

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 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 by Bill and Cathy
Holman in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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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 | Thu. 4/18 | 9:15am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 6:30pm | Girl Scouts | Sun. 4/21 | 9:15am | S.S |
| Tue. 4/23 | 9:15am | WCS | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Wed. 4/24 | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | | |

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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.**

**The 15th Annual Lutheran Family Services golf scramble will be held this year
on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at Valley View Golf Course in Floyds Knobs, IN.**

12:00noon

Lunch/Registratio

1:00pm

Tee Off

Anyone interested may contact LFSK at (502) 899-5991 for information.

**Pastor Scott will be on vacation beginning this Wednesday, April 24 through
May 2. Please contact Kate Blough if you have a pastoral emergency.**

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, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
**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.**

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 earthly pride.
Jesus Christ loves you
and + frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *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.

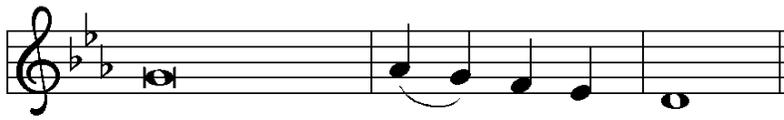
GREETING

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.**

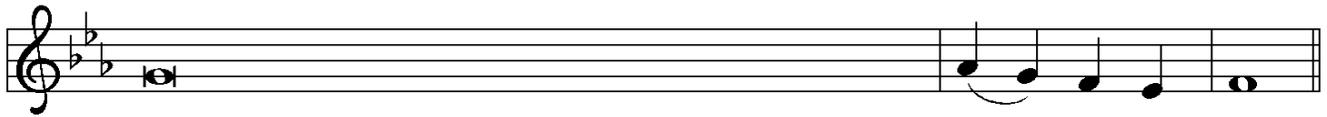
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



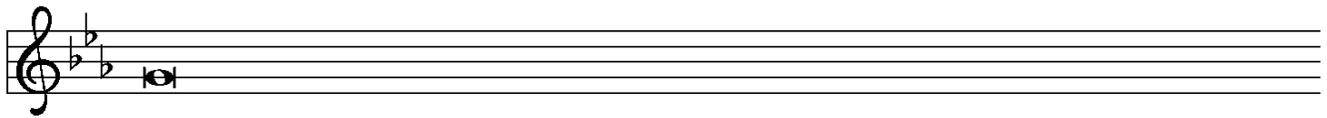
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



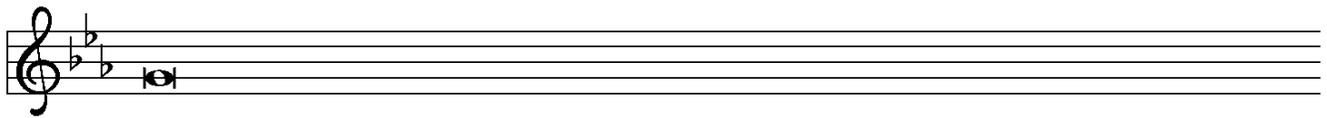
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Refrain



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

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;

I shall not¹ be in want.

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

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though 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 prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely 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: Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple; and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the

center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel

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 10:22–30

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.

³⁰The Father and I are one."

The gospel of the Lord.

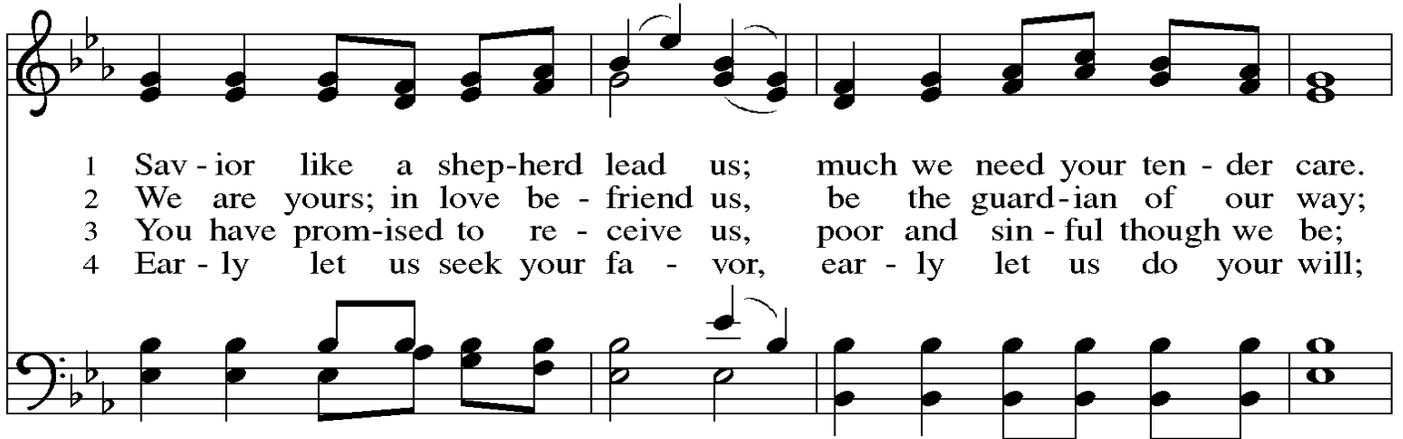
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (ELW 789)



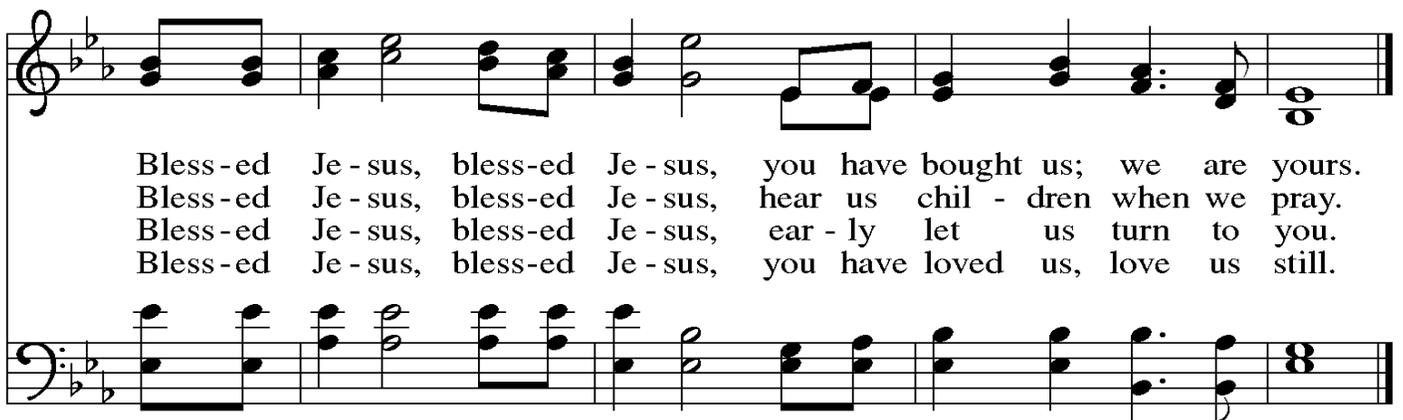
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



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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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.*

Risen Lord, come to us without delay and help us to hear your voice with clarity. Reveal to us the way to forgiveness, reconciliation, and hope. Lead your church to proclaim your love for all your children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, refresh us with springs of water and favorable weather. Ensure equitable access to clean water throughout the world. Make us good stewards of all your resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sovereign Spirit, guide those who shape our economies and systems of government so that all have the opportunity to work and share your abundant resources. Grant meaningful and secure employment to those who are unemployed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate Christ, be present with those who wander in dark valleys of suffering. Heal the sick, feed the hungry, and console those who live in fear *especially* Amy Holaday, Vivian Smith, Fred Steaban, John Taylor, Marcella Denton, Gwen Doering, Kathy Gilmore, Pat Hudson, Charlie Kayrouz, Jon King, Phil Lakes, Dick Martin, Grace McBride, Alyssa Paro, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Karen Sackstader, Bonnie Walker, Ken Walker, Tonya Woods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Good Shepherd, build up the ministries of this congregation that form and shape the lives of young people. Help us to shepherd and learn from their faith, that we may all trust and receive you with open and generous hearts. 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 Sue Michael, Chyeanne 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.

Comforting Spirit, wipe away the tears of all who mourn. Grant us joy in the memories and witness of those who now dwell in the house of the Lord forever *especially Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury and those who were victims at last week's Boston Marathon.* 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

Brother James' Air

Choir

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

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.

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:

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!**

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!**

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.

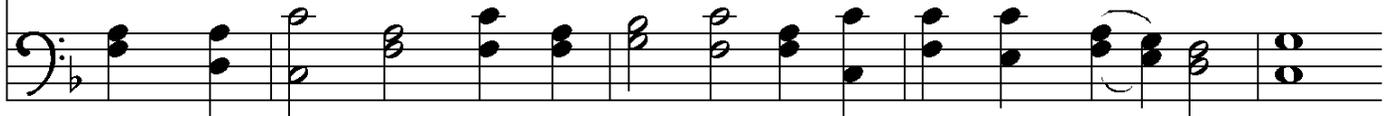
COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome at the table. If you wish to come for a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. Communion is by intinction. As directed by the ushers, please come forward and receive the wafer from the pastor. Take the wafer and dip it into either the silver chalice of wine or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. Consume the wafer and return to your pew via the side aisles for prayer and meditation.

DISTRIBUTION SONG : *For the Bread* (ELW 494)



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



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

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

SENDING SONG: *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.
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5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
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6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

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 | \$2,191.00 | Worship attendance | 60 |
| Other Offering | 360.00 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$2,551.00 | Total attendance | 62 |

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 | Lyle Gernand |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Judy Bartram |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire/Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Cathy/Bill Holman |
| Ushers | S. Rife/R Barr |
| Audio | Bill Holman |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Scott Rife |
| Financial Assistant | Scott Rife |
| Ambassador | Dan Diekhoff |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Patti Smith |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Aliyah Vogler/ C. Peter |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire/Jane Lakes |
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Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21: 1-6; John 13: 31-35