

# Resurrection of our Lord



March 31, 2024

*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:** “Majesty,” arr. Hayford – *the Faith Singers*

## 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**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** "This Is the Day"

## **WORD**

**READING:** Psalm 118:21-27

Reader: Terri Kimler

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.

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:** Mark 16:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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: “Fear and Silence End Here”

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.*

**“I Know that My Redeemer Lives,”** arr. Mary McDonald  
*Sung by the Easter Choir*

## 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.**

P: 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:

“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*

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” ELW 619, vv. 1, 2, 7, & 8 (*organ*)

- 1 **I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!**
- 2 **He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save;  
he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.**
- 7 **He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.**
- 8 **He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!**

“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!**

## Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Mackenzie Hartz  
Crucifer: Mason Krohe  
Banner Bearer: Adam Krohe  
Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert  
Greeter: Lynette Hamilton  
Reader: Terri Kimler  
Ushers: Patty Nelson & John Williams  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Sabbatical Pastor: Paul Schwartzkopf  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Pianist: Jean Welch  
Organist: Sandi Watts  
Musical Ensemble: Landen Copley, Trumpet; Martha Krohe, flute; Tyler Vignone, Baritone  
Guitarist: Blake Martin  
Drummer: John Demien  
Financial Assistants: Ken Devlin & Patty Nelson  
Chancel Committee: Karen Sibert  
Coffee Host: *Easter Breakfast in the Great Room*



The altar plants are given today  
by the Dichsen family in celebration of Louis' 9<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 29  
and the flowers at the altar are given by members of Faith

### Faith Singers:

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

### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, March 31, 9:30am: Festival Resurrection Worship

10:30am: Easter Breakfast in the Great Room

Wednesday, April 3, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, April 6, 8:00am cooking for: 9:00am Men's Breakfast

Sunday, April 7, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, April 10, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

6:00pm: Women of Faith Fellowship in the Great Room

## News Updates

### Faith Family Easter Breakfast

Join us after worship today for a delicious meal of breakfast casseroles, coffee cakes, and fruit salad. A free-will donation will be collected to support Local Needs.

### 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 2, 9:00-1:00.

### Men's Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on **Saturday, April 6**. At 8:00, we hang out in the kitchen, helping to cook, drink coffee, and visit. At 9:00, we sit down for some conversation and discussion on a specific topic.

### Book Discussion Group

Please join Kelly Hartz **on Sunday, April 7** immediately following the service for our next book club discussion on "*The Gifts of Imperfection*," by Brené Brown. Books are available for \$10 on the cabinet under the working cross in the gathering area.

### Women of Faith Fellowship Night

Women's fellowship nights are back! Join us on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in the Great Room for coloring, conversation, and yummy snacks. Feel free to bring a friend!

## **Discipleship Group**

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, April 17**, in the Faith Library. If you haven't given us a try before, this would be a great time to start. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at [khartz@sompo-intl.com](mailto:khartz@sompo-intl.com).

## **Godspell, the Musical**

Jacksonville High School will be presenting **Godspell, the Musical** April 5-6 at 7:00pm and April 7 at 2:00pm. Tickets are available at the JHS office (1211 N. Diamond St.) or at the door; \$5 student/\$10 adult.

## **Faith Family Bowling Outing**

You're invited to a fun afternoon of bowling with your Faith family! Join us on **Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** at the Bowl Inn in Jacksonville. We'll request a lane with bumpers, so little ones are welcome to join the fun. Please sign up at the coffee sales table so we know how many lanes we'll need. The cost to play is \$5 per person per game, so you can play as many as you'd like. Faith will cover the cost of shoe rentals. Hope you can join us!

## **Youth Group Help Wanted**

One of the hats worn by Pastor Adam is youth leader. In his absence, we are looking for people willing to lead an event, host a meal, or lead a youth Sunday school class. If you are interested, please let Kelly Hartz know. We have a wonderful group of youth, and you would be blessed by your time with them!

## **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; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.

## **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!*

**Contribution Envelopes for 2024** are available in the office.