

# Resurrection of our Lord



April 20, 2025

*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

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

## WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** “My Redeemer Lives,” arr. Galbraith/Ohlson – *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:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" *with the children*

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.**

*Refrain: You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky, Lord, I lift your name on high.*

## WORD

**READING:** 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Reader: John Williams

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

<sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

<sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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:** Luke 24:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>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.

\*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: “Remember”

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Thine Is the Glory” ELW 376 (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*
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu’rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *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.*

“Easter Song,” arr. Joseph Martin  
*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, 3, 4, 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.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye;  
he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears;  
he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.
- 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!



“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***

### **\*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:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” ELW 855, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5  
(*organ & ensemble*)

- 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.**

- 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.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**Worship Assistants**

Acolyte: Hylan Degroot

Crucifer: Benen Dichsen

Banner Bearer: Adam Krohe

Communion Assistant: Barb Davenport

Greeter: Lynette Hamilton

Reader: John Williams

Usher: Karen Sibert

Pastor: Adam Dichsen

Music Director: Jean Welch

Pianist: Jean Welch

Organist: Sandi Watts

Musical Ensemble: Adam Dichsen, *Trumpet*; Martha Krohe, *Flute*; Terry Ludwig, *Trombone*

Guitarist: Marilyn Dichsen

Drummers: John Demien and Louis Dichsen

Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Kelly Street

Chancel Committee: Kris Roth

Coffee Host: *Easter Breakfast in the Great Room*



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

## 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	Marilyn Dichsen	Greg Kimler	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Kay Schnitker
			Kelly Street

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## What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, April 20, 8:00am: Easter Breakfast

9:30am: Resurrection Worship

10:30am: Easter Breakfast

Thursday, April 24, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Sunday, April 27, 9:30am: Worship – First Communion

**Friends from Faith**

11:00am: Bible Study in the Justice Room

6:00-8:00pm: Mufasa Movie at the Illinois Theater for Jr. High/High School  
Sponsored by the Jacksonville Conference of Churches

Saturday, May 3, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men’s Breakfast

## News Updates

### Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke

The Bible Study will resume on April 27.

### Movie Night – Sunday, April 27, 6:00pm at the Illinois Theater

Area junior high and high school students are invited to a special showing of Disney’s **Mufasa – The Lion King** at the Illinois Theater. Admission is FREE and includes popcorn and a drink. Contact Pat Glyshaw at **pat.glyshaw@gmail.com** with any questions and to secure you or your group’s reservation. Chaperones will be available

from local youth groups. Presented by the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches and Faith Lutheran Church.

### **Faith's Little Flock**

Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7. We also welcome Big Kid Helpers (ages 8 and up) to help the little ones with the more difficult parts of the crafts, and our older adults to read the scripture story to the children. Contact Melissa Street if you would like to take a turn reading the story to the children. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far! The children all return to the sanctuary for the communion blessing. Word-finds, crossword puzzles, and other activity sheets are available in the gathering area for the older children (and adults) to help reinforce the message of the day. We look forward to seeing all of the children in April!

### **Women of Faith**

Make plans to join us in May for a special Mother's Day event. Details coming soon!

### **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; \$6.50 cashews). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with "*coffee*" designated in the memo area.

**Contribution Envelopes for 2025** are available in 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!*

### **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 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28. 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 7-11 and 21-25. Cost is \$135/camper.

If needed, scholarships are available.

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

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