



**The Second Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2013**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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The flowers on the altar are given today to the Glory of God
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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. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:00am | Breakfast | Wed. 4/10 | 10:00am WELCA |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 7:00pm Confirmation |
| | 6:00pm | Girl Scouts | Thu. 4/11 | 9:15am WCS |
| Mon. 4/8 | 7:00pm | Chr. Ed. | | 1:00pm Bible Study |
| Tue. 4/9 | 9:15am | WCS | | 2:30pm Evangelism |
| | 7:00pm | WELCA | Sun. 4/14 | 9:15am S.S |
| | | | | 10:30am Worship |

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Announcements

If you would like to be a delegate to this year's Synod Assembly, please let the Pastor know. Assembly will be held June 7-9, 2013 in Ft. Wayne, IN. We are allowed one male and one female lay delegate for our congregation size. We need to make reservations before May 21, 2013.

Next Sunday is Meet and Eat. Please bring a dish to share and plan on bringing your ideas to your team. Council will meet during te meat and eat time also.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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 *Alleluia, Jesus is Risen (ELW 377) v 1-3*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

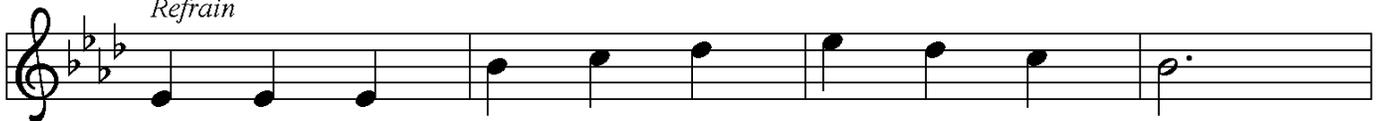


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

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.**

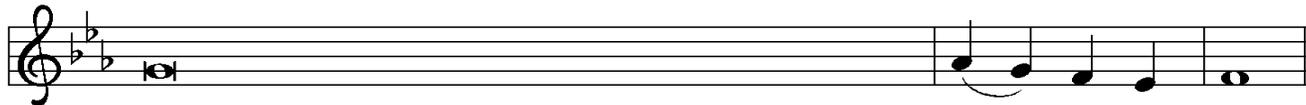
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



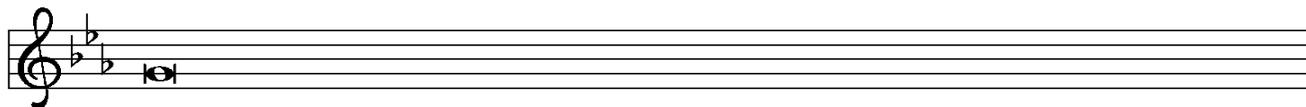
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



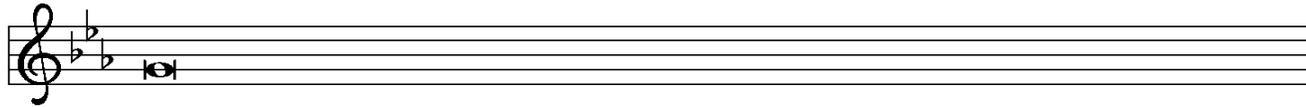
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



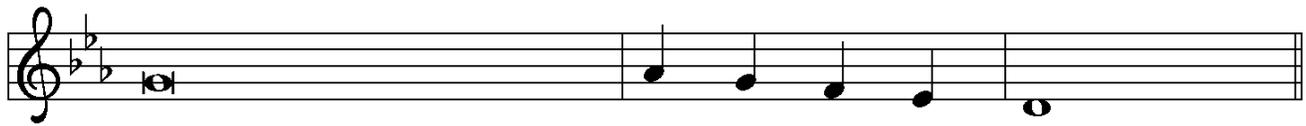
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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

Refrain



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

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27–32

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:14–29

The Psalm for the day is sung.

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 ¹ is exalted!

The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works ¹ of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- ¹ ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- ¹ ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
here the righ- ¹ teous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the ¹ LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.

²⁵**Hosanna! ¹ O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, pros- ¹ per our days!**

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name ¹ of the LORD;
we bless you from the house ¹ of the LORD.

²⁷**The LORD is God and has giv- ¹ en us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners ¹ of the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and ¹ I will thank you;
you are my God, and I ¹ will exalt you.

²⁹**Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹ LORD is good;
God's mercy en- ¹ dures forever.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4–8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and

made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

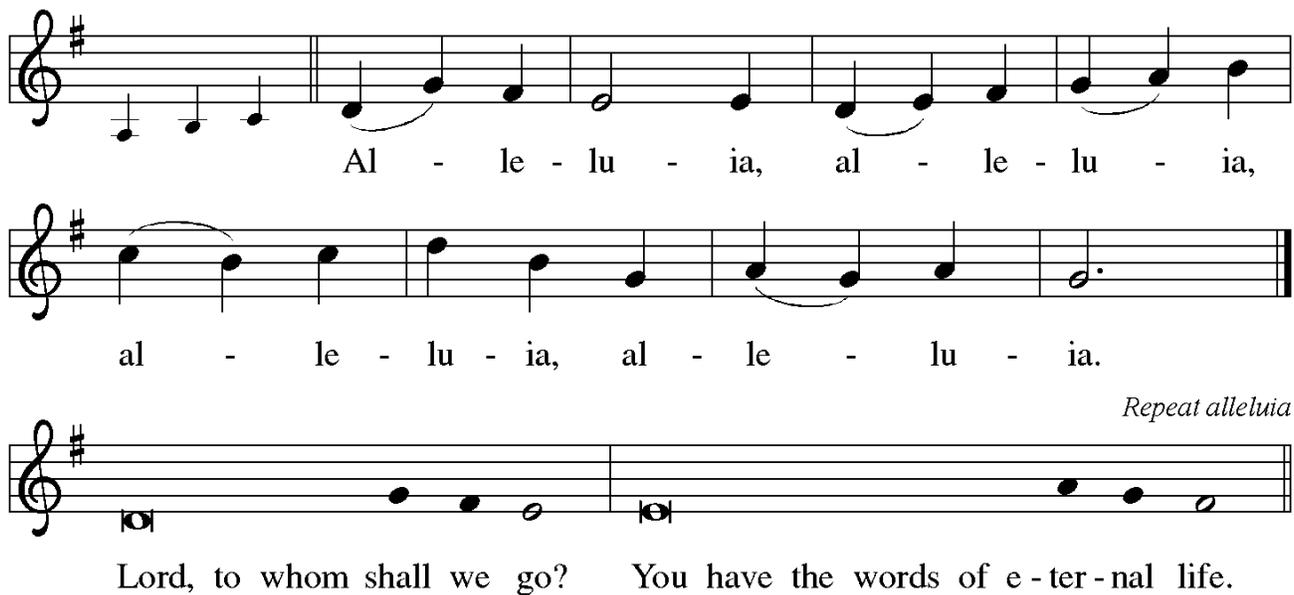
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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

Rejoicing with all the witnesses of the resurrection, let us pray in confidence for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

Holy God, give your church a sure and certain hope that overcomes doubt and fear. Fill us with the peace of Christ so that our lives proclaim your forgiveness and life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abundant Spirit, open our eyes to see the abundance of water and nourishing food you provide. Help us to work together so that all have access to clean water and adequate nutrition. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All knowing Christ, inspire the leaders of the nations to work for peace and justice for all your children. Teach us to obey your commandments and live in peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate Lord, ease the burdens of all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit *especially* Amy Holaday, Vivian Smith, Fred Steaban, John Taylor, Marcella Denton, Gwen Doering, Kathy Gilmore, Pat Hudson, Jon King, Phil Lakes, Dick Martin, Grace McBride, Alyssa Paro, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Karen Sackstader, Bonnie Walker, Ken Walker, Tonya Woods, Drew Yellina. Grant healing, companionship, and hope to all who live in fear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of grace and glory, strengthen this congregation to sing songs of hope and promise. Raise up musicians who will share their gifts and lead our praise. 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 Ron Woodward, Dorothy McCall and Mark Higenbotham with birthdays and Amy Jo and Mike Holaday and Angela and Mark Higgenbotham with anniversaries this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Empowering Spirit, fill our hearts with joy and gladness as we remember those who have died believing in life in your name. Reveal to us the joy of your salvation even in the face of death. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

In resurrection hope we commend to you all for whom we pray, trusting in the promise of new life; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. 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



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 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray...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

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself

to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,

and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the

res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. 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.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward and receive the elements. If you wish to come for a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. Communion is by table. As directed by the ushers, please come forward and kneel at the altar. Take and eat the wafer from the pastor. Take with wine (dark) or grape juice (light) from the tray offered by the assistant. Place the empty cup in the tray offered by the acolyte. Return to your pew via the side aisles for prayer and meditation.



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.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *Let Us Break Bread* (ELW 333)



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG *Alleluia, Jesus is Risen* v.4-5
See Gathering Hymn

DISMISSAL

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news. Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Amy Holaday, recovering from eye surgery
Fred Steaban, recovering from surgery
John Taylor, recovering from back surgery
Vivian Smith, recovering from colon Surgery

Family & Friends

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness
Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer chemo treatment
Kathy Gilmore, health concerns
Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia
Jon King, awaiting bone marrow transplant
Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition
Dick Martin, recovering from heart surgery
Grace McBride, heart surgery on April 10
Alyssa Paro, treatment for breast cancer
J C Richardson, health concerns
Angela Rutledge, heart attack
Karen Sackstader, health concerns
Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue
Bonnie Walker, health issues
Tonya Woods, breast cancer surgery
Drew Yellina, undiagnosed health problems

*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

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

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Veronica Rife, deployed by Corp of Engineers to Afghanistan
CLM
Eric Hall Foundation
Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad
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 Hurricane Sandy

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$4,503.00 | Worship attendance | 131 |
| Other Offering | 469.97 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$4,972.97 | Total attendance | 133 |

We need \$3,596 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 | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Sylvia Scott |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kristina Peter |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Cheyenne Peter |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire/Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Barb Campbell |
| Ushers | S. Rife/Barr's |
| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Dick/Virginia Klemens |
| Financial Assistant | Scott Rife |
| Ambassador | Kathy Hayes |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Carol Taylor |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Sandy Neathamer |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Matt Holden |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire/Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Kathy/Tom Hayes |
| Ushers | S. Rife/R Barr |
| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Rick/Terri Barr |
| Financial Assistant | Scott Rife |
| Ambassador | Dan Diekhoff |

Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelation 5: 11-14; John 21: 19-31