

Worship to the Glory of God

Sunday, May 4, 2014

8 & 11 am



Faith Lutheran Church

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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm
(Communion 1st Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am
(Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun. @ 8 am
2nd & 4th Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

website: faithnpr.org

THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

May 4, 2014 – 8am & 11am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *“O Sons and Daughters of the King”* **470 v 1-5**

The Invocation (please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: But the Angel said to the women.

People: Don't be afraid.

Pastor: I know you seek Jesus who was crucified.

People: He is not here. He is risen from the dead.

Pastor: Come see the place where He lay.

People: Go quickly and tell His disciples.

Pastor: And they ran to tell the disciples.

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Kyrie (spoken)

“Lord Have Mercy”

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The Prayer for Today

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... "Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, open our eyes to find opportunities to witness our joyful faith. We pray in Christ's name, who lives, and reigns with us and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠ *Please be seated*

First New Testament Reading **Acts 2:14, 36-47** (Bible Page 1,157)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

Second New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:17-25

(Bible Page, 1,294)

¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ who rose from the dead, we rise to sing*

All Sing:

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

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He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

(Bible Page 1,154)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting

(please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

✠ *Please be seated*

The Sermon Hymn

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

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The Sermon

“Doubting Thomas”

Rev. Gilbert Kuehn,
Vacancy Pastor

✠ *Please rise for*

The Nicene Creed (8:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Apostles’ Creed (11:00 am)

(back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings *(Please be seated)*

✠ *As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:*

✠ **The Offertory**

“Make Songs of Joy”

484 v 1&6

1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
 He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!

6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

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The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with *“Lord, in your mercy ...”* and the congregation will respond with **“hear our prayer.”**)

Lord’s Prayer

✠ **INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL (8 & 11 am)** ✠

OFFICERS:

President: Jerry Brock

Vice-President: Mike Meutzel

Secretary: Janet Rettke

Treasurer: Sue Leader

Asst Treasurer: Darlene Brown

DIRECTORS:

Christian Education: Phyllis Miller

Elders: Bob Brown

Fellowship:

Finance: Betty Holland

Human Care: Sandi Leenhouts

Outreach: Melodi Kasberg

Personnel: Rose Ann Verheyen

Property: Steve Thompson

Stewardship:

Volunteers: Edie Knudsen

8 am service continues

11 am service concludes on page 8

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. (spoken)

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we sing your unending hymn:

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

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An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

“White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers”

The Distribution (please be seated)

- ✠ Faith’s statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✠ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers’ instructions.
- ✠ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.

- ✠ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✠ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a special blessing.

The Distribution Hymn *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* **461**

✠ *please rise for*

Post-Communion Cantic *"Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds"* **465 v 4**

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'ly blessèd sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: We give thanks to you, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder		Bob Brown
Duty Elder	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte	Cassy Perkins	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care	Pam Arndt & Mary Joyce Donovan	Jeannette Brown & Marti Curran
Ushers	Ivo & Jackie Christopher and Rich & Sandi Leenhouts	
Lay Reader	Betty Holland	Grace Selkow
Audio Assistant	Keith Allard	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant	Yvonne Burkee	Barbara Hahn
Flower Angels	Melodi Kasberg	Melodi Kasberg
Fellowship Card	George & Eleanor Goeth	George & Eleanor Goeth

Our Purpose

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.

Stewardship Sentence: EASTER SAYS IT ALL! “Christ died and rose again.” Think about what your gift to God on Sunday tells about your faith.

This Week's Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Sunday, May 4	8:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion Installation of Officers and Directors
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship / Installation of Officers and Directors
Monday, May 5	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	VBS Meeting
Tuesday, May 6		No scheduled activities
Wednesday, May 7	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	11:00 am	Ladies Guild Executive Committee
	1:00 pm	Ladies Guild Meeting
	6:30pm	Confirmation Class in CLC
Thursday, May 8	6:30 pm	NA meeting / GSH
	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, May 9	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, May 10	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise

A Measure of Our Devotion

April 26 & 27, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	33/63/85
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	31/54/92
Sunday Communion 2014	80
Sunday Communion 2013	73
SS/Youth/Confirmation	13/4/2
Adult Sunday School/Mid-week Studies	21/4
Receipts for April 26 & 27, 2014	\$2,716.45

Combined Sunday Services begin on May 25th

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **“HEAVEN IS FOR REAL”** This 4 week Adult Bible Study will begins today, May 4th at 9:30 am in the front of the church. Video conversation starters featuring Todd, Sonja and Colton Burpo, along with readings for deeper study of the Scriptures are presented each week.
- **FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** is next Sunday, May 11th (Mother’s Day) at 8:45, hosted by the Board of Christian Ed.
- **BLOOD PRESURE CHECKS** will be available in the Library next Sunday, 5/11.
- **THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD DIRECTORS** will be held this weekend at all three services.
- **CALLING ALL VBS WORKERS** Anyone that is interested in helping with VBS this summer is asked to attend the Board of Christian Education meeting on Monday, May 5th at 7 pm. Questions? Call Phyllis Miller at #847-0959.
- **BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:**
 - Members that are celebrating birthdays this week are:** (4) Jerry Brock
(5) Evelyn Miller (6) Margaret DeBlasi (11) Don Wyher
 - Members that are celebrating anniversaries this week are:**
(10) Steve & Victoria Hartwell
- **FAITH LADIES GUILD MEETING FOR MAY 7th** is honored to have as our speaker, Evia Parks from Elfers Care Center. She will be telling us about the many programs available at the center. Please come and support her with your attendance, and bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship beginning at 1:00 pm with refreshments served by our hostesses of the month. The program will follow at 1:30 pm with the business meeting after. Our meeting will include the installation of this year’s new officers: President: Rose Ann Verheyen, 1st Vice President: Melodi Kasberg and Treasurer: Marian Malmgren. Thank you Ladies for your willingness to serve in these positions.
- As you know this is our **LAST LADIES GUILD MEETING FOR THE SEASON** and we, the Executive Board, wish “traveling mercies” on all those that are traveling North, or going to visit family. May God put His angels all around you, and bring everyone back to us safely in the fall. See you in September!

- **OUR LWML RALLY WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH**: We had a great turn out with 50 ladies in attendance from our Suncoast Zone. Pastor Kuehn led a wonderful service with Holy Communion, and then a Bible Study. Our Leadership Development Team performed a skit for us and Dan & Julie Kolb gave us a very moving presentation of their ministry called “Broken but Beautiful Ministry”, which is based in Hudson. It was truly a day of blessings and fellowship. A special thank you goes out to all our ladies who helped put together our Zone Rally. It would not have been such a huge success without all the help you gave us. Thank you, and God Bless you ALL!!

Food Pantry Item for the
month of May

Large boxes of cereal

