

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

APRIL 16, 2023 • 9AM

Second Sunday of Easter • Bread of Life, Setting 5

INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Lord Hosanna arr. Zach Unke

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Pastor: He is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed.

P: We are Easter people who have been to the tomb and proclaim it empty. Let us worship the Living Lord in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. †

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Trusting God, source of life,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We confess our need for new life. We trade abundant living for cheap imitation. We have not practiced Your love, generosity and righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from You. For the sake of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and by His empty tomb, forgive us so that we may be reconciled with You. Amen.

P: God is the God of life. Jesus' death on the cross was for your sin. Trust God, your life is made new and your sins are forgiven.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

GATHERING

GATHERING HYMN hymnal, #385, *stand*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

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

Congregation: And also with you.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.



▣ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ▣ Christ, have mer - cy.



▣ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ▣ Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh-t-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

All: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *pew Bible Pg. 994* Will Dickinson, Lector
After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

²⁹ 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption."

³² This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 16 Pew Bible pg. #485

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Lector: ¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**Congregation: ²I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

L: ³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight;

**C: ⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings
of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

L: ⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**C: ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly
heritage.**

L: ⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

**C: ⁸I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be moved.**

L: ¹⁰For you do not give me up to Shelo, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**C: ¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in
your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Pew Bible pg. #1105

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER SEASON

Halle Halle Halle

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu jah. _____ jah. _____

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 Pew Bible pg. #991

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

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

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you. ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER SEASON

Halle Halle Hall



Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal-le - lu-jah, hal - le - lu jah. _____ jah. _____

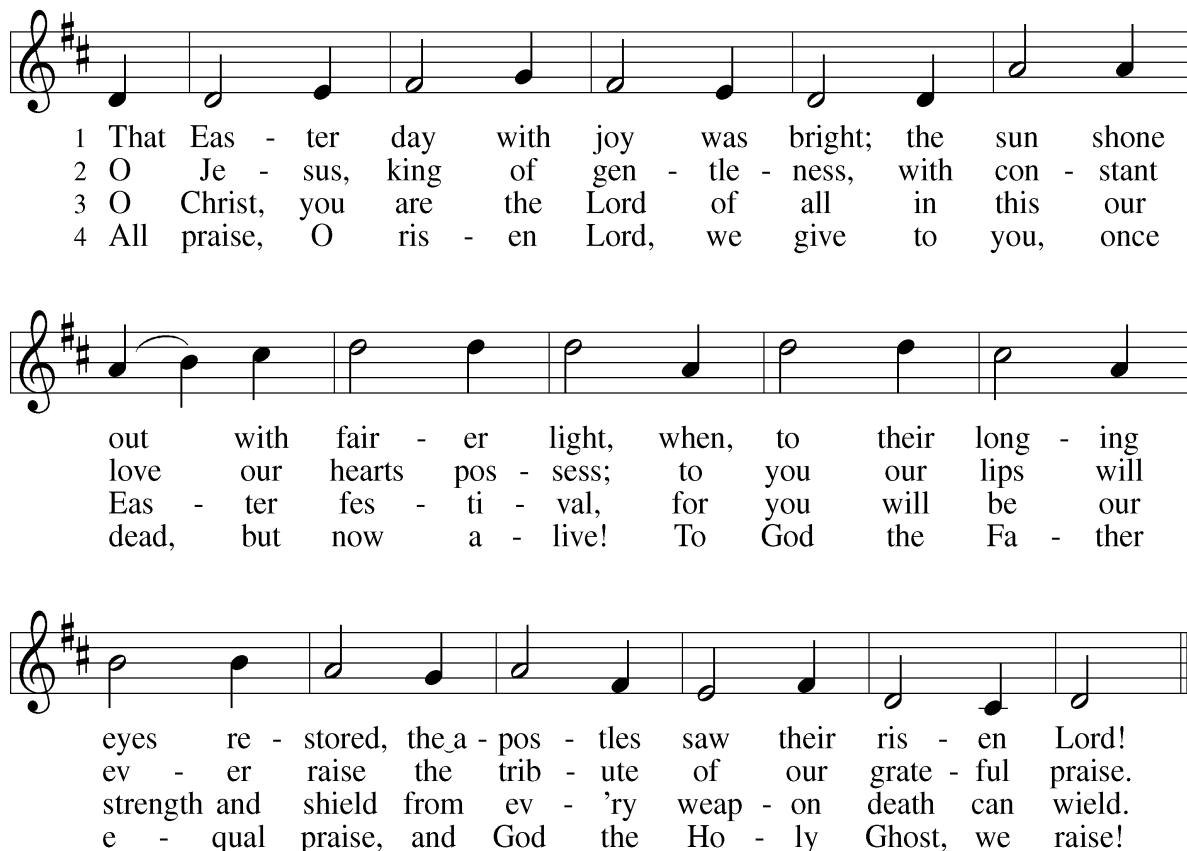
SERMON

Resurrection Questions

Pastor Bob Stelter

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal, #384

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with con - stant
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to you, once
out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise!

NICENE CREED FOR EASTER

All: 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Assistant: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church,
the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a
weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share
your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

A: As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all
creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects
of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting
them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and
hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or
question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration,
mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

MEAL

THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* arr. Eric Thiman

OFFERTORY *stand*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P:Lift up your hearts.

C:We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE FOR EASTER

Pastor: 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

Congregation: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: 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.**

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Healer of Our Every Ill

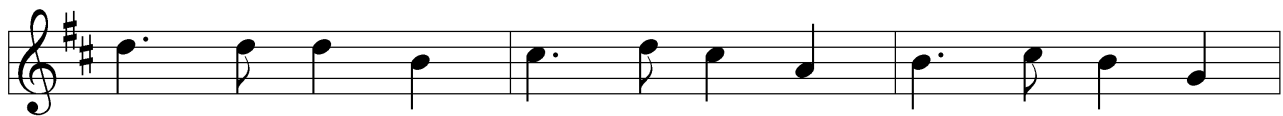
Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Congregation: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray,

Congregation: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received The Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, Now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Lois Simmons, March 16--April 22

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

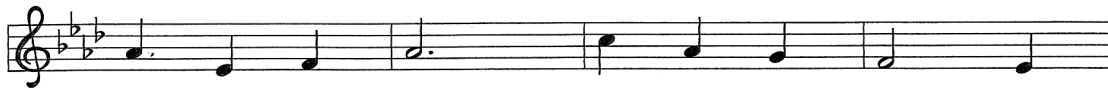
BENEDICTION FOR EASTER

Pastor: The angel said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." As you celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead, may God grant you the grace to rise up in love and service. Walk in resurrection freedom on your way to life eternal.

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #377

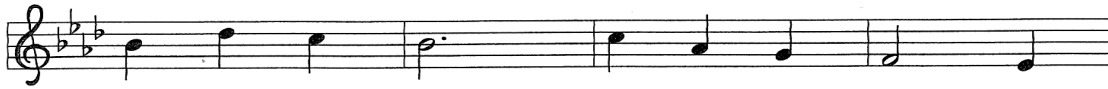
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now, flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Christ is alive!

Congregation: He is risen, indeed!

A: Go in peace to love God, love others, serve.

C: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Badinerie J. S. Bach

Flowers on the altar are given by Nancy & Stephen Dean in memory of their son, Adam.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Evangelical Lutheran Churches in America

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Tellico Village

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry ▪ Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

Dr. Bob Stelter — *Pastor*
Greg Bohlken — *Ministry Associate*
Lynn Rognsvoog — *Organist*
Collin Kasefang — *Choir Director*
Lisa Stelter — *Worship Graphics*

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WELCOME! *As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.*

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, pastorbob@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at [YouTube.com/atFaithLutheran3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atFaithLutheran3329/stream)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 10:15AM

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL *The Cup*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL *Classroom by the nursery*

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm.

Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com or call 503-819-0118.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

NOTICE: Pastor Bob has never and will never ask for support or funds via email, text or Facebook. If you have received a request for funds or support from him, please report it to the office immediately, 865-966-9626.

TODAY!

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENTS MEETING, 10AM

Join Greg Bohlken in the Youth Room to talk about our youth ministry and upcoming events and summer plans.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING, 5:30-7:30pm

Main Event (Kingston Pike at Cedar Bluff). Bring money for bowling and food (or eat before coming). Parents welcome. Let Greg know you're coming, greg@faithloves.org.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open Monday, April 17, 3-6pm

Items needed: Canned Vegetables • Cereal Shampoo & Conditioner

Contact: Reneé Stone, 865-599-7424

POSIES FOR THE PANTRY

Saturday, April 22, 9am-1pm

Farragut Presbyterian Church,

Proceeds benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

ART OF WORSHIP INTERGENERATIONAL YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, April 19, 5:30-7:30pm. All ages welcome.

AFFIRM YOUTH GATHERING Registration is open!

Let Greg Bohlken know if you'd like to go, then go online to register at www.sesyouth.org/affirm.

SALVATION ARMY SHELTERS VISIT, Tuesday, April 25, 5pm.

We'll take your donations of treats and men's socks & boxer briefs (sizes m-xl), and women's underwear (sizes 6-11).

Future Dates: 5.23, 6.27, 7.25, 8.22, 9.26, 10.24, 11.28, 12.19.

FAITH SERVES KARM on the following dates: 5.27, 7.22,

9.23, 12.2.2023 and 1.27.2024

2023 FLOWER CHART has been posted. Sign up on the

bulletin board by the library.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES please send in your graduates

information to mary@faithloves.org so we can publish in the May issue of the newsletter. Deadline: April 21.

FAMILIES WITH TODDLERS SATURDAY PLAYDATES

April 29, 10-11am Anchor Park Playground

May 20, 10-11am location TBA

Hosted by our "Littles" toddler play group.

CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THRIFT STORE

ANNIVERSARY SALE, April 21 & 22. This is one of the churches that partner with our Shepherd of Hope Pantry.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 16,525

Offerings Year to Date \$ 201,796

Walk by Faith \$ 742,674



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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Pat Lyman
Assisting Minister	Kathy Thompson
Lector	Will Dickinson
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Debbie Palatinus, Marj West, Lois Simmons
Greeter	Debbie Ragucci
Ushers	Joy & Chuck Crosby
Offering Stewards	Gary Mount, Debbie Ragucci

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Peggy Beckwith, Jennifer Berry, Mary Blackburn, Rebecca Calderone, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Nick Frank, Kim Frasch, Karoline Frasch, Pat & Nick Gary, the Green family, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Bonnie & Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinley, Debbie Moore, Carol Perkins, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Tim Stone, Kristie & Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis, Will Witte.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

FRIENDS: Brian Austin, Glenn Bird, Kara Bledsoe, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Merriam & Newton Calhoun, Michael Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Shirley & Harrel Connley, Martin Connor, Kathy Conover, Nancy Crain, Bill Crain, the Damico family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Jon Eftelawd, Chris Elkins, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Tyler Fordiani, Darrell Foust, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Bea Horion, Larry Hu, Hannah Johnson, Kelsey Irwin, Donna Knick, Randy Large, Ruth Lowe, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Lonnie Meland, Thomas Merish, Wilma Parker, Jim Presley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Wiley Jay Ray, Susan Roig & family, Greg Resutek family, Terry Rosenberger, Salles families, Scaglione family, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Tiphinne Shea-Scoba, Marilyn Savilisky, Slinger family, Linda Smith, Austin Stephens, Jeannette Svenson, Lynda & Tommy Swayze, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Brenda Virtue, Scott Williams, Andrea Wilson, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Zehner family, Anna & Elijah, Clarence & Elaine, Darcy, Gayle, Hannah, Irma, Jacob, Jodi, Jolena, Kati, Lynda, Manard, Michael, Mila & family, Sam, Shayna, Spencer *and those we name to You.*

BAPTISMAL BLESSINGS: Keely Allison Rickert, parents are Kim & Isaac, sponsors are Amy & Tyler Bird; Stone Everett Williams, parents are Katie & Walter; sponsor is Alyssa Sparhawk; Elijah Peyton Greene, parents are Danielle Owens & Aaron Greene, sponsors are Gage Kirby & Riley Kirby; Robert Matthew Wright.

JOY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS: Brooke Elizabeth Fisher, Jaidyn Marie Fisher, Gabriella Rae Huebner.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Rev. Robert Case, Sue Olson, Lenore Meyland, Achilleas Dounis, Martin Connor, Randy Feagin, Marian Williams, Sue LeVecchia, Linda Langland.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Heather, Kayla, Buffy, Janine, Joan, John, Marcella, Amy, Heather, Brittany, Bridgett, Ashley, Chloe, Edward, Richardson, Jeff, Brandon, Bill, Jason, Chip, James, Mike, John, Tim, Robert, Brent.

PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine; the earthquake victims in Syria & Turkey; the physically & mentally disabled.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



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WEEK OF APRIL 16-23, 2023

Sunday, April 16 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00am	Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Parents Meet with Greg Bohlken <i>Youth Room</i> Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
5:30-7:30pm	Middle & High School Bowling @ Main Event

Monday, April 17

3-6pm	Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open
6:30pm	Property Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 18

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group <i>The Cup</i>
6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>zoom</i>
	MOPS meeting <i>nursery</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

Wednesday, April 19

10:00am	Anna Esther Circle <i>The Cup</i>
11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
4:00pm	Staff Meeting
5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
5:30-7:30pm	The Art of Worship <i>The Cup</i>
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 20

9:30am	Handy Faithfuls
6:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting
6:30pm	Council Meeting
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

Friday, April 21

7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Group <i>The Cup</i>
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Saturday, April 22

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
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Sunday, April 23 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00am	Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class Praise Team Rehearsal
3-7:00pm	Sons of Norway <i>The Cup</i>
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 • **Tuesday:** Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28
Wednesday: Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42 • **Thursday:** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12
Friday: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16 • **Saturday:** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 36-41, Psalm 116, 1-4. 12-19, 1st Peter:17-23



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EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Disaster Response Ministry

Giving is the best way you can help!

Spring tornadoes started early this year with large tornadoes in January in Georgia and in Alabama and again with widespread destruction recently in Mississippi and northern Alabama.

In addition to those, smaller tornadoes have touched down in many communities across our synod, leaving damaged homes and families in need.

Your synod disaster ministry team is actively responding alongside congregations within the impacted areas to address the needs of survivors and help communities organize for recovery.

Please consider making a gift to the Southeastern Synod Disaster Ministry to help us with our "long-term and on-the-ground" efforts.



Scan QR code or go to:
<https://qrco.de/DisasterSupport>

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A Mission of Concord United Methodist Church

Anniversary Sale
April 21 & 22

20% off everything

Food, Fun & Prizes

STORE HOURS:
10AM-6PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10AM-3PM Wednesday, Saturday

LOCATED AT 8843 KINGSTON PIKE – BETWEEN US BANK AND FUNMAKERS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

A flower fundraiser of annuals, perennials, herbs & native plants plus unique crafters

Posies for the Pantry

Saturday April 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(rain or shine)

Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd. ~ Farragut, TN 37934

VENDORS, FOOD TRUCK, & KIDS CRAFTS

- Pope's 'The Junction'
- Tennessee Naturescapes
- Erin's Meadow Herb Farm
- Champion Daylilies
- Hummearcarver
- Bound & Determined
- Wreaths Galore & More
- 123DOTTS-garden aprons, totes, etc.
- Bargain Shed

proceeds benefit:

"Urban Table" food truck from the Abundance Life Catering program of Knox Area Rescue Ministry (KARM) will be selling breakfast and lunch items.

Community churches supporting the pantry:
Faith Lutheran-Concord Methodist-First Baptist, Concord-Grassy Valley Baptist & Farragut Presbyterian