

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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 *With One Voice (WOV) the blue 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: Alleluia! Jesus is risen! WOV 674

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm: 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

For dominion belongs to the LORD,

who rules over the nations.

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: “O Blessed Spring” WOV 695

Communion Song: Precious Lord, Take My Hand” WOV 731

Sending Hymn: “Touch that Soothes and Heals” ACS Handout

Serving in Worship

	Lay Reader	Greeters	Music	Video-streaming
4/28/24	Robin Peterson	Amy Davis And Debby Carlson	Darlene Cole	Dillon Ford
5/5/24	Gretchen Dobbins	Amy Davis And Debby Carlson	Val Snedden	Amy Davis

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: 1st- Aimee Bauknecht

3rd-Melanie Fogerty & Stephen Kortenhof

6th-Trevor Landreth

8th-Vinnie Terlizzi

9th-Jerry Gilbertson

11th- Oliva Terlizzi

12th-Val Otto

16th-L.J. Terlizzi & Grace Lopez

24th-Paul Bredesen, Marny Miles & Sonia Dionne

27th-Linda Wilkowski
29th-Diane Kliss
30th-Jacob Madl

Also Rember: Thomas Obenberger and Griffin Schroeder.

This Week at Faith

Sunday, April 28 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Highway Clean Up/Bible Study/Sunday School
Wednesday, May 1	12:30pm	Quilting
Sunday, May 5 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9:00am	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Bible Study/Sunday School

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 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 to create your username and password and fill out your profile!

Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry Collections: April 28th-May 26th Collecting donations for Food pantry, looking for Paper Products & Personal Hygiene Products

Highway Clean Up: Sunday 28th its time for some Spring cleaning on Highway 45! Be sure to wear boots and appropriate clothing, safety vests and bags will be provided. Once bags are filled will be picked up and deposited at church drive way. Looking forward to all who can come to help keep our wonderful community staying beautiful and clean! Any questions please call or text Greg or Diane Kills at 715-321-0606 or 715-321-1215

Pastor Catie: will be gone on Sunday May 5th, Pastor Norm Peterson will be leading Worship that Sunday.

May 13th-16th: Pastor Catie will be at a out of town conference.

Special Meeting: After Worship on 5/12, please plan on attending.

