



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Welcome to Worship

We are an intentionally inclusive community proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender, sexual identity, age and ability into all aspects of our church life. ~ *Faith Lutheran Church*

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Coast Salish people, including the Duwamish People past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in the bulletin.

Please take a moment to fill out the **information card** found in the pew rack. Place the card in the offering plate so we can be in touch with you. **Prayer requests** to be offered during worship can be written on the card in the pew rack and passed toward the center aisle where it will be collected by an usher during the first hymn. There are **coffee and treats** in the Library after the service. We would love to join you in fellowship time together. **Restrooms** are located on the far side of the Library or down the main stairs. Should an emergency occur an **AED unit** is located in the narthex on the wall by the main entrance. **Masks and sanitizer** are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

Feel free to **explore** the building and ask questions of the pastors, ushers, or anyone you see! We encourage you to introduce yourselves and hope you feel comfortable here.

Children are welcome and highly encouraged to be in worship. We understand that children have the need to move and make sound. We find this to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of sanctuary filled with activities for children. A **cry room** is available at the back of the sanctuary should you need a brief respite.

Faith Lutheran Church is a lively, caring, and energetic community.
We are so glad you are here!



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sheep May Safely Graze
MERLE HARRIS, CELLIST

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Sheep may safely graze where a good shepherd watches over them.

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

C: **As followers of Christ, we learn to love and live to serve**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

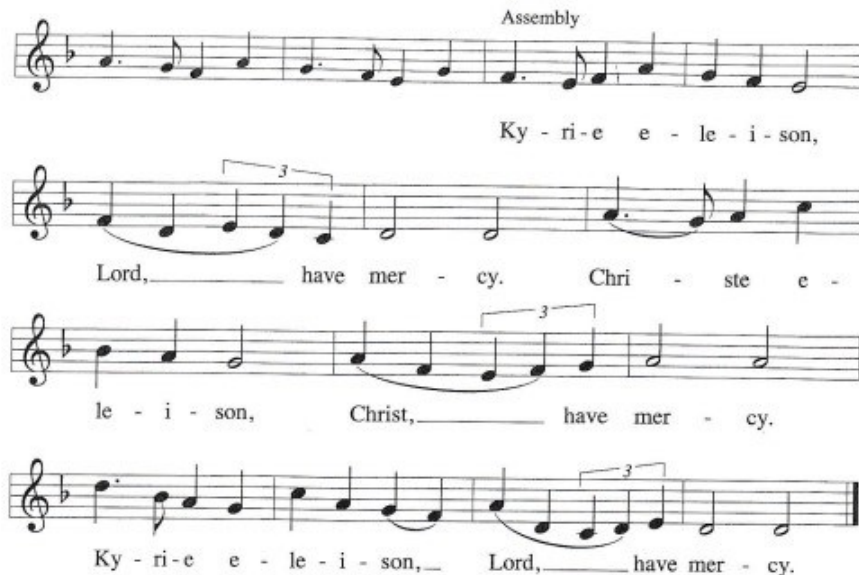
Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

There Is a Balm in Gilead

SPIRITUAL, ARR. WILLIAM L. DAWSON*+

DIANE MACHATKA, SOLOIST

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.*

*If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."*

READING

Acts 17:1-9

¹After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. ²And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three sabbath days argued with them from the scriptures, ³explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This is the Messiah, Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you." ⁴Some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. ⁵But the Jews became jealous, and with the help of some ruffians in the marketplaces they formed a mob and set the city in an uproar. While they were searching for Paul and Silas to bring them out to the assembly, they attacked Jason's house. ⁶When they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some believers before the city authorities, shouting, "These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also, ⁷and Jason has entertained them as guests. They are all acting contrary to the decrees of the emperor, saying that there is another king named Jesus." ⁸The people and the city officials were disturbed when they heard this, ⁹and after they had taken bail from Jason and the others, they let them go.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

Psalms 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff — they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,

constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and

steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God,

that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also

in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we

proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite

of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an

example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded

forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become

known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us

what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living

and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, who

rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Assembly

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

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e -

ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

GOSPEL

John 10:1-18

¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The

gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep

follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but

they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came

before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever

enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to

steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 778

The Lord's My Shepherd

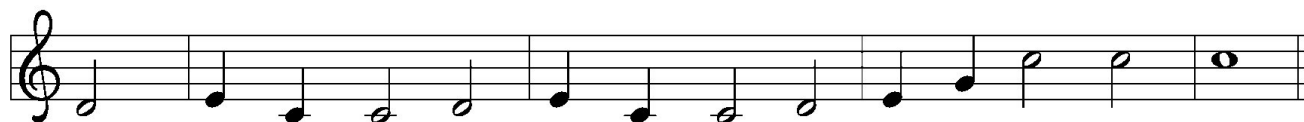
BROTHER JAMES' AIR



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with God's peace.



MEAL

OFFERING

As we gather for communion, you are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. You will receive the bread (host) and the wine or grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available and the baked bread is gluten free. If you are communing from another location, we trust that Christ is present through the Holy Spirit in the bread and the wine/grape juice. Please note the importance of the words of institution and the invitation to communion, holding holy worshipful space within this sacrament. Individual wafers and grape juice for at home communion are available in the church office.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is ready. All are welcome to this table of grace and forgiveness.

LAMB OF GOD

Assembly

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. _____

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Assembly

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

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING HYMN 789

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY



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-prepare.
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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BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *You Can Tell the Love of Jesus*

WILLIAM L. DAWSON*+

SENDING

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



SANCTUARY LEARNING

With the new organ and redone chancel area, the worship committee has discussed the “look” and function of the chancel area space, considering long-term options. We often see areas within the sanctuary but do not always know what they mean. For the next number of weeks, enjoy some learning.

Baptismal Font

The place where the water is held when baptisms take place. Today the position of the baptismal font varies. It can be in one of three places: just inside the doors, in the nave in front of the congregation, or behind the chancel. In churches that usually administer baptism by pouring, the baptism font consists of a stand with a water basin on top. It could be a permanent structure in the front of the congregation or just inside the church doors, or it could be a portable structure that only appears when there is a baptism. In Protestant churches that administer baptism by immersion, the font is a large tank that is located in the front of the church, either behind the chancel or to one side.

Chancel

In churches with a [historic floor plan](#), the chancel is the front part of the church from which the service is conducted, as distinct from the [nave](#), where the [congregation](#) sits. The chancel is usually an elevated platform, usually three steps up from the nave. In churches with a [lecture-hall floor plan](#), the term [sanctuary](#) is often used to mean both chancel and nave because the two are not architecturally distinct. In the historic floor plan, the words chancel and sanctuary are often synonyms.



**Scripture Passages
For Next Sunday:**

Acts 18:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst
Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Merle Harris
Reader: John Hushagen
Ushers: John and Jean Bergo
Zoom Host: Julie Pierce
Video Tech: Jamie Estill
Altar Guild: Marilyn Anderson
Fellowship: Council

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY Sunday, April 21
After Worship (11:00ish)

IT'S EASY TO GIVE

at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



1. Open the camera on your phone.
2. Point it at the QR code.
3. Touch the yellow 'myvanco.com' button.
4. This takes you to our giving page.
Choose which fund and fill out the rest.

***WORSHIP NOTES: William Dawson** developed the Tuskegee Institute Choir into an internationally renowned ensemble. A composer of instrumental, chamber and orchestral music, he is best known as an arranger of African-American spirituals.

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Darkness into Light

A Meditation on Chorale Preludes by Johann Sebastian Bach

David Buice, Organist

Faith Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



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