

# Faith Lutheran Church

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10:00am Worship Service • Sunday, April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday

**PRELUDE** *Le Cygne* by Saint-Saëns

*Please stand as you are able.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* ELW 365

*You may be seated*

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

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

**SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR HOLDEN JOSEPH BAKER-BASTOS**

**PRESENTATION**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors present the candidate:*

I present Holden Joseph Baker-Bastos for baptism.

**P** Steven and Megan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your son baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

**P** As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

**P** Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Holden in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Holden and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.  
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

## BAPTISM

P Holden, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

C **You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Holden with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Holden, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen.

## WELCOME

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* ELW 382

## 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 God of mercy,

we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

*You may be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 65:17-25

A The First Lesson is from the 65th chapter of Isaiah.

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall

plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND LESSON: ACTS 10:34-43**

**A** The Second Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Acts.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

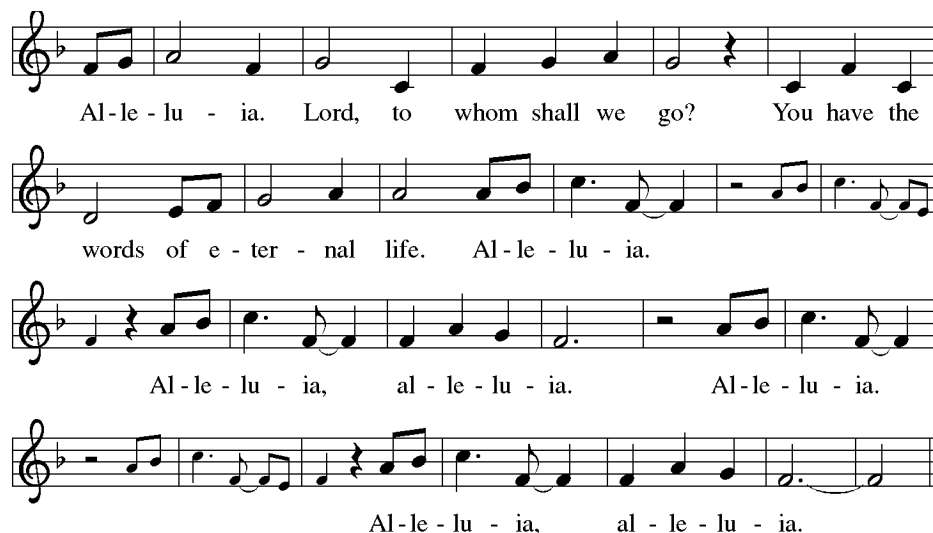
For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**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**

### **Luke 24:1-12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**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:** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367

*You may be seated.*

### **FAITH MISSION MOMENT & GOD SIGHTINGS.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

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| Holy God, we pray for new life in your church...God of grace,  | <b>hear our prayer.</b> |
| Life-giving God, we pray for new life in all of creation...God of grace,   | <b>hear our prayer.</b> |
| Sovereign God, we pray for new life among the nations...God of grace,  | <b>hear our prayer.</b> |
| Merciful God, we pray for new life among all who are in need...God of grace,   | <b>hear our prayer.</b> |
| Eternal God, we pray for new life in our community...God of grace,   | <b>hear our prayer.</b> |
| We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. |                         |
|  | <b>Amen.</b>            |

### **PEACE**

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

**OFFERING:** *The Day of Resurrection*, arr. By Mark Shepperd Faith Choir

*Please stand as you are able.*

**BE NOT AFRAID** ELW 388 (sing 3xs)

*please stand*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

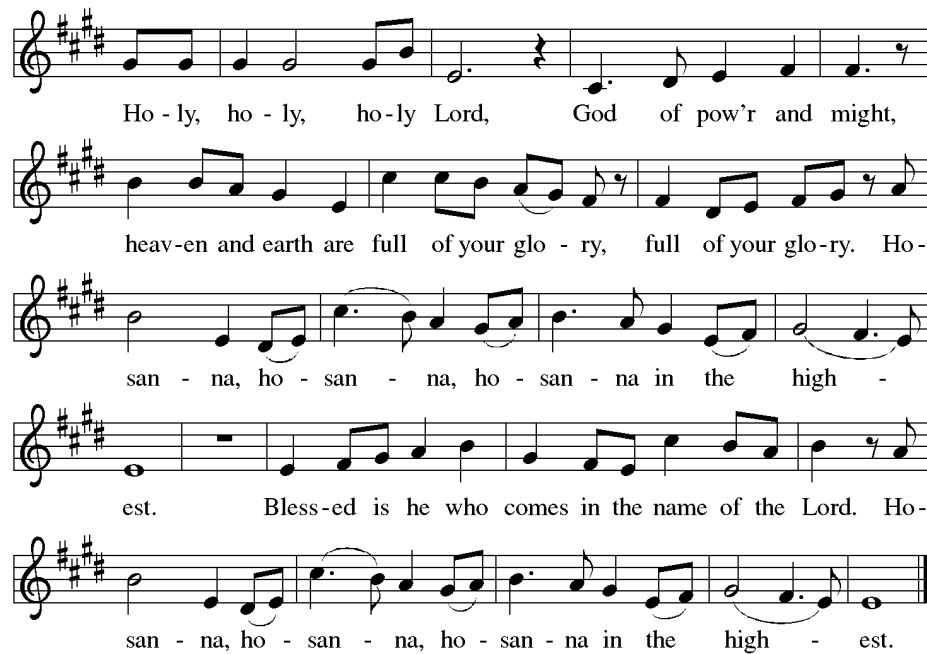
**And also with you.**

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

**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.**

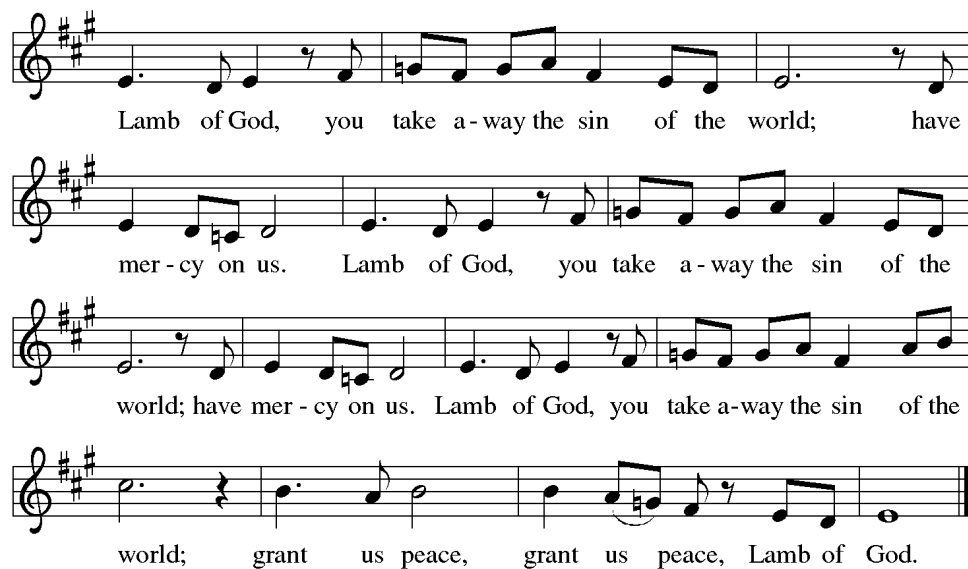
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*You may be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

**COMMUNION OFFERING:** *Bist Du Bei Mir*, J.S. Bach

## 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** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C** Amen.

### BLESSING

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**P** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C** Amen.

**Sending Song:** *Thine Is the Glory* ELW 376

### DISMISSAL

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

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

### POSTLUDE

*Thine Is the Glory*, arr. By Cathy Stamegna