



**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
*Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021*

**GATHERING SONG** *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**



*Christ  
is  
Risen!*

Guided by the Power of the Holy Spirit,  
we at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
experience God through **Worship, Learning,  
Service, and Fellowship.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 10:34-43

*God raised Jesus on the third day.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

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

**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Witnesses to the risen Christ*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** John 20:1-18

*The resurrection of Jesus*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE**

## **SONG OF THE DAY** "Jesus is Arisen"

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of love,  
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.  
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;  
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Hear us, O God:  
**your mercy is great.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

(All gathered are invited to share a sign of peace, maybe a wave or a peace sign, a hello from afar.)

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

## **BLESSING**

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **SENDING SONGS**

*“Day of Arising”*

*“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”*

**We are so happy you have joined us today!**

**We would love to welcome you back for worship  
on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

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## **Office Hours:**

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Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

*Closed on Wednesday*

**All are welcome at the table for communion.  
Drive-thru Holy Communion will be served  
under the canopy as you exit the parking lot.**