



April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord

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.



WELCOME

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 pastor, 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

Easter is the great "hinge" of the church year — indeed, it is the hinge of history. Everything that came before it is different from what comes after. Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

...We enter worship, the culmination of the Triduum, the three day worship service that began on Maundy Thursday, continued on Good Friday, held space on Holy Saturday, and now we come together to celebrate the resurrection. We begin saying...

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Light out of darkness!

Life out of death!

Hope out of despair!

Power out of surrender!

God, this is your grace, marvelous and wonderful!

This is your way, always and forever.

You raise us up with Christ, and we thank you.

You create us anew, and we worship you.

Chris is risen!

Chris is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since By Man Came Death

GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL*+

Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

~ I Corinthians 15:21-22



INVOCATION

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

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name alone is exalted;

his majesty is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people,

praise for all his saints,

for the people who are near to him. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We join with all of creation to shout the praise of Almighty God, and to sing for joy for God's loving faithfulness. Yet we must confess to God and one another that we have failed to live as Easter people in the hope of the resurrection.

Silence for reflection

God of all mercy and grace,

We confess that though your Son has risen as Savior, we fail to serve as witnesses of that hope in our everyday lives. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus, grant us your pardon and forgiveness. Renew our hearts, enlighten our minds, and lead us to walk in your ways. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Know with certainty the good news:

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ suffered and died, and on the third day rose from the dead, so that we might have forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained ministry of the church of Christ and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father,+ Son, and Holy Spirit. He sets us free from guilt and shame, and gives us a sure and certain hope for a victorious life on earth and in eternity.

Amen! Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. 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.

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

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

KYRIE

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all... (Refrain)*

*Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)*

Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,

whose blood has freed and u - nit - ed us

D.C.

to be one great peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

D.C.

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us

D.C.

peo - ple of God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

He Is Alive!

BURYL RED+

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH MARK STROM, GUITARIST & JOHN MONSON, PERCUSSIONIST

He is alive and he's shown me the way, he gives me joy to begin every day.

He is alive and he's opened the door, he gives me hope to live life evermore.

He is alive and so I celebrate, this is the story that I must relate.

He is alive and I love him, I am alive and he loves me. Ah!

Hallelujah!

~ Ragan Courtney

CHILDREN'S SERMON

READING Psalm 118:21-29

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MARTY HAUGEN

**Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them,

'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 389 *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

TRURO

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

NICENE 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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

...Merciful God,
receive our prayer...

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff begins with a 6/8 time signature. The second staff changes to 3/8 time. The third staff returns to 6/8 time. The fourth and fifth staves continue in 6/8 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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 salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

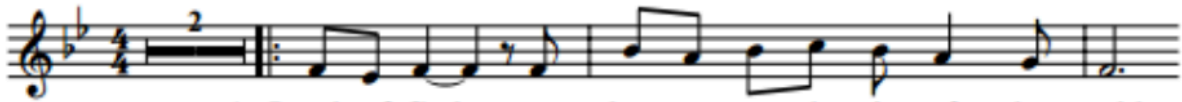
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

LAMB OF GOD



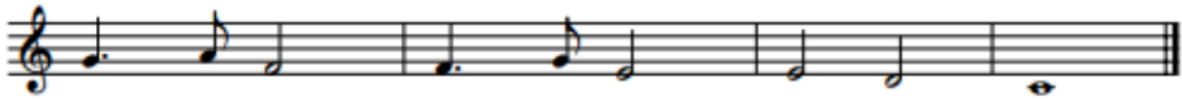
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go now as Easter people, ambassadors of Christ's kingdom of forgiveness, healing and hope, and witnesses of what we know to be true. May the almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Worthy Is the Lamb, Amen!*

GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL*+

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

Worthy is the lamb that was slain and hath redeemed us to God by his blood to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Amen!

~ Revelation 5:12

SENDING

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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WORSHIP NOTES:** This morning's Call to Worship and Benediction Response are choruses from Part III of **G. F. Handel's *Messiah: ***Since By Man Came Death*** and ***Worthy Is the Lamb, Amen***.

The Anthem is stylistically in strong contrast to the Baroque oratorio excerpts, but there is a consistent sense of joy and excitement in **Bury! Red** and **Ragan Courtney's *He Is Alive!***

The plainchant *Victimae paschali laudes* was transformed in the Reformation to the Lutheran hymn, ***Christ lag in todesbanden*** (*Christ lay in the bands of death*); **Johann Sebastian Bach** based one of his better-known cantatas on the hymn, as well as a notable, if brief organ chorale prelude heard as this morning's Offertory.

The hymn is found in our hymnal as ***Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands***; the opening phrase portrays Christ in the tomb, while the remainder of the hymn rejoices in his resurrection, something along the lines of a Lutheran *Low in the Grave He Lay/Up from the Grave He Arose*. Accordingly, the opening phrase of Bach's chorale prelude is played with a quiet registration (a somewhat unearthly, ghostly sound), followed by an increasingly strengthened voice for the remainder of the hymn, all the way to the "Alleluia!"

The Sending Hymn is from **Handel's** oratorio ***Judas Maccabeus***, which was first performed in April of 1747, quickly becoming second only to *Messiah* as Handel's most popular oratorio. The music celebrates the ultimate victory over a seemingly insurmountable foe.

Special thanks, this morning, to the **Chancel Choir**, guitarist **Mark Strom**, percussionist **John Monsen**, and our instrumental chamber ensemble of strings and woodwinds!

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TODAY IN WORSHIP

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Shannyn Fuerst

Music: David Buice, Chancel Choir, Mark Strom, John Monsen

Instrumental Ensemble: Rebecca Keith & Suzanne Phillips, violins

Nancy Winder, viola

Merle Harris & Eileen Reichert, cellos

Bruce Rummel & Kathy Brandstetter, clarinets

Reader: Julie Pierce

Ushers: Marlin Appelwick & Rick Gleason

Altar Guild: Barbara Lovseth

Zoom Host: Pat Wilson

Tech Operator: Rick Brandstetter

NEXT WEEK:

Psalm 145:13-21

John 20:19-31





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