

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 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 and in honor of Trisha and Ed Perry's wedding anniversary

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am SCS | Thurs. 5/3 | 9:00am WCS |
| | 10:30am Worship | | 1:00pm Bible Study |
| Tues. 5/1 | 9:00am WCS | Sun. 5/6 | 9:15am SCS |
| | 1:00pm Staff Mtg. | | 10:30am Worship |
| | 7:00pm WELCA | | 5:00pm Scott-Blough |
| Wed. 5/2 | 7:00pm Worship | | Wedding |

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Announcements

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful and just God,

we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* v 1-4 (ELW 619)

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

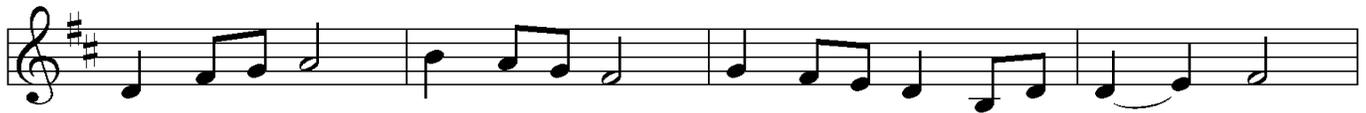


A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Sit

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5–12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

The Psalm is sung

The LORD¹ is my shepherd;

*I shall not¹ be in want.

**²He makes me lie down¹ in green pastures*
and leads me be-¹side still waters.**

³He re-¹vives my soul*

and guides me along right pathways¹ for his name's sake.

**⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹ fear no
evil;***

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who¹ trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

**⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16–24

A reading from the first letter of John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

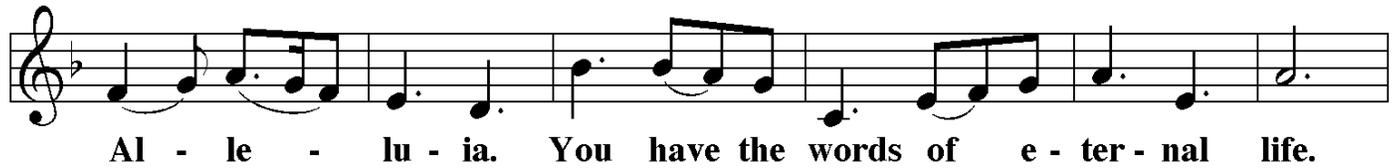
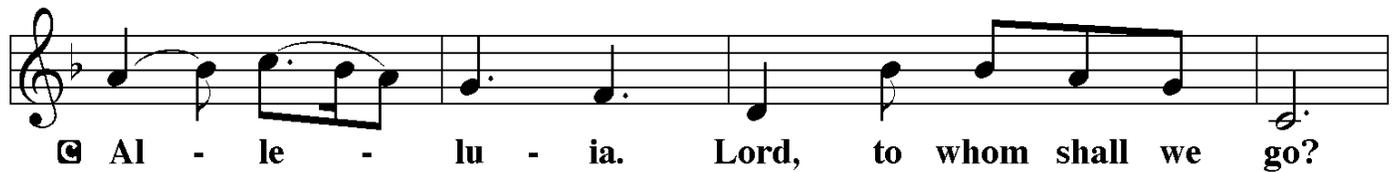
²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:11–18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for

the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,

¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also,

and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up

again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (ELW 502)

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

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**

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, compassionate God, our Lord Jesus laid down his life for the sake of your people. Lead us to put aside our own lives, that your life may abound in us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the source of all life. Lend your creative power to ranchers, herders, and farmers who encourage growth in their animals and strive to give them what they need to live. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Give your wisdom and humility to political and economic leaders. Teach them how to care for all over whom they have authority. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your Spirit brings healing in extraordinary ways. Grant hope to all who seek treatment for illness, addiction, and emotional strain *especially, Megan Holman, Joyce Parish, Fammie Peter, Walter Clive, Jim Vogt, Anne Alia and Christopher, Sarah Barr, Owen Clive, Kathy Dycus, Rita Harrod, Don and Fran Heuton, Dwayne Paxton, Pr. Laura Meier, Adam Smith, Christopher Forsee, Jim Hegenbarth, Shirley Bushman and Guy McCalvey.* Heal them in ways they cannot imagine. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your resurrection creates new ways to live. Dance your Spirit in communities that seek transformation. Open new opportunities for cooperation in areas of work and recreation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Ed and Trisha Perry with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In thanksgiving for the faithful work done by your saints *like Catherine of Siena, whom we commemorate today,* engage us in faithful work until your will is accomplished. 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 the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Sit

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Feed My Lambs

Choir

The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

The congregation sings the following offertory

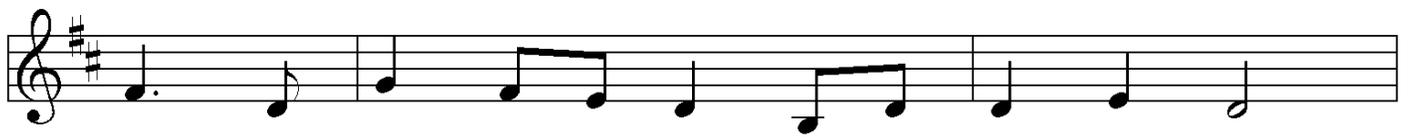
Stand



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.... Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

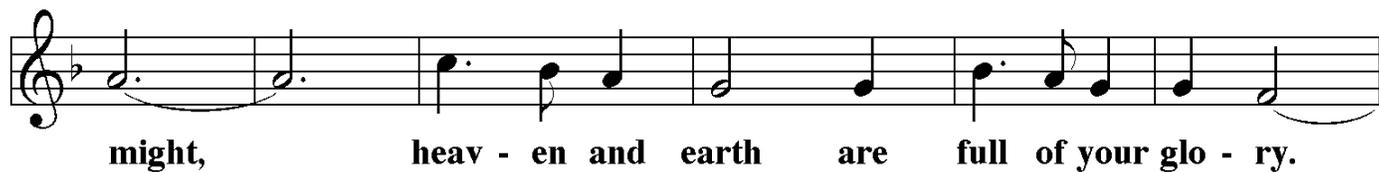
PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

SANCTUS



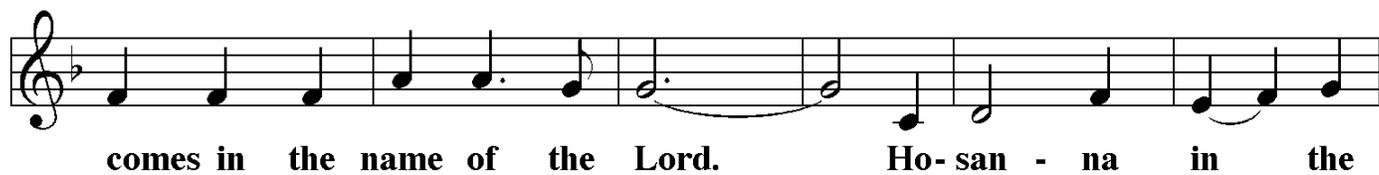
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



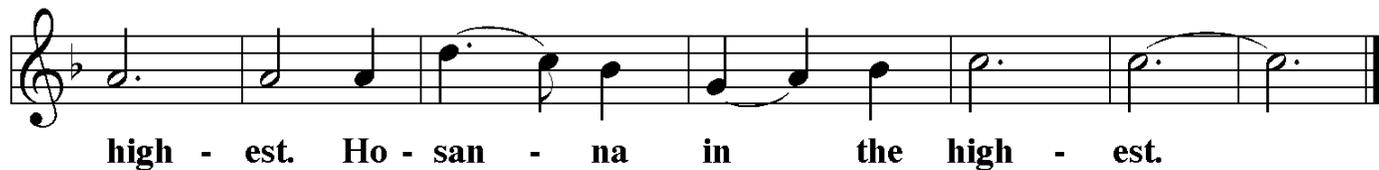
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

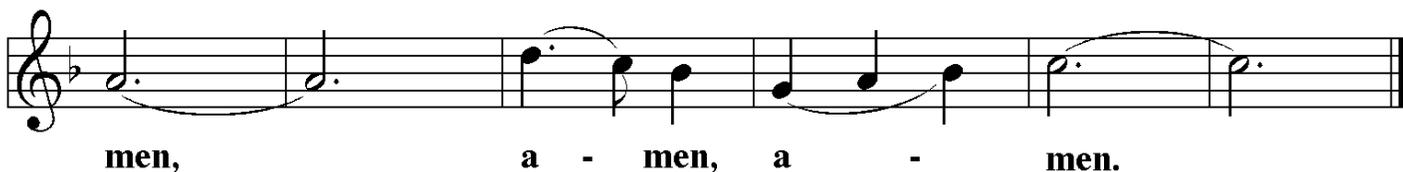
THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Father,

Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a -



men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**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**



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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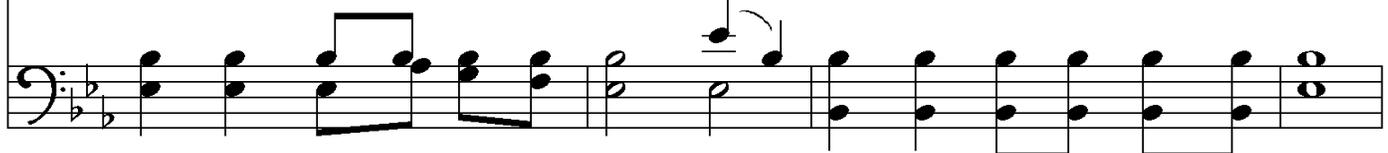


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Savior, like a Shepherd* (ELW 789)



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Stand

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace. **Amen**

CANTICLE

☪ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

Let us pray....Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen**

Silence for reflection.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The minister may announce the day and its significance before the Entrance Hymn or before the readings.

SENDING SONG: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* v.5-8 (ELW 619)

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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 | \$2,266.00 | Worship attendance | 62 |
| Other Offering | 35.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$2,301.00 | Total attendance | 63 |

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 | Ilean Bush |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Cindy Holley |
| Greeters | Scott and Veronica Rife |
| Ushers | Bill and Cathy Holman |
| | Anne Steaban |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | PLOT Picnic |
| Financial Assistant | Rick Barr |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22:25-32; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15: 1-8