

Faith Lutheran Church



April 6, 2025

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 6th, 2025

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 126

God's Beloved Son Has Redeemed Us

Our life and works apart from Christ, no matter how they may glitter to the eyes of the world, are ultimately rubbish and have no righteousness. Rather, in the scandalous cross of Jesus, we find our righteousness alone “*through faith in Christ*” (Phil. 3:9). By such faith, we “*know him and the power of his resurrection*” (Phil. 3:10). For the same God who brought Israel out of Egypt has done a “*new thing*” for us in Christ Jesus (Is. 43:19). He has sent His beloved Son into His vineyard to be killed by sinful men and to become “*the stone that the builders rejected*.” Yet, the One rejected by men “*has become the cornerstone*” of His Church (Luke 20:17). Through the waters of Holy Baptism, He provides us daily refreshment in our earthly pilgrimage, “*a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert*” (Is. 43:19).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#149 Come To Calvary's Holy Mountain

INVOCATION

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



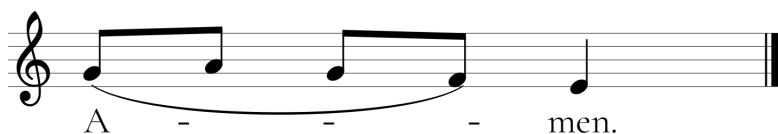
CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all 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.



p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.



p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men,
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory
O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



THE WORD

Isaiah 43:16-21 ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): ¹⁸ "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring

forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. ²¹ This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise.

Luke 20:9-20 ⁹ Then He began to tell the people this parable: "A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vine-dressers, and went into a far country for a long time. ¹⁰ "Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. ¹¹ "Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty-handed. ¹² "And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast *him* out. ¹³ "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him.' ¹⁴ "But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ "So they cast him out

of the vineyard and killed *him*. Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ "He will come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others." And when they heard *it* they said, "Certainly not!" ¹⁷ Then He looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone'?" ¹⁸ "Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." ¹⁹ And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay hands on Him, but they feared the people-- for they knew He had spoken this parable against them. ²⁰ So they watched *Him*, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

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



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.

Children's Sermon

#153 Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted

SERMON

Philippians 3:8-14 ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

SEIZE HIM WHO SEIZES YOU

Nothing in this world is worth holding on to compared to the riches of heaven, yet we have problems letting go. Christ has laid hold on us that we might not miss out on his riches.

(worksheet on page 22)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
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.

#143:1-3 O Dearest Jesus

Offering Hymn #572:4

As the prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all
our best. And by deeds of kindly love, for Thy mercies

grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days, Praise to God , immortal praise.

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.



First Song of Isaiah

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold

and my sure defense,

and he will be my Savior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and

call upon his Name; [Refrain]

2. Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember

that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord,

for he has done great things,

and this is known in all the world. [Refrain]

3. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,

ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you

is the Holy One of Israel. [Refrain x2]

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and

not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my

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sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

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va - tion. And on that day you shall say "Give thanks to the
joy, _____ for the great one _____ in the midst of _____

Lord!" and call up - on his _____ name. _____
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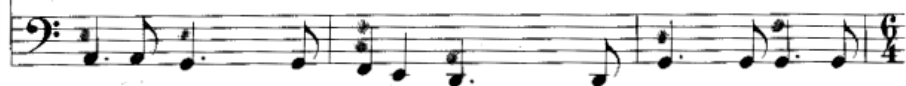
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Coda



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strong-hold and my sure— de-fense, and he will— be my— Sav-ior.



SUNDAY APRIL 6

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice

TUESDAY APRIL 8

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 9

3:45pm Confirmation Class
7pm Lent Service

SUNDAY APRIL 13

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3542
Missions - \$ 135
Building Fund- \$ 3000
School Fund - \$ 50
Sunday Service – 82
Communion 67
Sunday School – 10
Bible Class – No Bible Class
Wednesday – 33

Ushers For April

Mike Dumke, Jim Brown,
Paul Eserhut, Tyler Denson

EASTER LATE

Bob Kirst, Gary Brown,
John Bobek, Blaine Kempenaar

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 6

Jim Kok, Jared Swyter

Next Week Team # 1

Dale Muehlenhaupt, Robbin
Whitehouse

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

7am Sunrise Service
8am Brunch
8am Easter Egg Hunt
9am Communion Service

EASTER BRUNCH

Signup sheet for easter brunch is on
the bulletin board.

EASTER LILIES

Signup sheet on the bulletin board.
\$15 per Lily. Deadline April 6.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

8am – 11am on Monday April 7th,
2025, Call/Text Alison Brown for
RSVP or questions.

CAMPING WITH CLYDE

The students in grades 3-5 would like to invite all members of Faith Lutheran Church and all our school families to join us in a tent camp out on the church property. We are hoping to have an evening of faith, fellowship, and fun. We hope that you will join us. We will have a potluck dinner, games, Bible story, entertainment, and roasting marshmallows around a campfire. We will be setting up tents in the field where we will spend the night under the stars. In the morning, we will eat breakfast, have a devotion, play a little, then pack up and head home. Please feel free to come to all or just part of these activities. For more information, please check the flyer in the hallway or speak to a staff member. Please RSVP by 4/16.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deut. 32:36-39
Psalm 118:19-29
Phil. 2:5-11
John 12:12-19

CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD,

has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Missionary Peter Evensen of Togo, West Africa, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert have accepted their calls from Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year.

Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.

Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI.

Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA

Sermon Worksheet - Philippians 3:8-14

Verse 8

What earthly things did Paul leave behind?

Did he do this on his own?

What did Paul gain?

Verse 9

What is the source of our righteousness?

What do we need to let go of?

What do we receive from Christ?

Verse 10

According to verse 10 what is the result of letting go?

What is the power of his resurrection?

What is the fellowship of his suffering?

How do these things lead to our justification?

Thoughts for the drive home.

What are some things you are tempted to hold on to?

What is the one things we should hold on to?



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