FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Worship Time 8:00 am & 10:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:15 am

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

Procession

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 376 Thine Is the Glory vs. 2

Prelude: Christ Arose!

By Lowry

Call To Worship: 361 The Day of Resurrection! Vs. 1

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence for reflection

P: God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthy pride. Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C: Amen.

† Hymn 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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



Come, Let Us Join

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- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex alt ed thus!"
- 3 Je sus is wor thy to re-ceive hon or and pow'r di vine;
- 4 Let all cre a tion join in one to bless the sa cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one. "Wor-thy the Lamb," our lips re-ply, "for he was slain for us!" and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine. of God who sits up-on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray, O God,

C: you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Choir Anthem: Glory to the Risen Lamb

by Barrett

(see page 15)

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to [the people:] "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24(congregation reads the verses in **bold**) ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;

here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Choir Anthem: He is Risen!

(see page 15)

by Besig

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.



† Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of

James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON "A New Dawn"

† Hymn 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

† NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

† THE PRAYERS

P: God of grace.

C: hear our prayer.

† SHARING THE PEACE

The Offering: The Trumpet of the Morning

by Paxton

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

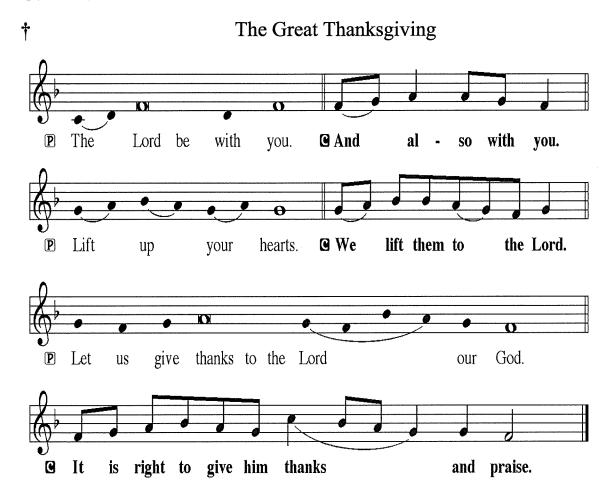


with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

† Offertory Prayer

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





- P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- P: Let us join together in praying our Lord's Prayer:
- C: 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

O Lamb of God

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you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Distribution of Communion: 366,379, 380, 860

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen
- † Post Communion Prayer
- P: Let us Pray. Merciful God,
- C: Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Blessing

P: May Christ who rose from the dead, God the Father who gives new life, and the Holy Spirit who walks with you, bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

† Hymn 373 Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Dismissal

P: Alleluia Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude: A Joyous Alleluia

by Birchwood

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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 sign 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 on the wall in the narthex. Changing tables are available in Room 207 and Room 211 (Nursery). There is also a private mothers' space available in Room 214. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is being celebrated today. The invitation to commune is extended to all Christians who are seeking to follow Jesus in their lives. We have glasses of white grape juice available for those who request it. Just ask the communion assistant as they come to you. Come join us as our brothers and sisters as we gather as God's family at His table. Infants and children may be brought to the altar for a blessing by the Pastor. Communion recipients are asked to give the communion cards to an usher when coming forward. This is the only record we have of those communing. Visitors are asked to give their home church on the reverse side of the card so we can forward notification of your communion with us

CENTERBURG INTERCHURCH

Everyone is invited to the Interchurch new building Grand Opening on Sunday, April 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at 56 Johnsville Road (314), Centerburg, Ohio.

THE SPRING GATHERING OF WOMEN OF THE ELCA CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE

This conference will be the afternoon of Sunday, May 4th. In Kind donations of personal care items and feminine hygiene products will be collected and donated to Lutheran Social Services. I will take these to the Gathering. Please place these items in the basket on the narthex shelves. If you are not attending the Howard baby shower, and would like to go to the Spring Gathering, contact Marilyn Wilford.

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

All are invited to the Mary Martha Bible study, Tuesday, May 13th at 1 pm. The month of May features a devotional from Gather magazine. "Receiving the Spirit's Flame - Spiritual gifts in the life of the church" and will be the inspiration for discussion led by Laurel Johnson. Come and share with the group for your spiritual renewal in the month of May in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost, June 8th. Please bring a snack to share.

EASTER FLOWERS

We thank all who gave flowers to add to the beauty of the sanctuary for Easter. Please pick up your flowers after the 10:30 service. Any remaining flowers can be picked up during the church office hours.

NEIL ABRAHAMSON to the glory of God and in loving memory of Grandma Lynn Abrahamson.

SALLY BERGER/JIM HARDER to the glory of God.

PASTOR CODY & KAITLYN BLUST to the glory of God, and in memory of Bill Blust, Luther Mann, and Easton Blust.

JOE & JENIFER CURRAN to the glory of God, and in memory of (mother) Elaine Walker, (father) Harley Dexter, (brother) Stephen Dexter, (mother & father) Bill & Ruth Curran.

CARL & KAREN GREEVER to the glory of God.

JENNY GRINSTEAD to the glory of God and in honor of her parents, Bobby & Margie Herald.

LARRY HAMON to the glory of God, and in memory of Bernadette Hamon and family.

THE HOFFMAN FAMILY to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carole Hoffman.

CHERYL JOHNSON & DAN WENER to the glory of God and in memory of grandparents and parents.

LAUREL JOHNSON to the glory of God, and in memory of Gordon Johnson.

DAVID & REBECCA KECK to the glory of God and in honor of siblings Randy Hilderman, Susan Keck Jeffery, and Marvin Keck.

KEVIN & BETTE MISHEY to the glory of God, and in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

FRANK & KATHY O'HARE to the glory of God, in honor of Molly, Damian, Davis, and Grey Stassfurth, our daughter and her family.

PEG & BEN SNOW to the glory of God and in memory of our grandmothers, Francis Ward and Mary Snow.

BECKY AND GREG THOMAS to the glory of God, and in memory of George & Estelle Miller and Family, James & Ocie Thomas and Family, and Margaret (Yost) Thomas and family.

TOM & MARILYN WILFORD to the glory of God, and in memory of Harold & Jeanne Schacht and Ellen & Earl Wilford, and in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church.

DIANNE & TIM WILLIAMS to the glory of God, and in memory of Bill and Francis Williams, and Louis and Mildred Wegert.

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CHOIR ANTHEMS

Glory to the Risen Lamb by Barrett

Sunshine, can you hear a new song in the air. Sunshine hear the jubilation ev'rywhere.

For three long days the earth was filled with tears and strife.

For three long days the tomb held back the song of life.

But now our song breaks free, for Christ is risen and He lives eternally.

O THIS IS THE SONG OF CELEBRATION, THIS IS THE SONG OF THE LORD.

GIVE HONOR AND PRAISE AND ADORATION. GLORIOUS LIFE IS RESTORED.

FOR CHRIST HAS CONQUERED THE GRAVE. LET EV'RY NATION PROCLAIM.

SING GLORY TO THE RISEN LAMB!

He is Risen!

by Besig

He is risen! Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Let the song ring out through all the earth:

"Our Savior's risen this day!" Alleluia! Sing a joyful alleluia,

For the chains of death can hold Him no more.

Let us praise Him name.

Let the earth proclaim "He is risen!"

On this happy morn a miracle comes to those who truly believe.

For a new and glorious day has begun.

Let the bells ring out, let the people shout:

"He is risen!"

For Christ the Lord has been victorious freeing us from death and sin.

Now a new life waits before us.

All on earth is born again. Come rejoicing.

Raise your voice, raise your voice in praise.

He is risen! Alleluia,

Christ is risen let the message ring throughout the world;

He lives this Easter day!

Let us celebrate the wonderful news, let the anthems ring,

let the people sing;

He is risen! Alleluia!

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

8:00 am 10:30 am

Ushers Frank & Kathy Stan & Jill

O'Hare Park

Readers Linda Gehrisch Holly Fischer Comm. Assist. Rick Keaton Dianne Williams

Acolyte Betty Mishey Karen Greever

Altar Guild - Martha Denman

Communion Committee - Kathy Noblit & Cheryl Johnson

Tellers - Dave Keck & John Hoffman

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

Readers Will Melick Martha Denman Acolyte Melissa Dexter Stephen Volz

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IN SYMPATHY

It is with sympathy expressed to his family, and in the sure and certain promise of eternal life, that we announce the passing on Monday, April 14th of Pastor Roy Godfrey. Pastor Godfrey served Faith Lutheran Church for 20 years (1969—1989). The family is still finalizing the arrangements.

PERSONAL CARE KITS

We almost have everything we need. Still needed are bath towels and soap. Thank you to everyone who has donated; your generosity is greatly appreciated. Someone in the world will have a better day because of you!

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to thank Stan & Jill Park for arranging our Easter flowers in the front of the church. They have done a beautiful job as always.

MISSION ENDOWMENT

The Mission Endowment Committee has put all the requested grant forms on the bulletin board just outside the church office for your reference. The congregation will vote on these requests on Sunday, May 4th.

FAITH EVENTS

740-393-3666 email: faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com 740-393-2729 (fax) Website: FLCMTV.org CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 20 - 26, 2025

Today:8	3 & 10:30 am	Worship/Holy Communion Easter
	9:15 am	Easter Breakfast
	4:00 am	Bell Choir
		Faithlines Deadline
Mon	6:30 pm	Council
	7:30 pm	AA
Thurs	9:00 am	TOPS
	7:30 pm	Choir

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Vicki Blubaugh, Carley Cammuse, Doralee Freseman, Janice Frye, Larry Gruber, Jim Harder, Eileen Hartman, Kimberly Hoffman-Shaw, Paul Hothem, Jon, Jessica, & baby David Howard, Ann Jurkowitz, Art & Corrine Lund, Judy Mustaine, Kathy Noblit, Steve & **Polly Norberg**, Fran Smyser.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Edie (4 year old with brain cancer), Linda, Marie, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Kathy & Larry Daubensteck, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Lon Hamby, John Harris, Jr, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Linda Lampl, Greg Maxwell, Scott Mickley, Sue Moreland, Clarance, Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Martha Stuller, Josie Watts, Adam Wilford, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, Cami, Clara, & Aida, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Julie Lucas, Micah Stauffer, Lynn Dawson, baby Henry Williams (newborn), Steve, Katie, John and baby girl (in NICU unit), Tyler Jones, Emma Settle, Justin & Bobbi Workman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Please let the office know if there is someone in the military that you want on the prayer list.

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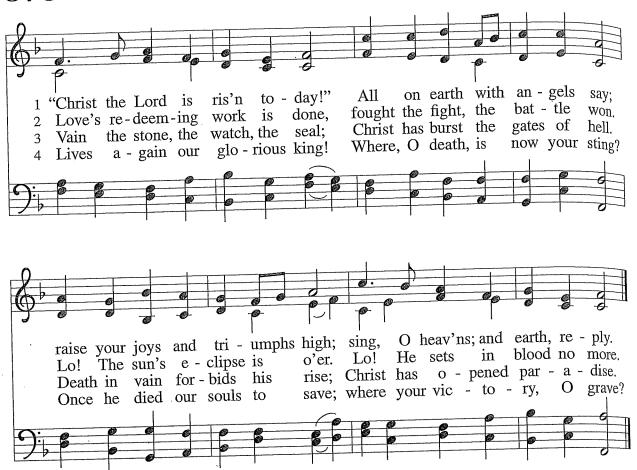
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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss, everlasting life is this: thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love!