



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2012

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given this morning to the glory of God

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am SCS | Thurs. 4/26 | 9:00am WCS |
| | 10:30am Worship | | 1:00pm Bible Study |
| Tues. 4/24 | 9:00am WCS | Sun. 4/29 | 9:15am SCS |
| Wed. 4/25 | 7:00pm Worship | | 10:30am Worship |
| | | | 11:30am PLOT Picnic |

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Announcements

SOUTH CENTRAL Conference will have its Spring Assembly on Thursday, April 26 at Good Shepherd Lutheran in Valley Station, KY at 7:00pm.

PLOT is sponsoring a Picnic next Sunday after worship to raise funds for Property maintenance this summer. Meat will be provided. Bring a picnic item to share.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The service begins with thanksgiving for baptism. The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* (ELW 369)

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

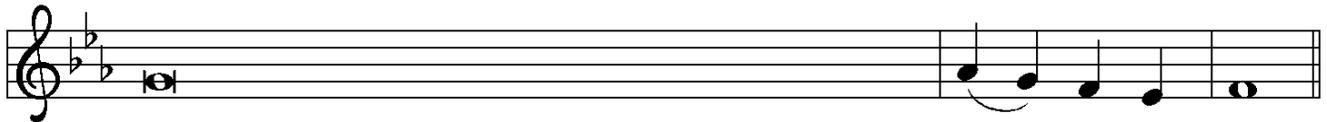
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



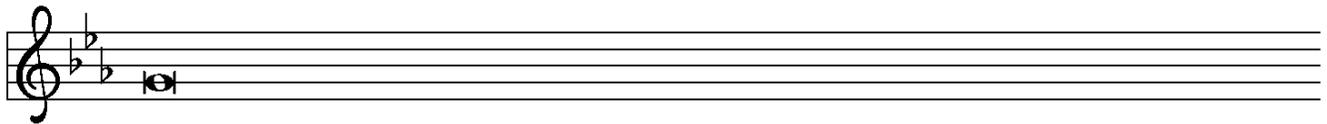
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



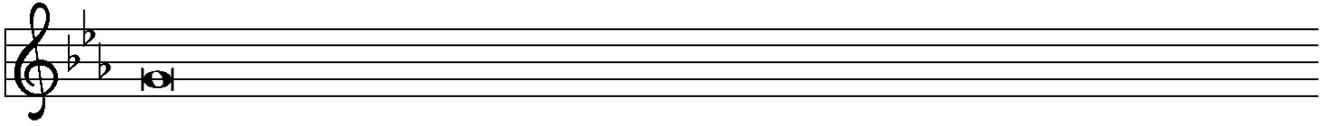
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray....Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12–19

A reading from Acts.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.

²"**You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me ¹ when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and¹ wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep;**
for you alone, O LORD, make me¹ rest secure.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

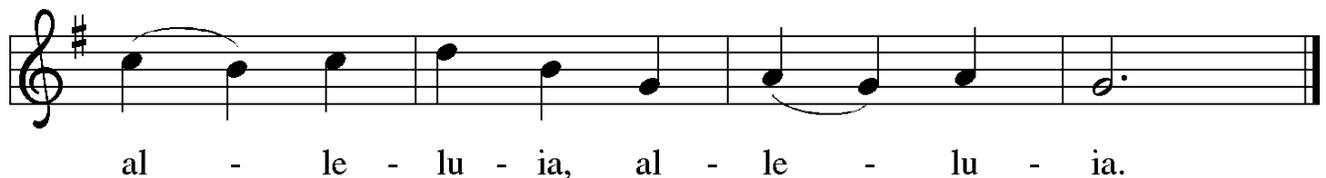
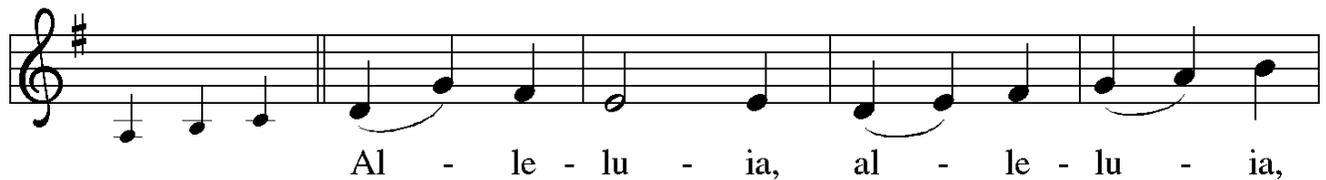
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel, using this acclamation



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b–48

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The gospel of the Lord.

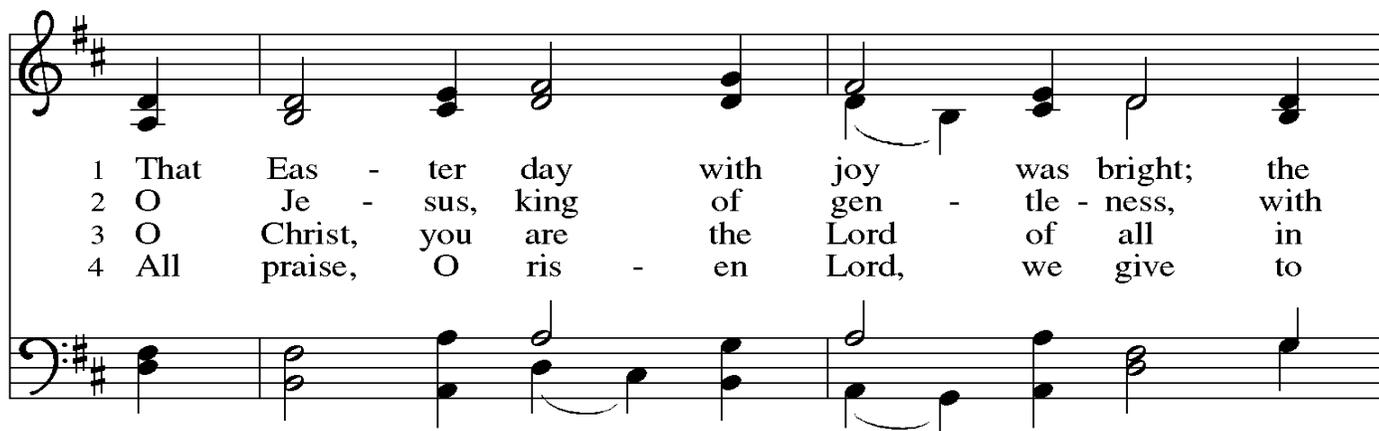
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

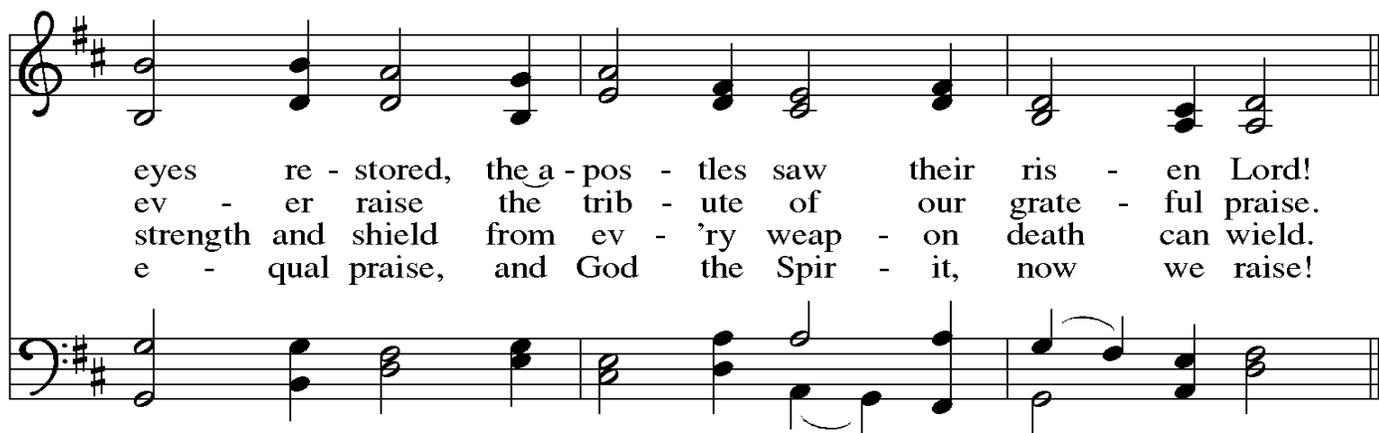
HYMN OF THE DAY: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* (ELW 384)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Enlivened in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the life of the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy, reconciling God, open our hearts and minds to receive you in the scriptures and in this holy meal to which you have invited us all. Send us forth for the healing and redemption of the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew areas of your creation where cold and dormancy is giving way to warmth and new life. Reveal your life-giving action throughout all of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Usher in peace where lawlessness and disorder reign. Send your calming Spirit to ease tensions and to encourage ways of living beyond conflict and oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Answer the cries of those who are ailing, who are brokenhearted, and who seek your mercy *especially, Megan Holman, Joyce Parish, Fammie Peter, Walter Clive, Sarah Barr, Owen Clive, Kathy Dycus, Rita Harrod, Anne Alia and Christopher, Don and Fran Heuton, Dwayne Paxton, Pr. Laura Meier, Marcia Robinson, Adam Smith, Christopher Forsee, Jim Hegenbarth, Shirley Bushman and Guy McCalvey.* Deliver them from affliction, and turn their cries to shouts of praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Sue Michael, Cheyanne Peter and Lyle Gernand with birthdays this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Remembering the lives of the saints who shared their faith with us, guide us by your Spirit to live in truth, as we long for the day when we shall live in your fullness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray into your care, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.



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



bles - sing. 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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



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

After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister sings Easter preface

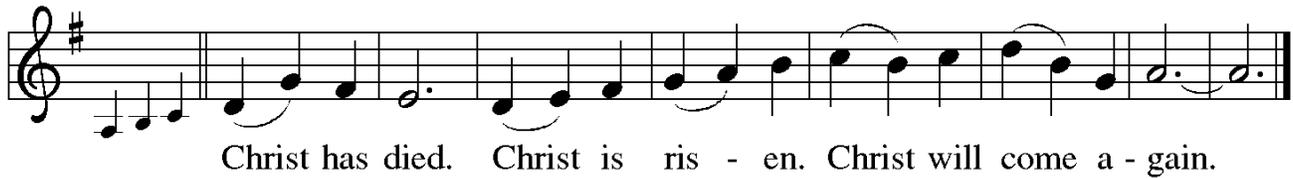
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

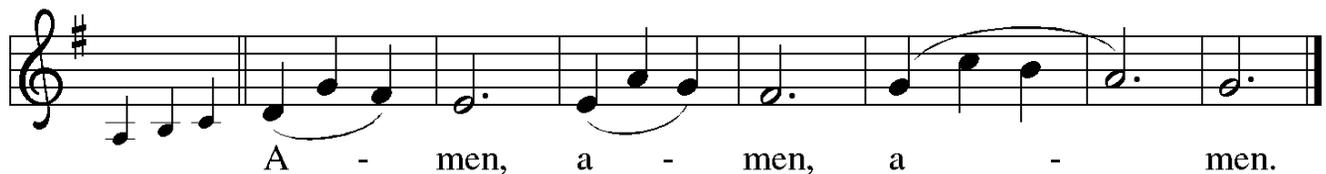
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy,..... Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command....To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for communion.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *What Feast of Love* (ELW 487)

- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

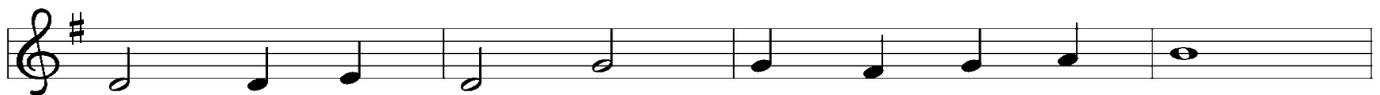
Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **Amen.**

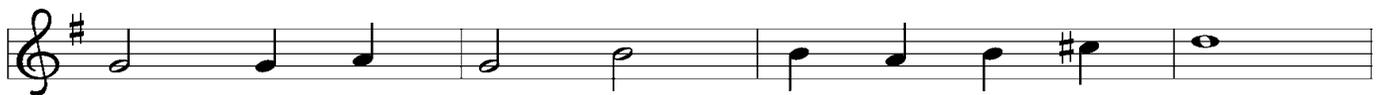
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

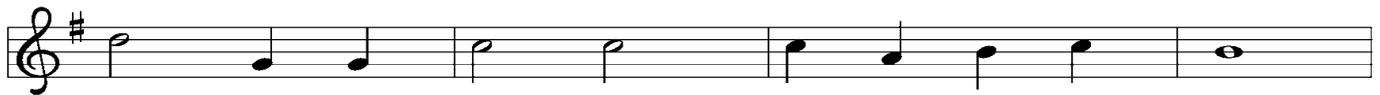
SENDING SONG: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* (ELW 534)



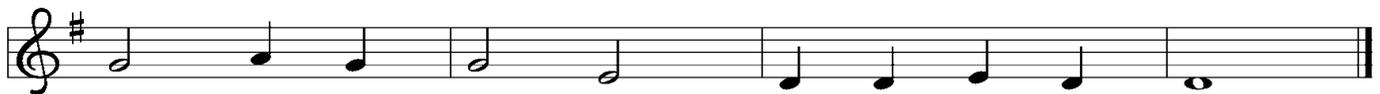
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Megan Holman, Thyroid cancer treatment
Joyce Parish, recovering from bronchitis
Fammie Peter, broken arm
Walter Clive, repair of hip replacement

Family & Friends

Sarah Barr, surgery on 4/2/12, gallbladder and hernia repairs
Owen Clive, child in treatment for leukemia
Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN
Rita Harrod, Breast cancer surgery/treatment
Don Heuton, health issues
Fran Heuton, health issues
Dwayne Paxton, blood infection
Pr. Laura Meier, health issues
Marcia Robinson, kidney stones
Adam Smith, nasal cancer (Veronica Rife's cousin)
Christopher Forsee, in hospital due to Crone's disease & serious infection
Jim Hegenbarth, colon growth
Shirley Buschman, in hospital with serious infection
Guy McCalvey, feeding tube being inserted
*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/special needs

CLM
Eric Hall Foundation
Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad
Anne Alia and Christopher, family issues
Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Families affected by tornados in IN and KY

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Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$2,159.00 | Worship attendance | 64 |
| Other Offering | 173.00 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$2,332.00 | Total attendance | 66 |

We need \$3,226 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pr. Scott W. Meier |
| Assistant | Carol Taylor |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Holley |
| Greeters | |
| Ushers | Bill and Cathy Holman
Anne Steaban |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Scott & Veronica Rife |
| Financial Assistant | Rick Barr |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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**Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;
John 10: 11-18**