

Resurrection of our Lord



April 5, 2026

*Faith Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, Illinois*

How good it is to sing praise to the Lord! Thank you for joining us for worship as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty, and Jesus calls us by name. What is our response? Not only do we sing praise, but like Mary, we are to go and proclaim that we have seen the Lord and invite others to “come and see.” Where can we see Jesus?

Faith’s Little Flock... children ages 2-7 are invited to an interactive time of Bible stories and activities during worship. Leaders will usher them to the classrooms after the children’s sermon and parents can meet them in the gathering area for the start of communion.

Holy Communion... you are invited to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is truly present in this meal with love and forgiveness, the strengthening of faith, and the promise of resurrected life. Come forward by the side aisles to receive the bread and an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice. Place your empty cup in the empty tray and return by the center aisle.

Holy Baptism... you are invited to live daily in God’s promises and grace through the waters of Holy Baptism. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more, please let Pastor Adam know.

Get involved at Faith... we have an abundance of ways you can see Jesus as we serve our community, learn about our faith, and connect together in the Body of Christ. Find more in the newsletter in your pew, in the back of the bulletin, or follow us on Facebook.

Again, thank you for coming to sing praise to the Lord! May you see Jesus in our worship together, then go out to share the good news and invite others to “come and see.”

GATHERING

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

WELCOME

PRELUDE: “How Good It Is,” by Chris Tomlin – *the Faith Singers*

***PROCESSIONAL:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW 365 (organ)

Please stand and join as we sing.

1. **Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!**
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!**
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. **But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!**
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. **Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!**
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heav’nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***RESPONSIVE READING AND CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name.

C: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget any of the Lord’s benefits.**

P: The Lord God pardons all our iniquities:

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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: The Lord redeems your life from destruction; and crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion. Hear God's message of life: Jesus Christ lives! As a called and ordained minister of Christ's Church, and by his authority I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.
Greet those around you by placing a hand on your chest and saying,
"The peace of Christ be with you."*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" ELW 855, vv. 1, 3, & 4 (*organ*)

- 1 **Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 3 **Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

- 4 **Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

WORD

READING: Psalm 118:21-29

Reader: John Williams

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Reader: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (*WOV 671, v. 1*) (*piano*)

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the King of creation. Refrain

***GOSPEL READING:** John 20:1-18

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

***SONG:** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (WOV 671, v. 2)

(piano)

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and is risen. Refrain

SERMON: "I Have Seen the Lord!"

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" ELW 377

(organ)

1 **Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 **Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

Refrain

3 **Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain

***THE 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 worshipped 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

STEWARDSHIP TIME

“Crown Him Lord this Easter Day,” by Don Besig & Nancy Price
Sung by the Easter Choir

—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances—

MEAL


*WORDS OF INSTITUTION



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

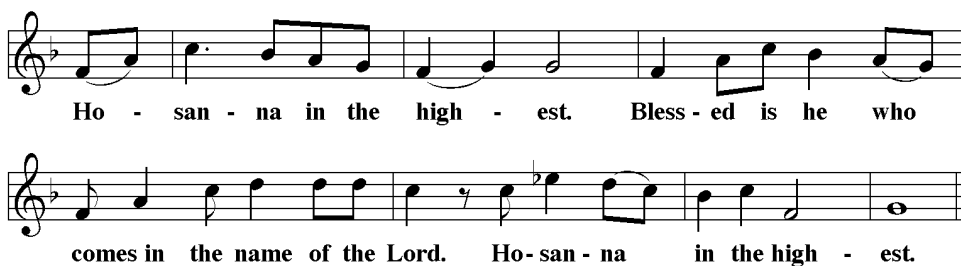
☐ It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:



☑ 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.



¶ In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION SONGS:

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing!” ELW 362 (organ)
vv. 1, 2, 6, & 7

- 1 **At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!**
- 2 **Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**
- 6 **Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!**
- 7 **Easter triumph, Easter joy, this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!**

“All My Days”

(piano)

**1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**2 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! Refrain**

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW 367 (organ)

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***CLOSING PRAYER**

SENDING

***BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG: "My Redeemer Lives"**

(piano)

I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sin. I believe, I believe!

My shame is taken away, my pain is healed in His name. I believe, I believe!

I'll raise the banner 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave!

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

Repeat verse

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

You lift my burdens, I'll rise with You.

I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see Your kingdom come!

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives!

Repeat

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Worship Assistants

Acolytes: Madeline & Nola Crossin
Crucifer: Benen Dichsen
Banner Bearer: Adam Krohe
Communion Assistant: Pam Devlin
Greeter: Lynette Hamilton
Reader: John Williams
Ushers: Barb Davenport & Liddy Stark
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Organist: Sandi Watts
Musical Ensemble: Adam Dichsen, *Trumpet*; Martha Krohe, *Flute*;
Mason Krohe, *French Horn*
Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen
Drummers: John Demien and Louis Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Barb Davenport & John Williams
Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe
Coffee Host: *Easter Breakfast in the Great Room*



Singers:

Maddie Crossin	Kelly Hartz	Adam Krohe	Cole Street
Benen Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Kris Roth	Melissa Street

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker	John Williams

The altar plants are given today
by Vicki Robson in memory of Kelly's birthday on April 3
and
by Judy Dillard in memory of her and Chuck's Anniversary on April 4

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, April 5, 8:00am: Easter Breakfast in the Great Room
9:30am: Resurrection Worship
10:30am: Easter Breakfast in the Great Room

Wednesday, April 8, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Thursday, April 9, 10:45am: Outreach Core Team Meeting

Saturday, April 11, 9:00am: Council Retreat

Sunday, April 12, 9:30am: Worship

11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

4:30pm: Bible Boot Camp

Wednesday, April 15, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

Children and teachers gather each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and return to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

Beginning after Easter, we will be purchasing flowers each week for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Post-Service Discussions

Next Sunday after the service, grab some refreshments and join us in the Justice Room to further encounter the readings – and the sermon. *Naomi Hahn*

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

Bible Boot Camp

Pastor Adam will be leading gatherings on April 12 & 19. If others would like to help provide a meal or lead a fun activity, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, or Celeste Hill on our Discipleship Core Team or **sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area**. Our typical schedule is for Bible Boot Camp from 4:30-5:30, and a meal for 15 people from 5:30-6.

Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies were given by members and friends of Faith in celebration of the lives of those who were or are special to them.

Janet Chipman	In memory of Charles & Wilma Williams, my parents
Janet Chipman	In memory of Corrine Orchard, my aunt
Diane & John Craig	For all the animals that have crossed over
Mary Jane Esslinger	In memory of Steve Esslinger
John, Kelly, Mackenzie, & John Robert Hartz	In memory of Lillian Korous
Greg & Terri Kimler	In memory of our parents
Curry May	In memory of Sue May
Shelley McDaniel	In memory of William McElhaney
Kim Nelson	In memory of Jerry Nelson
Gayla Smith	In honor of my mother
Torri Tarrillion	In memory of Grandmas June & Delores
Todd, Torri, & Joe	In memory of Charles Dillard
John Williams	In memory Dixie
John Williams	In memory of Wilma & Charles Williams
Kay & Sharon Woodworth	Thanksgiving for our Salvation
Sharon Zuiderveld	In memory of Rudy Zuiderveld

Picnic & Planting Day at Faith

Join us after church on **Sunday, May 3**, for a Picnic & Planting Day at Faith! We're inviting everyone to stay after worship for food, fellowship, and outdoor planting to help spruce up our garden spaces. Kids and adults are welcome—there will be jobs for all ages. Picnic food will be provided. This special day is a collaboration between the Garden Team and the GIFT Team—come ready to eat, connect, and get your hands a little dirty!

Summer Youth Camps

Performing Arts Camp (PAC) at Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on June 12-13, 19-20, and 26-27. Cost is \$50/camper.

Fire in Our Hearts (FIOH) at Green Pastures is for youth entering grades 5-12 and will take place on July 13-17 and 27-31. Cost is \$135/camper.

If needed, scholarships are available.

Registration link: <http://www.greenpasturesretreatcenter.org/registration>.

For more information call: 217-584-1374

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