

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 7, 2024, 9:00 AM**

### **Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!**

We gather this day to worship God together in a community of faith, to hear God's Word spoken, and to receive the Sacraments. From here, the Holy Spirit sends us out into the world as children of God called to share the Gospel and to care for our neighbors locally, nationally, and internationally.

During worship we will use the TV screen, as well as hymns and readings from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* the red book found under the seat in front of you.

### **Can I take Communion here?**

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this congregation, a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion in this church. We offer pre-packaged kits and intinction. Folks will be ushered forward where they can then dip bread into the wine or grape juice or receive a kit.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated. If you wish to receive the sacrament but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

### ***Our Mission:***

***“Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world.”***

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## **Gathering Song: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain ELW 363**

### **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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God**

### **Psalm: Psalm 133**

**How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!**

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

**It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.**

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.**

### **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.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day: "We Walk by Faith" ELW 635**

**Communion Song: "Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes" ELW 381**

**Sending Hymn: "Touch that Soothes and Heals" ACS Handout**

### Serving in Worship

	Lay Reader	Greeters	Music	Video-streaming
<b>4/7/24</b>	Phoebe Pettingell	Amy Davis And Debby Carlson	Rhonda Buss	Dillon Ford
<b>4/14/24</b>	Jan Harris	Jan Harris	Rhonda Buss	Dillon Ford

### PRAYERS

**THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT:** Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Rick Gensler Sr., Hailey Schultz, Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Jim Stroschein, Kris Tenges, Lou Medeiros, Myrna Stroschein, Heidi Lulloff, Olivia, Emma and Chase Kirby, Maggie Servant and Delores Rutherford.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES:** David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Jamie Madl, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young, Emily Fink, Jared Benter, Scott Williams, and Kieran Saffia Jr.

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH:** Thomas Obenberger and Griffin Schroeder.

### This Week at Faith

<b>Sunday, April 7</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Fellowship/Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	12:30pm	Quilting
<b>Sunday, April 14</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Bible Study/Sunday School
	3pm	Chili Cookoff

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIVE-STREAMING** Did you know that when you're away, you can watch our service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website <https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org>

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available online! If you would like to receive a paper copy, please sign up on the sheet outside of the office. Newsletters can be found at <https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/newsletters> or right on the front page of the website.

**YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MISSION** easier than ever with our **NEW** donation platform! You can visit [faith3lakes.churchtrac.com](https://faith3lakes.churchtrac.com) and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

**PLEASE SIGN IN** when you attend service. This is helpful for the church office to have a tally for reporting. *Thank you!*

**BIBLE STUDY** is offered following all Sunday church services. No bible needed, as we will be studying the lessons from each Sunday's service. All are invited and welcome to attend. Please join us for some lively discussions!

**DWELLING IN THE WORD** The synod invites us to join in dwelling in the word this year. Each month a new text will be available in the narthex. Congregations throughout the synod will also be dwelling in these texts at the beginning of meetings and gatherings such as council, boards, quilting, etc. You can also use these texts for devotions at home!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** This year we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month.

**CHURCHTRAC:** Our church has a new program! Churchtrac will be used for communications, event information, a church directory, app and online giving. The first step is setting up your profile! Go to [faith3lakes.churchtrac.com](https://faith3lakes.churchtrac.com) to create your username and password and fill out your profile!

**Pastor Catie** is on vacation she will return on Thursday the 11th. Pastor Andrea Fluegel will lead worship on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Kari Vadis will be on call for any Pastoral Needs. She can be reached at 715-437-0770.

**Chili Cookoff** Mark your calendars for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm! Trinity Lutheran Church will be joining us for a Chili cookoff. Volunteers for making chili and desserts are needed. Please contact Vickie Johnson at 763-439-6650 or Jan Harris 715-401-2184 if you're interested in cooking/baking.



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