



Second Sunday of Easter
8:00 am worship service

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH | Inviting, Growing, Serving... Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

April 11, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Faith is a growing faith community in the Aurora area. We're people just like you, who are hungry to know God better. We're looking for the answers to life's tough questions. We're struggling to be better parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors. We don't have all the answers but we're growing as we go.

Faith is a great place to find healing for broken hearts and broken lives. In every Sunday message you'll learn new skills and attitudes to help you live life with the kind of joy that God intends for us. You'll also meet people who are also growing in their journey through the joys and challenges of life. You'll find lots of "walking partners" for your journey here. There are no closed doors at Faith, just lots of opportunities to grow in Christ, friendship, and love.

Faith is a church with a great vision; however, accomplishing a great vision requires the participation of many great people like you. There's a place in our vision for you to use your unique gifts and talents.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES: BUILT STRONG

Uncertainty is unavoidable. Being fearful is optional. The faith of Jesus' early followers was characterized by fearlessness, confidence in Jesus, and love for others. As a Jesus follower, would you say the same about your faith? Join us for our upcoming series as we learn how to be built strong.

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! | ELW #369

please stand

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses. The second system contains two verses. The third system contains two verses. The fourth system contains two verses. The music is in a common time signature and features a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia! 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia! 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia! 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia! Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia! sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia! God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia! all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia! of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia! when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia! at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia! now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia! met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia! now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.**

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



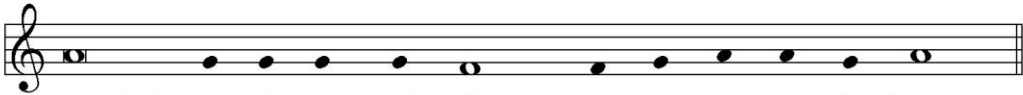
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



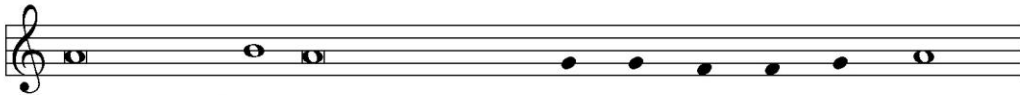
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☐ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ☐ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray,
C: **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *please stand*

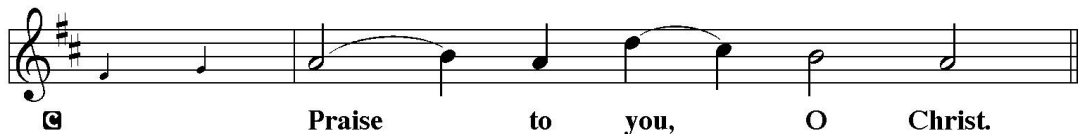
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



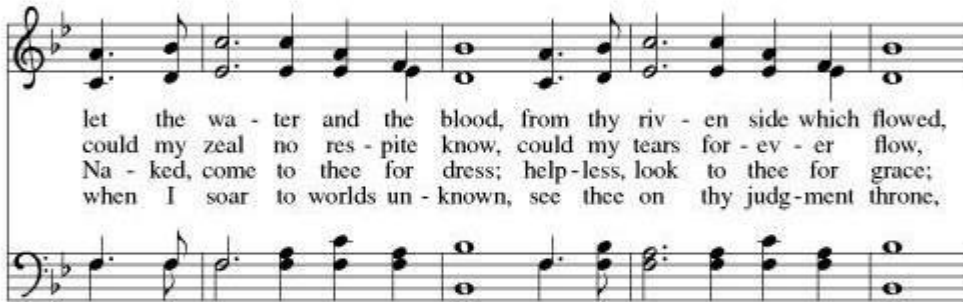
HYMN OF THE DAY

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me | ELW #623

please stand



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

APOSTLES CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come 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 THE CHURCH

**A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers
before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.**

**A: You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth,
so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with
power and love. Hear us, O God.**

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Gracious and loving God, we pray for the family and friends of Faith... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

The Sending

BLESSING

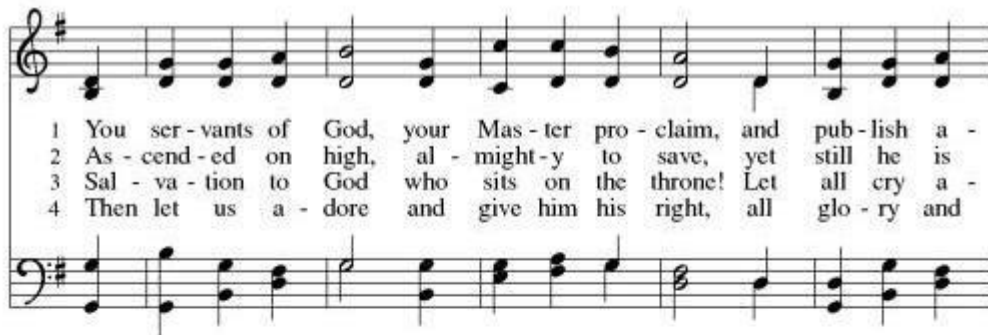
P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

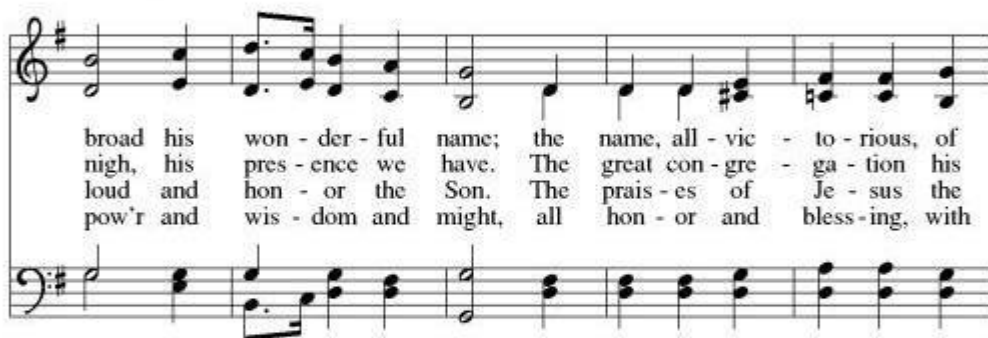
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

You Servants of God | ELW #825



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SAVE THE DATE!

Treasured--Discovering You're Priceless to God!

July 5-9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church

Cost : in person \$35 (early bird discount, register by 5/31); \$40 (after 6/1)

remote: \$15

Treasured VBS takes kids on an epic, faith-filled adventure where they'll discover that they're God's greatest treasure! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Closing Quest that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Registration opens on 4/11!! Due to COVID we will be offering VBS either onsite or online to best suit your family's needs.



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