

Resurrection of our Lord



April 9th, 2023

*Faith Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, Illinois*

Thank you for worshiping with us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!
The stone has been rolled away, the tomb is empty, and the resurrected Christ
drives out our fear through the promise of his eternal presence.

We welcome all to worship with us today both in person and online at 9:30 a.m.
You are invited to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion with us in person or online.
We believe that Christ is truly present in the meal with gifts of love and forgiveness,
strengthening of faith, and the promise of resurrected life
with Jesus. You may come forward down the side aisles to receive the bread
and an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Glorious Dawn,” by Jason W. Krug – *the Exaltation Ringers*

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW 365, vv. 1, 2, & 4 (*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!**
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

WORD

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: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been

raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

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: “A Different Reunion”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376, vv. 1 & 2 (organ)

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conqu’ring Son;
endless is the vict’ry thou o’er death hast won!*

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *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

Take this time to prayerfully reflect on how you will respond to the gift of God's grace for you in the resurrected Jesus. How will you share this good news? How will you serve? How will you financially support the ministry we share? If you would like to give an offering, boxes are located at the main entrance to the sanctuary and at the coffee bar.

“Alleluia,” by Mozart
Ladies of Faith

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Sung once by pastor, and then by all:

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Refrain

C: As of - ten as you eat this bread and
drink this cup You pro - claim the Lord's death un - til he comes.

P: On the night of his betrayal, Jesus took the bread. Giving thanks he broke it, shared it as he said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you, this do so you remember me."

C: *Refrain*

P: After supper Jesus took the chalice in his hand, gave it for them all to drink, this new covenant, "Take and drink, this is my blood for forgiveness shed for you, this do so you remember me."

C: *Refrain*

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:

“There Is a Redeemer” (piano)

1. **There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

*Refrain: Thank You, oh my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit ‘til the work on earth is done.*

2. **Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.** *Refrain*

3. **When I stand in Glory, I will see His face.
There I’ll serve my King forever In that holy place.** *Refrain*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (organ)

ELW 362, 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!**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855 (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.**
- 2 **Crown him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

- 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.**
- 5 **Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

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 and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: "And He Shall Reign" *(piano)*

*Refrain: And he shall reign forever, his throne and crown shall ever endure.
And he shall reign forever, and we shall reign with him.*

1. **What a vision filled my eyes, one like a Son of man.
Coming with the clouds of heav'n he approached an awesome throne. *Refrain***
2. **He was given sov'reign power, glory and authority.
Every nation, tribe and tongue worshipped him on bended knee. *Refrain***

**3. On the throne forever, see the Lamb who once was slain;
wounds of sacrificial love for ever shall remain. Refrain**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!



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Acolyte: Louis Dichsen
Crucifer: Brooke Ion
Banner Bearer: Adam Krohe
Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert
Greeter: Lillian Korous
Reader: Barb Davenport
Ushers: Hallie Mayner & Liddy Stark
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Pianist: Jean Welch
Organist: Sandi Watts
Musical Ensemble: Adam Dichsen & Martha Krohe
Drummer: Sam Roth
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Monica Proefrock
Chancel Committee: Karen Sibert
Coffee Host: Easter Breakfast in the Great Room

The altar plants are given today by Lloyd Kleinlein
in memory of Margie’s birthday on March 29
and
by the Dichsen family in celebration of Rigby’s 11th birthday on April 10

Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street
Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, April 9, 10:45am: Easter Breakfast in the Great Room

Monday, April 10, 6:30pm: Dress Rehearsal for April 16 Bradbury Show

Wednesday, April 12, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, April 15, 9:30-3:30: Fresh Expressions Vision Day (*see page 11*)

News Updates

Youth Easter Breakfast 10:30am

Our youth invite you to be their guest at a delicious breakfast of casseroles, coffee cakes, and fruit salad after worship. A free-will donation will be collected to support a youth retreat this summer. Please join us in the Great Room after the service.

Easter Chancel Flowers

Our altar is adorned with live plants again this Easter. To make a donation, mark your check or envelope as "Easter Altar Flowers" and place it in the offering box or mail it to the church office. If you would like to take any plants home for your yard, you can pick them up on Tuesday, April 11, 9:00-1:00.

First Communion Instruction

Do you have a child interested in receiving communion? If they are in first grade or older and you feel they are ready for this step in their faith, come talk to Pastor Adam. He will be leading a three-session course that will include teaching, discussion, making chalices, and baking communion bread. The classes will be held in April and May with plans to celebrate First Communion with the congregation on Mother's Day, May 14.

Music Rehearsal Time Changes

Our Exaltation Ringers and Chancel Choir are trying out a new rehearsal schedule to encourage more to be a part of the music program here at Faith.

**Chancel Choir will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays;
Exaltation Ringers on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; all from 10:45-11:15am**

I hope to see you on Sunday mornings for rehearsal at 10:45am in the sanctuary!

Jean Welch, *Director of Music*

Fresh Expressions Vision Day

The Central Southern Illinois Synod and its New and Renewing Congregations Committee is sponsoring a **Fresh Expressions Vision Day** for our congregations to expand their mission reach and deepen discipleship. Fresh Expressions is a form of church for our changing culture established primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet part of any church. At its heart, Fresh Expressions is about two things: 1) Proclaiming that established churches have a critical, if not central, role to play in God's mission in our time. 2) Empowering and equipping God's people in every congregation to develop creative ways to reach the increasing diversity of our society.

A true movement of God begins with a sense of awe and wonder. So let us wonder. Where are the people we want to reach? Who are they? How do we work outside the walls of the church—but in partnership with the church to do so? **We are looking for volunteers to be a part of this exciting conversation!** Faith will cover your cost to attend the Fresh Expressions Vision Day **on April 15** at St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield from 9:30-3:30. If you would like a ride, we will meet at Faith at 8:30am, go out for ice cream in Springfield after the sessions to discuss what we have heard, and return to Jacksonville by 5:30pm. **Sign up at the Mission and Ministry Center and talk to Jean Welch for more details.**

Ken Bradbury Show — "The Bystanders"

All are welcome to attend Ken Bradbury's one-act play, "**The Bystanders**", being performed **Sunday, April 16** at:

10:00 am First Presbyterian Church, 870 W. College Ave.

1:00 pm Faith Lutheran Church, 1385 W. Walnut St.

5:00 pm Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, 1447 Merritt Road

This one-hour play is a collection of monologues; eight stories shared by those who were around Christ before, during, or after the Crucifixion. This powerful drama features Tim Chipman, Christine Smith, Audra Nelson, Buford Stowers, Cooper Stowers, Emma Guidish, and Keith Bradbury. Admission is free. For more info: 217-473-4735.

Discipleship Group

Join us at 10am on Wednesday, April 19, in the Faith Library as we meet for great conversation and fellowship time. If you haven't attended before, now's a great time to give it a try! For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Women of Faith Fellowship Night

Join us on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00pm as we celebrate Earth Day by painting flower pots. Take it home with a flower for yourself or give it to a friend. Plus we'll have dirt dessert for a treat! Please **RSVP to Monica by Sunday, April 16.**

Faith and Film

Do you like the ways movies nurture and challenge our faith? Come check out this small group as we gather for fellowship and lunch, then watch a movie and have discussion. Our next potluck and movie will be on **Monday, April 24 at noon.** The movie will be *A Man Called Otto*.

Worship, Celebration, and Dinner... UGANDA STYLE!!!

On Sunday, April 30, join us for a worship service that breaks us free from our typical Lutheran norm as we incorporate music and prayer from our Ugandan neighbors at Pillars of Africa. Afterwards, we will host a meal similar to the cuisine our team enjoyed. As you eat, we will tell stories and show pictures of our adventures and share more about opportunities to walk more closely with the programs at Pillars as we help them become more sustainable. And look for the crafts! We brought three suitcases back filled with crafts from their Pillars Empowerment Program that supports local crafters and gives them training to improve their skills.

Financial Statements

2022 Financial Statements are available at the tall table outside of the office at church. If there is no envelope with your name on it, please let Pam Devlin know or contact the church office.

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 Telephone Directory

A new Faith Directory is available in the gathering area on the Coffee Sales counter by the Mission & Ministry Center for all to take home (1 per household, please).

Contribution Envelopes for 2023

will be available soon in the gathering area — they have been shipped from the printing company. **Please be assured all offerings and donations are being correctly recorded in your name.** After the envelopes come in, if you don't see a box with your name on it, please mention this to Barb Davenport, Pam Devlin, or Kris Roth. We will happily provide you with a box. If you would like to register for our easy, **automatic online giving service**, contact the church office. There are no fees, and it saves you from remembering to write that weekly check!

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **\$5.50** coffee pods; **\$6.25** cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.