

# Faith Lutheran Church

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*Please stand as you are able.*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**     *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* ELW 857

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## PASTORAL WELCOME

*Faith's Mission is to openly share the saving grace of Jesus' love.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE: *Forever* Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King, His love endures forever, For He is good, He is above all things, His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise!

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever, For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise!

**Refrain: Forever, God is faithful, Forever, God is strong. Forever, God is with us, Forever. Forever.**

From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever, And by the grace of God, we will carry on, His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise!

**Sing Refrain**

### **GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*You may be seated.*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **FIRST LESSON: EXODUS 15:1-11, 19-21**

**A** The First Lesson is from the 15th chapter of Exodus.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my might,  
and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him;  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

The Lord is a warrior;  
the Lord is his name.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;  
his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake;  
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?”

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.” are pleasures forevermore.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

### SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of 1st Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

### GOSPEL

### John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them

again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

*You may be seated*

**SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *We Walk By Faith* ELW 635

*You may be seated.*

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## **FAITH MISSION MOMENT**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Gentle Shepherd, draw near to those who are ill or in pain... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
Eternal One, we give thanks for all who share in the joy of your resurrection...  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**  
God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *Please stand as you are able.*  
*Be Not Afraid, ELW 388 (sing 3xs)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that  
great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that  
goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**

*You may be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *Come You Faithful Raise The Strain* ELW 363

#### **DISMISSAL**

A Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**