



March 29, 2026  
Palm Sunday  
*The Triumphant Ride  
and the Crucified Christ*

**Welcome to Worship**

We are an intentionally inclusive community, proclaiming a warm welcome to people of every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, 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.



# WE ARE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church. Everything you need to **follow the service** is in this 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 prayer request 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 like to welcome you to continued fellowship. **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.

The **elevator** is located at the top of the stairs in the Narthex. 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; which we find to be a joyful and important part of worship. **Blessing Bags** are found near both entrances of the 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!

### **Overview of Scripture**

*Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We, too, are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SPOKEN CALL TO WORSHIP**

Begin this Holy Week with palms in your hands and hosanna ringing in your ears, and may your heart treasure the example of Christ who made himself nothing and suffered for our sake on Good Friday. Walk in his footsteps this week with loving humility, valuing others above yourselves, and joyfully bearing the cross of Jesus Christ. You are his beloved people and he will give you the strength to walk his path.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates*

GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL\*+

CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAMBER ENSEMBLE\*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates;*

*and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.*

*The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

~ Psalm 24:7-10

### **OPENING LITANY**

*John 12:12-27*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12th Chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—  
the King of Israel!"**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

**"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.**

**Look, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"**

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

The Pharisees then said to one another,  
**“You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!”**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,  
**“Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”**

Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit.

**Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.**

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say:

**‘Father, save me from this hour’?**

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

The Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

OPENING HYMN 344

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

### GREETING

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

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

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.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ANTHEM

*Behold, the Lamb of God*

GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL\*+

CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAMBER ENSEMBLE\*

*Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world!*

~ John 1:29

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. (*Phil. 2:8-9*)

John 19:16b-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 19th Chapter.

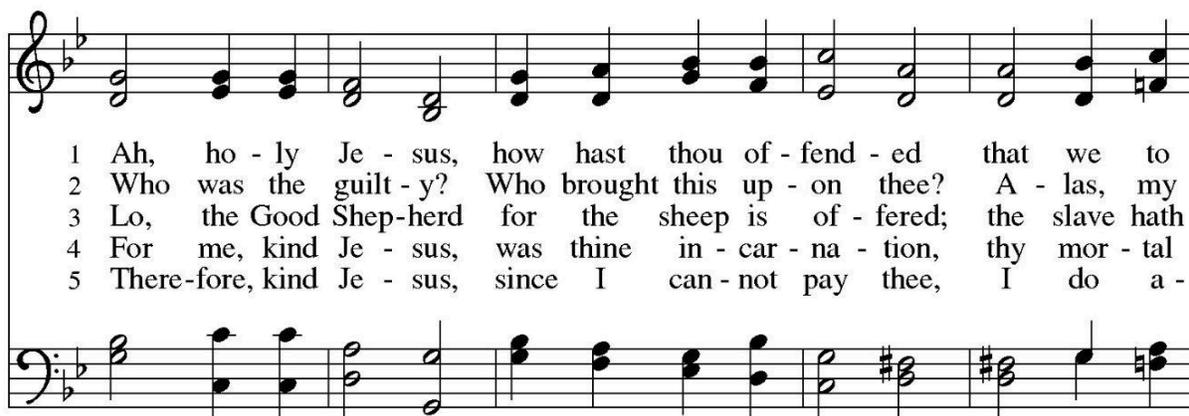
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

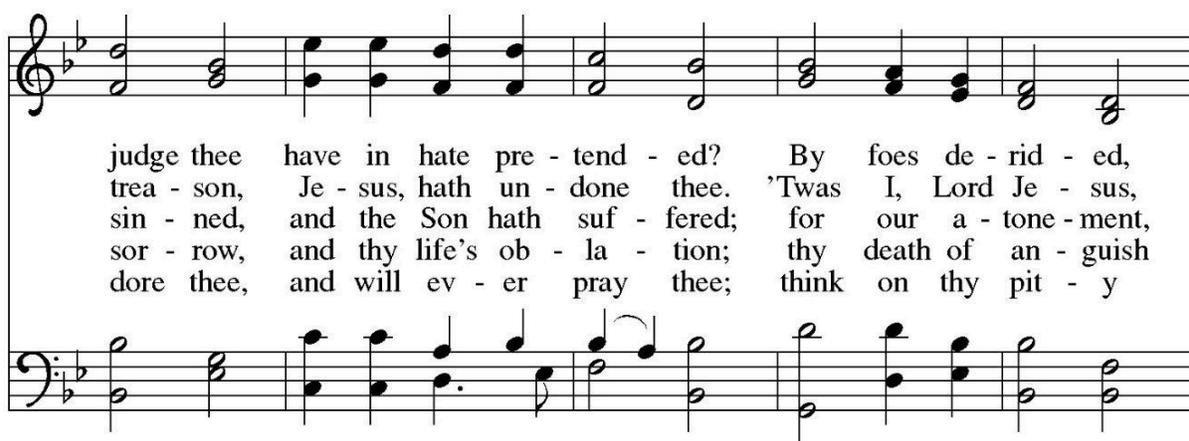
So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

The Word of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

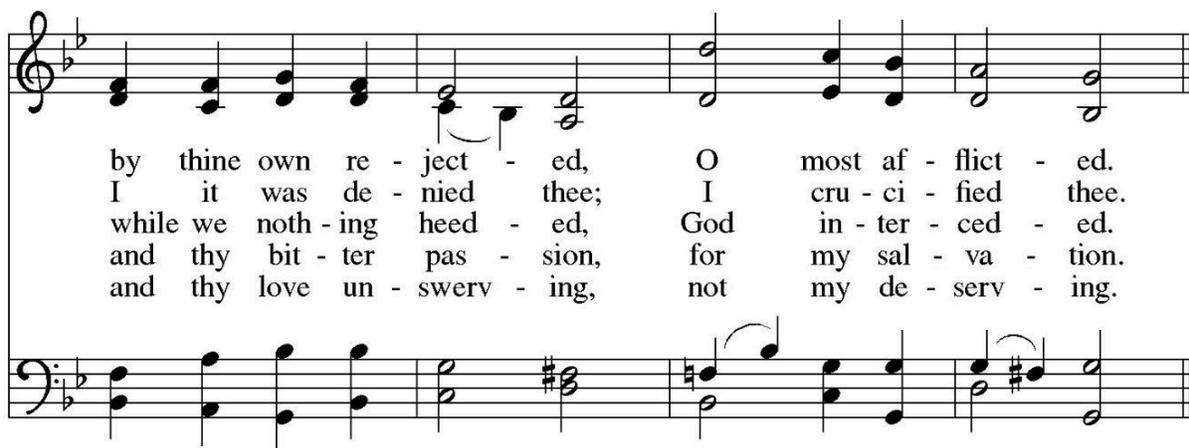
### SERMON



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
 dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for everyone according to their needs.

Reign over us, Lord God, not according to our human devising and perceptions, but according to your good and gracious will. Shape our attitude to be like yours living a life of humility and obedience. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, your grace is sufficient for all our needs, and you have promised to be the strength of the weary, the hope of those who fear, the healing of the ill, the fullness of those who are empty, and the peace of all who are distressed. Hear us on behalf of all in need, that they may be well supplied by your grace in every time of trouble. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

We ask you, O most merciful God, to not remember our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and grant us your forgiveness. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, during this Holy Week, strengthen our faith and trust in you. As we move from the triumph of Palm Sunday to the institution of your Supper, to the agony of Good Friday, to the glories of Easter, be with us and send your Spirit that our meditation of your holy Passion may move us to greater love for you and for others. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

#### *He Was Despised*

GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL\*+

CHAMBER ENSEMBLE WITH CHERYL PETERS, SOLOIST\*

*He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:*

*He gave his back to the smiters, and his cheeks to them that plucked off the hair:*

*He hid not his face from shame and spitting.*

~ Isaiah 53:3 and Isaiah 50:6

### OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
whose suffering and death gave salvation to all.  
You gather your people around the tree of the cross,  
transforming death into life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n 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.

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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
Amen.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### LORDS PRAYER

**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.**



1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who  
 2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why  
 3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
 you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre - cious Lamb of God.  
 cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre - cious Lamb of God.

Text: Kirk Franklin, b. 1970

Music: NOW BEHOLD THE LAMB, Kirk Franklin

### COMMUNION INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. All are welcome to this table of compassion and unconditional love.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*As we gather for communion, all are invited to come forward to the bottom step near the baptismal font. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please place your hands over your heart as a sign of requesting the blessing. 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.*

### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name  
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;  
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.  
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877

Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

### BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
 God, who calls all things into existence,  
 Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
 and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
 ✚ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs* GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL\*\*

CHANCEL CHOIR & CHAMBER ENSEMBLE\*

*Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows;  
 He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities;  
 The chastisement of our peace was upon him.*

~ Isaiah 53:4-5

## SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**\*WORSHIP NOTES:** Today we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem, where enthusiastic, palm-waving throngs hailed Jesus as Messiah. Expecting a militaristic savior to throw off the shackles of Roman occupation and oppression, there must have been some sense of Jesus being a new Judas Maccabaeus, a military leader sent by God to liberate the Jewish population. With this in mind, the choir sings the famous chorus **Lift Up Your Heads** from **G. F. Handel's** oratorio *Messiah* as our Call to Worship.

The anticlimax of this celebration – *Jesus is here...now what?* – will lead us through the passion of Holy Week, as Christ is betrayed, deserted, condemned and crucified, the sacrificial Lamb of God.

The Anthem and Benediction Response are two other celebrated choruses from Part II of *Messiah*, **Behold the Lamb of God** and **Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs**.

This morning's Offertory, also from Part II of *Messiah*, stands in meditative contrast to the larger expressions of the choruses in the service.

Many thanks to **Cheryl Peters**, soloist, the **Chancel Choir**, and our **instrumental chamber ensemble** of strings and woodwinds. We are excited for the opportunity to work together again, just a few months after our happy experience offering the choruses from Johann Sebastian Bach's cantata *Wachet auf!* on Advent I.

+Call to Worship, Anthem, Offertory & Benediction Response in Public Domain

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Cheryl Peters

Instrumental Ensemble: Rebecca Keith & Suzanne Phillips, violins

Nancy Winder, viola

Merle Harris, Eileen Reichert, cellos

Bruce Rummel & Kathy Brandstetter, clarinets

Reader: Karla Petersen

Ushers: Barb & Rick Friedhoff

Fellowship: Nancy & Jamie Estill

Altar Guild: Barbara Lovseth

Zoom Host: Debbie Strom

Tech Operator: Mark Strom

## NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 118:21-29

John 20:1-18



# Holy Week & Easter



## **PALM SUNDAY**

March 29 at 9:45 am

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 2 at 7:00 pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 3 at 7:00 pm

## **EASTER**

Worship April 5 at 9:45 am

(Breakfast in the Library from 8:30-9:30 am)

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Worship in person & online



Easter is fast approaching, which means - Easter Breakfast!

A sign-up to help bring sweet rolls, bacon and deviled eggs will be in the library. Breakfast will be from 8:30 to 9:30 on Easter morning with food service in the narthex and seating in the narthex and library. It is a fun morning to gather early and visit over food and drink before Easter worship!



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