470)

SERMON

“We Must Obey God”
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Acts 5:29-42)

CREED

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

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12 (LSB 192)

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

DEDICATION OF THE NEW PARAMENTS The new Paraments are given to Faith by Verna Fransen in memory of her husband Harlan.

The new stoles, dedicated last Sunday, were given by Jeannette Pfeiffer in memory of her sister, Marge Schlichenmaier and by Ruby Schimkat in memory of her husband, Clint. **The Banner Stand** is

given by the Marso family to the Glory of God and in memory of husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Fred Marso.

(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.

Lord God, like Thomas we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that believing, we may see, and seeing, we may rejoice in Your Son and the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, give courage to all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, that all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness until the day Christ returns as Judge and Lord of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

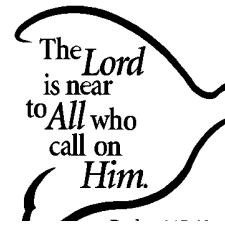
C **hear our prayer.**

P Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God of hosts, You have added believers to the Lord Jesus in all times and places, from those receptive and hostile alike. Shepherd the nations, and bring all peoples to embrace the Gospel of the resurrected Christ. Curb wicked rulers and break their power, that all would be brought to the feet of Jesus in worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**



P Gracious Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially* _____]. Comfort also those who weep [*and especially* _____] with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, preserve Your Holy Communion and Your Son's blessed Supper among us. Give contrition and faith to those who gather at this altar. Unite them in their confession of Your truth, and so bring them worthily to eat and to drink Christ's body and blood for their forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son suffered on our behalf to win salvation for us. Grant that we may have the privilege not only of believing in Him, but also of suffering for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

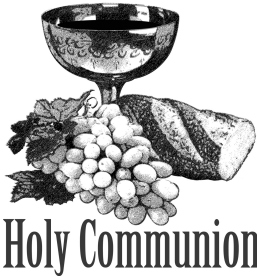
P O Lord, heavenly Father, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 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 ✠
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,

Christ Is Risen!
CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED
Alleluia

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:

SANCTUS

(LSB 195)

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)

☐ 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

"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" (LSB 487)

"O Savior, Precious Savior" (LSB 527)



(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

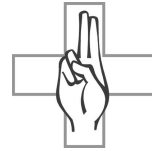
- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

“Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen”

(LSB 474)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER “Seeking dedicated worker. Suffering not optional.” If we were to read that simple line in a job posting, it certainly would give us pause. People generally want to avoid suffering at any cost. Scripture reminds us that there may be a dynamic of discomfort to faith-filled living that follows the call of the risen Savior. In his hymn text “‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” from the 1600s, Johann

Scheffler concludes, “Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed and, firmly clinging to His Word, in suffering be undaunted. For those who bear the battle’s strain the crown of heav’nly life obtain” (LSB 688:5). The challenges of the twenty-first century may differ from those of the seventeenth, but they are just as real. Our Lord promises that He is always with us on our life’s journey. With Easter joy, we travel onward together toward His glorious heavenly kingdom!

*From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end! LSB 578:4 © 1969 CPH*

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

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2, Att: 139; Offering \$4,380.00; **Good Friday, Apr. 3, Att: 203;** Offering \$1,865.00; **Sun., Apr. 5, Att. 591;** General Fund \$27,770.63; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$375.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Easter Flowers \$40.00; Mexico Mission \$4,415.00; Lent \$75.00.

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!



Glory Cross The Altar Guild would like to thank all those who brought flowers to adorn the Glory Cross on Easter Sunday. It was a wonderful expression of love for our Savior, Jesus Christ and a beautiful addition to our Narthex. Again, thanks so much!




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:** Listen to the news on any given day and you will be inundated with accounts of terrible things that are happening around the world and right here in South Dakota. It's easy to become distressed and overwhelmed. It's also possible for a traumatic news story to trigger memories of your own trauma – recent or in your personal history long ago. This week, take a few minutes to commit Jesus' words to memory and recall them whenever you hear distressing news: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the

world." Know that we're here for you and others you know to help overcome the hardships of life – bringing professional supportive counseling grounded in our shared world-view and Christian faith – through LFS counselors in Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, Rapid City area, Deadwood, and anywhere in South Dakota via confidential telehealth link. Call us – it's why we're here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service** [605-271-1081](tel: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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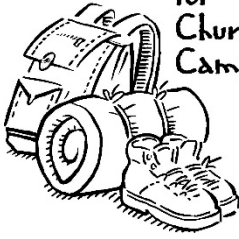
KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “Finders Keepers” - A man finds a large sum of money and struggles with the consequences of keeping it.

10:30 AM - Rev. Timothy Schleusener, pastor at Zion Lutheran & St. John's Lutheran Churches in Canistota & Montrose, SD, presents a message titled “But these are written...”. The sermon is based on John 20:19-31. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “The cross that held Jesus’ body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love.” *Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Sign up
for
Church
Camp

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. 12

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
11:00 am Communion
11:00 am Board of Missions
2-5:30 pm Softball
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Apr. 13

7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Apr. 14

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference
2:00 pm Berea Circle
6:15 PM Bd. of Prop. Management
6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

Wed: Apr. 15

5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home
6:00 pm Midweek
6:30 pm *Galatians* in homes
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Apr. 16

8:00 am Staff Devotions
12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck
6-9 pm Softball

Sun: Apr. 19

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

