

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Susan Roegge – “The Old Rugged Cross”

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

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: Faithful friends, God knows your sin, and in mercy, gave his Son to die for us. 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: Thanks be to God! Amen.

1. **Blessed be your name In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow Blessed be your name**

2. **Blessed be your name When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be your name**

Refrain:

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be Your glorious name

3. **Blessed be your name When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be' Blessed be your name**

4. **Blessed be your name On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering Blessed be your name** *Refrain*

**You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name**

**You give and take away You give and take away My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord Blessed be your glorious name**

**Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ. **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 – "River of Life"

**I've got a river of life flowing out of me;
Makes the lame to walk and the blind to see,
Opens prison doors, sets the captives free.
I've got a river of life flowing out of me!**

**Spring up a well...in my soul,
Spring up a well... make me whole.
Spring up a well...and give to me, that life, abundantly!**

WORD

Psalm 139:1-14

Reader: Carol VanderKloot

¹O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' ¹⁹He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' ²⁵Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning

with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Song: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW 325

(organ)

- 1 **I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 2 **In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 3 **When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

Sermon: "Seeing Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread"

Song of the Day – “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

(piano)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy. Repeat

Coda: As we sing holy, holy, holy.

We sing holy, holy, holy.

We sing holy, holy, holy.

I want to see You. Repeat coda

I want to see You.

**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

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

Celebration of First Communion

*Today we celebrate with Aaliyah and Alexis Simpson
as they receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.*

The bread and chalices used today were made by them in our First Communion classes.

P: Aaliyah and Alexis, welcome to the Lord's Supper! ...

I ask you, do you desire to receive our Lord Jesus Christ as he comes to you now in his holy meal?

Yes, I do. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Do you believe that Jesus' blood was shed for you, that he has died for your sins, and that in this holy supper he offers you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

Yes, I believe it. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Do you promise to confess your sins, ask for forgiveness, and forgive others, living in God's power and not your own?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

P: Parents, will you make this meal of forgiveness a regular part of your family life? Will you examine your own hearts, keep your own conscience clear, and help your child prepare rightly each time you come to the altar to receive this gift of grace?

Yes, and we ask God to help us.

P: Siblings, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, and friends, will you pray for these children and encourage them as they continue to discover the grace of God in this meal and at work in their lives?

Yes, and we ask God to help us.

The congregation is invited to stand

P: People of God, when these children were baptized, you promised to support them in their life in Christ. As we welcome them to the Lord's Table today, will you continue to love and support them, affirming God's faithfulness in their lives?

C: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

P: Then all things are ready. Welcome to the Banquet of our Lord!

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, 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.

P: Together we pray:

C: 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.

P: Families, please place your hands on your child in blessing and repeat after me: May this day be a new beginning / of new life in our family. / May this gift bring forgiveness / to our hearts and to our home. / And may the living, forgiving presence of Jesus / be a gift of healing and hope / to you, my beloved child / from this day on and forevermore. / In Christ's name. Amen.

*Communion is first shared among the families by intinction
using the bread baked and chalices made by the students.*

Communion Songs

“Now the Green Blade Rises” ELW 379 (organ)

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would never wake again;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

“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 grave-clothes 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*

**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: As you leave this place, know that God is with you in every messy middle, and go with God's blessing. 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 – “Go Light Your World”*

(piano)

1. **There is a candle in ev’ry soul; some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes his home.**

*Refrain: So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.*

*Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light our world.
Take your candle and go light your world.*

**Frustrated brother, see how he’s tried to light his own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she’s been robbed and lied to,
still holds a candle without a flame.**

*Refrain: So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the lonely, the tired and worn.*

*Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light our world.
Take your candle and go light your world.*

**We are a fam’ly whose hearts are blazing,
so let’s raise our candles and light the sky,
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus: make us a beacon in darkest time.**

*Refrain: So, carry your candle, run to the darkness,
seek out the helpless, deceived and poor.*

*Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world. .
Carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

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

Thursday, May 1, 4:30pm: Administration Core Team Meeting

Saturday, May 3, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 4, 9:30am: Worship
11:00am: Bible Study in the Justice Room

The altar plants are given today by the Nelson family
in memory of Jerry Nelson and Ruth Schmidt

News Updates

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!

Bible Study on the Gospel of Luke

Following worship, join Pastor Adam for a Bible study on the Gospel of Luke in the Justice Room. We will discuss the reading of the day, connect it to the gospel context, and reflect on its significance for us today. Next week, we will start a study of the Book of Acts.

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.

Men's Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on Saturday, **May 3!** 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.

Women of Faith Craft Night

Join us on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00pm for a Women of Faith craft night! We'll be making bookmarks/bracelets that will help us remember and celebrate the women who have made an impact on our lives. No special skills required. All supplies and food will be provided. Hope to see you there!

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!*