

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

GATHERING

**Call to Worship and Confession*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Silence for Reflection and Confession

P: Most merciful God,

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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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.

**Call to Worship – “He Is Exalted”*

(piano)

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!
He is the Lord. Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

**Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ’s 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.

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing!” ELW 385, vv. 1 & 2

(organ)

- 1 **Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

WORD

Reading: Acts 3:1-10

Reader: Barb Davenport

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. ⁴Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, 'Look at us.' ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, 'I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.' ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹All the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Mark 6:53-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Hymn – “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing!” ELW 385, vv. 3 & 4 (*organ*)

**3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 4 **Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Sermon: "Jesus Heals"

Song of the Day – “Healer of Our Every Ill” ELW 612 (piano)

*Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.*

- 1 **You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain***
- 2 **In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain***
- 3 **Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain***
- 4 **You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain***

**The Apostles' Creed*

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

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

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. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“*Jesus, Lord To Me*,” by Gary McSpadden and Greg Nelson
Susan Roegge, piano solo

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–

**Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

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.

**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.

- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3 **Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!**

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

(piano)

1. **Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.**

*Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in his arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

2. **Come, ye thirsty come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. Refrain**
3. **Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. Refrain**
4. **Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. Refrain**

**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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” ELW 836 (organ)*

- 1 **Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 **All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.**
- 3 **Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Doris Robinson
Greeter: Barb Fishback
Reader: Barb Davenport
Usher: Pat Glyshaw
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Sabbatical Pastor: Paul Schwartzkopf
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Sandi Watts
Pianist: Susan Roegge
Drummer: John Demien
Financial Assistants: Kelly Hartz & Greg Kimler
Chancel Committee: Kris Roth
Coffee Host: Martha Krohe



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			

What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, April 14, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

2:00pm: Faith Family Bowling at the Bowl Inn

Wednesday, April 17, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, April 18, 5:45pm: Church Council Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, April 24, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

6:30pm: Christian Karaoke Night in the Great Room

The Altar Plants are given today
by the Roth family in celebration of Maria Snodgrass' birthday on April 16

Song Credits

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News Updates

Sunday School

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

Faith Family Bowling Outing

You're invited to a fun afternoon of bowling with your Faith family! Join us on **Sunday, April 14th 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 counter** 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!

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.

Christian Karaoke Night at Faith

Warm up your vocal cords, practice your favorite hymn, gospel, praise, Christian song and join us for the first ever Christian Karaoke night at Faith Lutheran Church. Put **Wednesday, April 24th at 6:30pm** on your calendar and get ready for a fun night of sharing and singing. Invite your friends to join the fun! We'll gather in the Great Room. All the technology will be set up and ready to go! Snacks will be provided by Faith Lutheran Youth for a free-will offering. If you would like to help by providing a snack, please contact Martha Krohe. Questions about the music should be directed to Patty Nelson.

Bells in Motion Concert at Faith

Bells in Motion will be presenting an *Out of this World* concert on **Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm**. This is a free concert, but a donation would be appreciated. Some of the music they will be ringing is the Star Trek theme, Star Wars medley by John Williams, music from Lord of the Rings, plus other favorites such as *Fly Me to the Moon*.

If you want to be entertained and mesmerized by awesome bell ringing, you need to come to this concert. The kids and grandkids will love it as well.



Book Discussion – April 28

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat, by John Ortberg will teach you how to move beyond fear to discover God's unique calling for your life! Glen VanderKloot will lead discussion on **Sunday, April 28**, in the Justice Room at 10:45am.

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for you as well. But walk on water? What does that even mean? This book helps you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds, and a new way of knowing how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Relating the story in Matthew 14 to life today, teacher and bestselling author John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

Out on the risky waters of faith, Jesus is waiting to meet you in ways that will change you forever, deepening your character and your trust in God. Books are available for \$10 in the gathering area on the cabinet under the working cross.

Save the date!

May 5th is going to be a day full of joyous reunions, heartfelt gratitude, and meaningful reflections as we welcome back Pastor Adam and the Dichsen family AND celebrate Pastor Paul and Ann Schwartzkopf's contributions to our Faith Family. Also, some members of Faith will share their sabbatical experiences and aspirations for the future.

After the 9:30 service, a potluck lunch will be served. After all, what better way to look ahead than with family, food, and faith by your side? See you all at 9:30 am for the service! Don't forget to **sign up for the potluck on the counter outside the sanctuary**.

Announcing Synod-Wide Survey

Help us “PIE” the Bishop and raise \$2,000 for ELCA World Hunger!

*“Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches”
(Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).*

YOU are invited to participate in the next phase of our synod-wide listening and vision process through an online survey **that will be live through April 17**. To access the survey, please go to the following link: **<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSIS-Survey>**.

Help us meet our goal of at least 500 completed surveys! If we meet our goal, we will celebrate at our Synod-Wide BBQ and Hymn Fest on Friday, June 7 during Synod Assembly.

At least 300 completed surveys = a pie in the face of Deacon Jason Fisher, Director for Evangelical Mission

At least 400 completed surveys = a pie in the face of both Deacon Jason Fisher AND Pastor Amy Zietlow, Assistant to the Bishop for Transformational Leadership

At least 500 completed surveys = a pie in the face of Deacon Jason Fisher, Pastor Amy Zietlow, AND Bishop Greg Busboom

In addition, thanks to a generous CHALLENGE GIFT from disciples of Jesus in our synod, if we reach our goal of 500 surveys, \$2,000 will be given to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. YOUR VOICE and the voices of ALL in our synod are needed! Thank you in advance as we listen together for how the Spirit is calling us to move forward together!

Announcing Synod-Wide In-Person Listening Gatherings

Mark Your Calendars Today and plan to participate in one of our 4 upcoming **In-Person Listening Gatherings** across the synod as part of our comprehensive synod-wide listening and visioning process. The closest one:

Saturday, April 20

- Peace Lutheran Church, Springfield
 - 2800 West Jefferson Street
 - 12:00-2:00 p.m. (lunch provided)
 - Facilitated by Pastor Peter Reuss,

GSB Consulting, and Bishop Greg Busboom

Please visit [CSIS-ELCA.org/listening24](https://www.elca.org/listening24) to register for this listening session.

YOUR VOICE and the voices of ALL in our synod are needed! Thank you in advance as we listen together for how the Spirit is calling us to move forward together!

Leading in HOPE †, Bishop Greg Busboom

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois—Good Shepherd Sunday—April 21

Good Shepherd Sunday is a day when congregations lift up LSSI programs and celebrate our shared ministry. LSSI is the social ministry organization of the three ELCA synods in Illinois. Last year, LSSI served over 50,000 people across the state by providing whole-person care through: mental health counseling, foster care, substance use services, affordable senior housing, services for at-risk families, residential support for adults with developmental disabilities, home care, and programs for current and formerly-incarcerated individuals. Our synod will have \$5,000 available to match gifts given by congregations and individuals for Good Shepherd Sunday. Visit LSSI.org/GSS to learn more about their services.

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.