

***FAITH LUTHERAN
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***Fifth Sunday After Easter
April 28, 2024***

***Worship Times 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am***

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: Our Father in Heaven

by Bach

Call To Worship: Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty, unto Jesus be all glory,
honor and praise

Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne,
unto his own, his anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus

Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died,
now glorified, King of all Kings

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given
new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed,
restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give
thanks for the gift of baptism.

Silent is kept for reflection

P: Holy God,

**C: holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you
have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn
of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew. Amen.**

P: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower
our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking
justice for all.

C: Amen.

Hymn *881 Let All Things Now Living*

Greeting

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of
Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Glory Be to God in Heaven



- 1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you/**And also with you**

P: O God,

C: **you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Choir Anthem: He Leadeth Me (see page 12)

by Martin

Soloist: Caroline Pletcher

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

Psalm 22:25-31 (*Congregation reads the even verses*)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the
LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts
live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, 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.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever 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. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Text: John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: "Ministry 101"

Hymn 438 *My Lord, What a Morning*

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 into hell.

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer**

SHARING THE PEACE

The Offertory Canzona

by Frescobaldi

“Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He’s given

Jesus Christ, his Son

(repeat)

And now, let the weak say “I am strong”

Let the poor say “I am rich”

Because of what the Lord has done for us

(repeat)

Give Thanks

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us join together in praying our traditional Lord's Prayer:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

C: **Amen**

Hymn *654 The Church's One Foundation*

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Partita

by Bach

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

IF you are a **GUEST**, you are invited to fill in our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give

you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center in the narthex hallway. Changing table is in Room 207 upstairs. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by ***Jon & Jessica Howard*** to the glory of God.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Caroline Pletcher for sharing her talents this morning as soloist with the Choir.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Update on the Personal Care Kits. We now have:

Nail Clippers,	have 117	still need 13
Tooth Brushes,		Complete
Wide Tooth Combs,		Complete
Soap	have 96	still need 164
Towels	have 43	still need 87

For April we are collecting towels, dark in color and no bigger than 27 x 52 inches. Donations can be put in the beautiful box in the Narthex. Thank you for all you have given. Contact Martha Denman with any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please call the church office when you would like to put someone on the prayer list as well as when you would like to remove them from the list. We do not always hear how these folks are doing, so help us make sure the list is current.

HYMN SUGGESTION BOX

Be looking for the "Hymn Suggestion Box." Here is your opportunity to suggest your favorite hymn to be sung during our Sunday worship services. More information coming soon.

CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE SPRING GATHERING

Sunday May 5th is the annual Spring Gathering of the women of the Central Ohio Conference to be held at Peace Lutheran in Gahanna. The featured speaker is Mary Miller, who will entertain us with her Music, Humor & Inspiration! Mary traveled nationally performing "stand up comedy" and was featured on **America's Funniest People TV show**. She has also shared the stage with many national comedians. An offering will be taken for Lutheran Social Services, and "In Kind" donations are asked for gift cards

from Lowe's and Home Depot to aid the people of the Indian Lake area who suffered losses from the tornadoes. Please sign up on the Faith Women's bulletin board to let us know you are going. Contact Jenny Grinstead for more information.

THE TRIP

Let's get together to see God's creation at the Secret Arboretum in Wooster. It is a golf cart guided tour of the gardens and grounds. After a time of scripture and study, we will eat at "The Granary;" restaurant at the Pine Tree Barn following the tour. Please be sure to sign up on the Faith Women's bulletin board by May 19th since we need to RSVP seats at the restaurant and to make the transportation reservations. For more information, contact Jenny Grinstead or Marilyn Wilford.

QUILT FOR SALE!!

The quilters will sell an older hand quilted quilt today and next Sunday. It was donated to us by a friend. The quilt has some stains but is quite usable. We will sell it by silent auction with a minimum bid of \$25. Make a bid today. All money will go to LWR for shipping expenses.

GREAT NEWS: FIRST FRIDAYS

Faith Lutheran will be having a booth at the First Fridays this summer to reach out to the community regarding our Church and the many things that we offer. We will be located in front of the Edward Jones office, 126 South Main. We are going to need volunteers for each of the monthly Fridays, so please sign-up on the bulletin board to offer your services.

CPR CERTIFICATION

Council would like to have a list of anyone who is certified in CPR, or is a nurse, or in other health care fields to help in case an emergency would arise. Please send an email to the church office at: faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com with your information if you are in one of these categories. Then we will keep this information in the AED box should we ever need the assistance of these folks. Thanks for your help.

FAITH EVENTS

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 28 - MAY 4, 2024

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Bell Choir
Mon	7:30 pm	AA
Wed	10:00 am	Stitching Hour
Thurs	9:00 am	TOPS
	7:30 pm	Choir

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Vicki Blubaugh, Carley Cammuse, Martha Denman, Allen Dexter, Tom Dice, Doralee Freseman, Ken & Holly Fischer, Janice Frye, Larry Gruber, Arlene Hall, Jim Harder, Eileen Hartman, Mary Hatton, Paul Hothem, Laurel Johnson, Ann Jurkowitz, Art & Corrine Lund, Becky Matulich, Judy Mustaine, Kathy Noblit, Art Schad, Fran Smyser, Peg Snow, Mary Ann Stull, Marge Veith, Tom Wilford.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Kody (Boo), Marie, Bev Berger, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Kathy & Larry Daubensteck, Andy Dice, Donna Diebolt, Eric Driscoll, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Walter Gunther, Lon Hamby, Alan & Debbie Harder & Family, Chriss Harris, Carol Iler, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Rick, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jim Legros, Don McLaughlin, Greg Maxwell, Scott Mickley, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Beth & Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Micah Stauffer, Martha Stuller, Paul Van Order, Adam Wilford, Abbey Turner Williams, Patrick Williams, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS: Marv Keck, Rich Stanley, Greg Maxwell, Jan & Beth Rice, Lewie Main, Richard Sleeman, Rick Keaton, Alan & Leeann McCarty, Ann Moseley, Rob Keck, Ken Fischer, Jean Mackey, Jack Frysinger, Dianne Williams, Jake Berger, Jesse McLeod, Rick Buck, Steve Frye, Chester Gingerich, Kim, Abbey Turner Williams, Bev Berger, Vicki Golden, Jeff Williams, Renee Dubler, Rendall Shira, Grace Maxwell, Jim Minnich., Devin Boyer, Deborah Starkey, Don McLaughlin

Please pray for those in the military: Peter Crawford, Darrick Cunningham, Jacob Durbin, Kain Foglesong, Jason Healey, Nathaniel Maglott, Cruz Parker, Seth Shannon

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Ushers	Will Melick	Jenny Grinstead
	Bob Van Horn	Cheryl Johnson
Readers	Betty McDonald	Ann Dice
Acolyte	Bette Mishey	Karen Greever
Altar Guild - Martha Denman		
Tellers - Dave Keck & John Hoffman		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Bob Atwell	Stan & Jill
	Tom Noblit	Park
Readers	Mike Eesley	Stephen Volz
Comm. Asst.	Rick Keaton	Sally Berger
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Will Pletcher
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Ann Dice		
Tellers - Tom Updike & Will Melick		

CHOIR ANTHEM

He Leadeth Me

by Martin

*He leadth me: O blessed thought!
O word with hea 'vnylycomfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, wheree'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadth me.
Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bower's bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis His hand that leadth me.
Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadth me.
He leadth me, He leadth me, by His own hand He leadth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.
And when my task on earth is done,
when by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadth me.
He leadth me...*