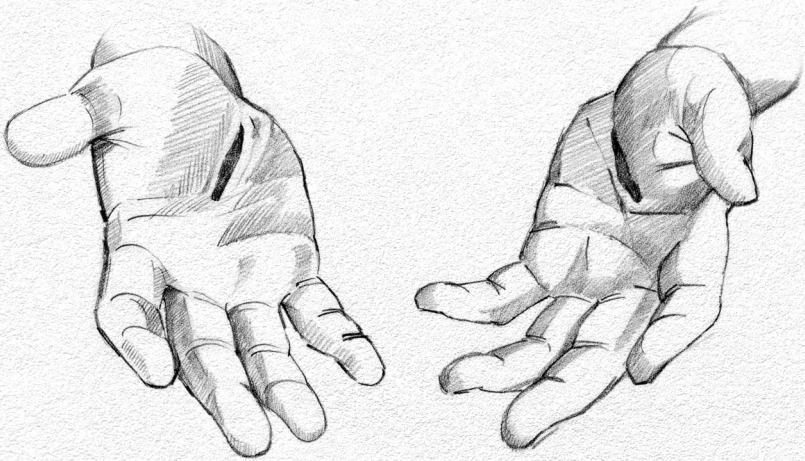


Faith Lutheran Church



*“Put your finger here;
see my hands.
Reach out your hand
and put it into my side.
Stop doubting and believe.”*

John 20:27, NIV

April 12, 2026

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

April 12th, 2026

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Pam Schulz

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 148

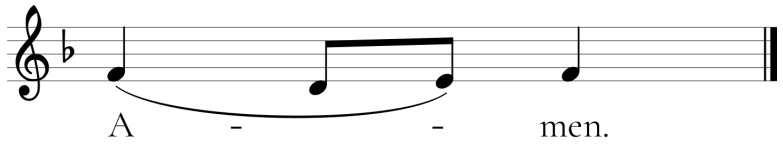
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights! ² Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts! ³ Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light! ⁴ Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. ⁶ He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; ⁸ Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; ⁹ Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; ¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; ¹² Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. ¹⁴ And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints-- Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#199 Jesus Christ is Risen Today


INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



RITE OF BAPTISM

(Hymn #298)

c  Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among your saints, your chosen host, Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.

p I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

c **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**


p Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

c **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

c **♪ My Loving Father, there you took me To be henceforth your child and heir. My faithful Savior, there you let me The fruit of all your sorrows share. O Holy Spirit, comfort me When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

p As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

c Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

c  My faithful God, you fail me never; Your promise surely will endure. Oh, cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure. Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

p Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.


BAPTISM OF AXEL JACOB FOX

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

c  All that I am and love most dearly receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be! Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, grant that we who have been baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesua is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

1 Peter 1:3-9 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵ who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various

trials, ⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, ⁸ whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, ⁹ receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of *your* souls.

John 20:19-31 ¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained." ²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the

Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." ²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." ²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed." ³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Children's Hymn: See What A Morning

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#208:1-4 Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

SERMON

Acts 5:29-42 ²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰ "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. ³¹ "Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² "And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so also is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." ³³ When they heard *this*, they were furious and plotted to kill them. ³⁴ Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them: "Men of Israel, take heed to your-

selves what you intend to do regarding these men. ³⁶ "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. ³⁷ "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. ³⁸ "And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; ³⁹ "but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it-- lest you even be found to fight against God." ⁴⁰ And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. ⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to

me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-

hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

#208:5-8 Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

Offering Hymn #441:1,2

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be, all that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

all 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 BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#210 The Strife is O'er The Battle Done

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

9 am Worship Service
10 am VBS Meeting
10 am Sunday School
10:15 am Call Meeting
1:15 pm Easter Caroling
6 pm Women of Faith Lutheran

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

2 pm Bible Class
7pm Elders Meeting
7:30pm Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

3:45 pm Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 am Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Easter Sunrise Service -64
Sunday Easter Late Service - 87
General Fund- \$7243
Missions - \$205
Maundy Thursday Service - 26
General Fund Thursday-\$847
Missions Thursday- \$ 100
Good Friday Service- 68
General Friday -\$ 917.85
Missions Friday - \$ 35

Building Fund Friday \$ 840
Building Fund in memory of Gary
Flagel - \$100
Mission Development - \$150

USHERS FOR APRIL

Mike Dumke, Paul Eserhut,
Andy Kohn, Parker Kohn

COUNTER

This Week Team # 4

Dennis Jones, Preston Schmidt

Next Week Team # 5

Keith Dickerson, Allen Henke

VOTERS' MEETING

Quarterly voters meeting 7pm on
April 23

THE MISSION HELPER PROGRAM

will be traveling to East Africa this summer. On this trip they will be teaching approximately 4,500 kids the saving Gospel message of our Savior! The Mission Helpers are asking whoever is able to donate money to help them provide gifts to each of the kids. There is a basket in the back of church for any donations or see the bulletin board for Venmo information. Thank you.

SNACKS FOR AFTER CHURCH

Heartfelt gratitude to all those who have been bringing snacks for fellowship after church. It is not an easy thing to do but it is appreciated.

If you are able to help in the future there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

CLC CONVENTION

The CLC convention this year is June 25-28 in Eau Claire WI. The Great Lakes delegates conference is in Madison June 1-2. We are looking for two volunteers to go to both as delegates. If you are willing to be considered, please let Pastor or Jared Swyter know.

BUILDING FUND

The building fund currently has about \$10,000. We need \$20,000 to redo the church roof this summer. We also need another \$40,000 within the next few years to redo the school roof.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-14

1 Peter 1:17-25

Luke 24:13-35

CALL NEWS

Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, is requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Program. Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI.

Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

RETIREMENT

Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN, has announced his retirement from the pastoral ministry as of April 30, 2026

Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN, has retired due to non life-threatening health concerns. His last service was March 29, 2026.

Sermon Worksheet - Acts 5:29-42

According to Peter in our text, what are the three effects of the resurrection?

What would you do if you knew you were going to get one million dollars?

What is the connection between the previous question and the resurrection?

What is the difference between the apostles and the Jewish leaders?

How can we be joy filled people instead of anger filled people?

What does it mean to be obedient to Christ?

Where does the power to be obedient come from?



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