

*“Put your finger here;  
see my hands.  
Reach out your hand  
and put it into my side.  
Stop doubting and believe.”*

*John 20:27, NIV*

**APRIL 7, 2024**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 148*

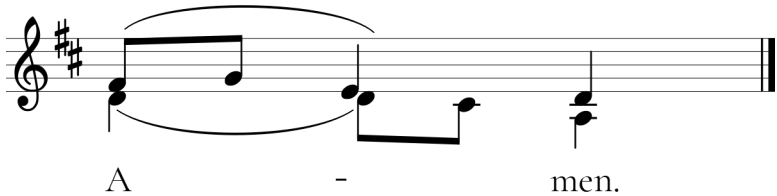
Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
Praise Him in the heights! <sup>2</sup> Praise Him, all His angels;  
Praise Him, all His hosts! <sup>3</sup> Praise Him, sun and moon;  
Praise Him, all you stars of light! <sup>4</sup> Praise Him, you heavens  
of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup> Let  
them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded  
and they were created. <sup>6</sup> He also established them forever  
and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>  
Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures  
and all the depths; <sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, snow and clouds;  
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all  
hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; <sup>10</sup> Beasts and all cattle;  
Creeping things and flying fowl; <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and  
all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; <sup>12</sup> Both  
young men and maidens; Old men and children. <sup>13</sup> Let  
them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is  
exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven. <sup>14</sup> And  
He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all  
His saints-- Of the children of Israel, A people near to  
Him. Praise the LORD!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #192:1,2,5,6 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

### INVOCATION

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

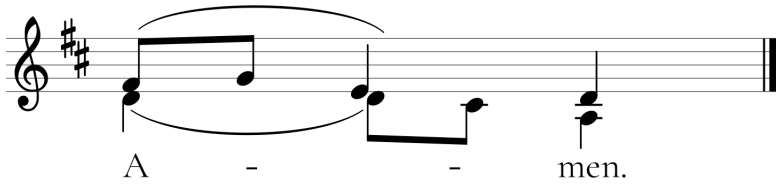


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God.



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



1. — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was



slain, whose blood set us free  
strength, and hon - or, bless -  
God, and join in the hymn of  
might be to God and the Lamb for -  
slain has be - gun His reign.



to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*  
 ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*  
 all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*  
 ev - er. A - men. *refrain*  
 Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*

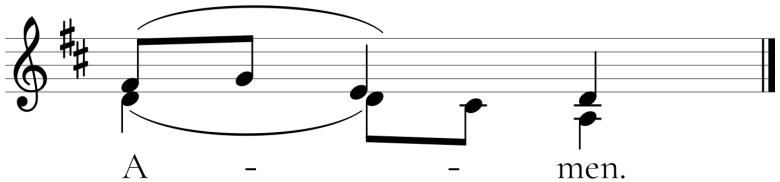


This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



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

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Acts 4:32-37** <sup>32</sup> Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, <sup>35</sup> and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need. <sup>36</sup> And Joses<sup>t</sup>, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, <sup>37</sup> having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

**1 John 1:1-2:2** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life-- <sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that



eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your<sup>1</sup> joy may be full. <sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. <sup>1</sup>John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a piano (p) dynamic marking. The first line of music is followed by the text "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!". The second line of music is followed by the text "These words are written that we may believe that". The third line of music is followed by the text "Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.". The fourth line of music is followed by the text "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!". The score ends with a double bar line.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose

again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Children's Sermon

### #199 Jesus Christ is Risen Today (MFH 72)

## SERMON

**John 20:19-31** <sup>19</sup> Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled<sup>t</sup>, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when

they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." <sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Thomas<sup>t</sup>, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

## **THE LIGHT REVEALS THE TRUTH**

The gifts of Jesus remove fear and doubt and allow us to live in the light of his resurrection.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #208:1-4 Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

## OFFERING HYMN #572:4

As Thy prospering hand hath blest,  
May we give Thee all our best  
And by deeds of kindly love  
For Thy mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days  
Praise to God, immortal praise.

## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**#208:6,8-10 Ye Sons and Daughters of the King**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Sunday, April 7

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Bible Class  
7pm School Board

### Tuesday, April 9

6:30pm Elders  
7:30pm Council

### Wednesday, April 10

3:45pm Confirmation Class

### Sunday, April 14

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Sunday School  
10 am Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19 - 6pm Family Game Night

May 12 – Confirmation Sunday

May 19 – Ann Sprengeler's Retirement Party

## USHERS FOR APRIL

BJ Lillo, Jim Brown,  
Joe Brown, Kent Quade

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Sunrise Service –55  
Sunday Late Service- 48  
Sunday School -No SS  
Bible Class- No BC  
General Fund - \$5082  
Missions -\$ 470  
School Fund - \$ 275

## COUNTERS

**This Week Team # 6**

Jim Kok, Kent Quade

**Next Week Team #1**

Greg Suwanski, Keith Dickerson

## PRAYER LIST

Family of Christine Recheck  
Audrey Wuerch

## CALL MEETING

At our call meeting on Sunday  
March 24 Faith called Karen  
(Bathels) Swyter to teach at our  
school. Please remember Karen in  
your prayers.

## VBS

VBS is scheduled for July 15-19.

Sign up your kids with the brochures under the bulletin board or online [markesanlutheran.com/vbs](http://markesanlutheran.com/vbs)

Sign up to help with VBS on the bulletin board.

## FAITH EVENTS

Lisa Reyes is organizing a family game night on April 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a potluck event.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 3:11-21

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36-49

## CALL NEWS

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Berea Lutheran Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran of Iron River, MI and Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI together have requested a seminary graduate to serve both congregations (joint call). The Call Committee meets the evening of Wednesday, April 10.

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Ev. Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN. has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN.

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ is still considering the call to Berea Lutheran Church and School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Mrs. Karen Swyter, a member of Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, is still considering the call to be the 1st & 2nd grade teacher of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

Ms. Ann Sprengeler is still considering the limited call from Grace Lutheran in Valentine, Ne to teach the Grace lower grades from August through December 2024.

Ms. Katie Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School in Winter Haven, FL has received the call to teach at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI.



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