

Worship Service ~ March 31, 2024

Easter! 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Cathy Morehead
in loving memory of her husband Billy T. Morehead.

PRELUDE MUSIC *Alan Ball, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

He is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

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He is Risen! **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG ELW #365 *JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY* stz 1, 2, 4

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

C: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism in Christ.

L: All life is sustained by you, our Heavenly God.

C: Jesus, crucified and risen, frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

L: Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

C: May the Holy Spirit cleanse us from fears and reconcile our divisions.

L: Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

8 & 9:30 SPECIAL MUSIC "Glorious Day" Worship Band

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

R: A reading from Acts.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

8 & 9:30 GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #376 *THINE IS THE GLORY* refrain

R: A Gospel reading from the 16th chapter of Mark.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the

right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY ~ OFFERING TIME *THIS IS AMAZING GRACE*

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MUSICAL OFFERING

8 & 9:30 *“A Jubilant Song”* by Allen Pote; Faith Choir; Brass;
Alan Ball, organ; Linda Burk, director

11:00 *“The Day of Resurrection”* Lisa Funk, viola; Alan Ball, piano

THE PRAYERS

L: Heavenly God, hold your people together in peace and dwell in our hearts as we pray.

C: Lead our voices in praising your name and sharing the good news!

L: You’ve conquered death over the cross, blessed us with new life!

C: Call us by name, show us your ways to glorify your name!

L: Walk alongside those who suffer, mourn, or cry out for help, especially those we name silently in our hearts, abide in our hearts.

C: Give us hope when we doubt and strength when we are feeling overwhelmed.

L: Transform us to serve your beautiful creation.

C: Give us grace-filled hearts and a willing spirit!

L: Into your hands, merciful God, lead us forward to serve your mission for this world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC 8 & 9:30 *"Hallelujah Chorus"* From *Messiah* by G.F. Handel; Faith Choir; Alan Ball, organ; Linda Burk, director;

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11:00 *"Easter Hallelujah Medley"* Lisa Funk, viola; Alan Ball, piano

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING* arr. James Biery

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE 8 & 9:30 *"Trumpet Finale"* by Francesco Manfredini: Joe DeLisi, Heidi Stodola, trumpets; Alan Ball, organ

11:00 *"In the Garden"* Lisa Funk, viola; Alan Ball, piano

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