



Sunday, April 4, 2021

Resurrection of Our Lord

9:00 AM

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;

Lay Reader: Michelle Kuempel; Music: Annette Stout, Roxanne Heckmann, Sam Kuempel,

Will Kuempel, LeAnne White, Chancel Singers, Hand Bell Choir;

Ushers: Fred Blumberg, Brett Owen, Bryan Terp, and David Moltz;

AV: Tim Bogisch, Andrew Cave

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

As we worship today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers in a manner in which you are comfortable. Please be respectful to one another concerning face coverings and social distancing. Feel welcome to join in fellowship on the patio for refreshments following worship.

Please Stand

EASTER GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So 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." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by

itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?**" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "**Mary.**" She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "**Do not cling to me, for 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.'**" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

OPENING HYMN: "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*" *LBW 151*

- 1) Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2) Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3) But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4) Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

You may be seated.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NLT)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"* WOVS 671

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
he is the king of creation. *Refrain*

2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

3. We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

You may be seated.

FIRST READING: Colossians 1:13-20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

A: Here ends the reading.

PSALM: 16 *To be read responsively*

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

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

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A: Here ends the reading.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16:9-20

⁹Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

¹²After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. ¹³And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. ¹⁴Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, **"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."** ¹⁹So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: *"He is risen! He is risen indeed!"*

SERMON

Pastor Bailey

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"* WOV 674

1) Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2) Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

3) Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

4) Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

5) City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

OFFERING

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY: " *Let the Vineyards be fruitful, Lord...* "

C: ♪ Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come. ♪

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, 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

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

C: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CLOSING HYMN: *"Thine is the Glory"* LBW 145

1) Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

2) Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3) No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

Has been sponsored this morning to the glory of God by Stan and Nancy Wieding in thankfulness and praise for the resurrection of Jesus Christ to overcome sin, death and the devil and to reign eternally as Lord and King of all.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Faith Lutheran Church.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on March 28: 112. Month to Date (March): **\$34,728.00**; YTD Offerings and Misc. **\$100,399.00** (2021 budgeted offerings is **\$470,000**)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Kathy Ersch
Kelton Lange	Dot Day	Gladys Fruehling
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Debbie Lehmann
Dorothy Burris	Donald Jackson	Robert Vogel
Charlie Koehler	Steve Foerster	Tootsie Rodgers
Sandy Wille	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Marcus Jahns
Harold Bogisch	Jody Alexander	Mona Kuehne

EASTER EGG HUNT

Will be held **TODAY** following our 9:00 AM worship service! There will be **NO Sunday school today**, but please join us for refreshments from the refreshment cart after both services. **All children are then invited to grab their Easter Baskets and meet in the gym.** The "little ones" (ages 0-3) will hunt for eggs in the grass behind the gym, and the "bigger kids" (ages 4-10) will hunt on the Preschool playground. Happy Hunting!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LEADER POSITION

If you, or anyone you know, has a heart for Jesus and children and would like to join our ministry team, contact Andrew Cave. (andrew@faithsequin.org)

VBS 2021

Registration for VBS will begin April 12th (paper-copy and on-line). **Rocky Railway** is scheduled for July 19-23, and hopefully it will stay on track this year! As of now, we are hoping to have an in-person Covid -safe VBS. **If any of you feel comfortable volunteering and are available that week, please let Andrew or Lisa Owen know.** The number of volunteers we have will determine our format and the number of children we can invite. Thanks so much!

WORSHIP COVID PROTOCOLS

As we worship today, please note that the church council has decided to ease the protocol as we transition into a new season of dealing with COVID. We no longer require worshipers to wear masks. We are also opening up the pews in order to accommodate our growing attendance. However, we ask that you practice the use of face coverings and social distancing that you are comfortable with and that you respect the concerns of those who

do. We will continue to offer alternatives for worship, i.e. places on campus with TV monitors of the worship stream, in the parking lot by FM radio and live-streaming on Facebook and YouTube.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The April item is **CEREAL**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected for March as of 3/30 is 77.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Monday, April 5	Church Office CLOSED	
Tuesday, April 6	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, April 6	Staff Mtg.	9:00 AM
Tuesday, April 6	Council Executive Board	6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 6	Ministry Teams (committee)	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 7	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm.)
Wednesday, April 7	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, April 7	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, April 7	Chancel Singers	7:00 PM (Sanc.)
Saturday, April 10	Confirmation Banquet	6:00 PM (LEC)

PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITIONS OPEN

- 5 Day Pre-K Teacher needed for the 2021-22 school year. Seeking a loving, personable, and mature individual who relates well to children; Bachelor's degree in Education preferred, with two years experience in childcare field; approximately 20 hrs/week. Salary based on education and experience.

Applications for these positions are available in the church office. Contact Director Sharon Stollewerk at 379-7074 if interested or for more information. Resumes may be emailed to stollewerk02@yahoo.com.

GVCCC "CHICKEN FOR THE SOUL" BBQ FUNDRAISER

Guadalupe Valley Christian Counseling Center will hold a "Drive Through Only" BBQ chicken sale on Sunday, April 25, at Faith Lutheran Church from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Tickets for the ½ of a chicken are \$8.00 each and are available from Janet Wolber, BJ Chambers or the church office. Donations may also be made at www.guadalupecounseling.org.

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS

If you or your family have not been able to receive Holy Communion during this season of Covid, please let the church office know as soon as you can. A pastor would like to come visit and offer you communion.

Easter Lilies 2021

THE EASTER LILIES ARE PLACED IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

My mom & dad – *by Debbie Mozisek*

Our parents and other ancestors in the faith – *by Ted and Doris Engelhardt*
Scott Roessing, Mary Jane Lakey & Kermit Westerholm – *by Brandon, Jessica,*

Boone and Ava Jane Westerholm

Ralph & Mary Sagebiel and Adolph & Olga Ermel - *by Rose Mary and Bill Ermel*

My parents, Jim and Ruby Linsey – *by Roxanne Heckmann*

Jim & Saralyn Pietsch and Ted Andrews – *by Mike and Candi Andrews*

Our parents and grandparents – *by Steve and Susan Foerster*

Lee Herrick and Gordon Seidel – *by Avis Herrick*

Kermit Westerholm – *by Kerry and Mary Koehler*

Donald & Thelma Koehler – *by Kerry and Mary Koehler*

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Lehmann – *by Debbie and Cliff Lehmann*

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Becker – *by Debbie and Cliff Lehmann*

Damon Rodgers – *by Lisa Warren and Tootsie Rodgers*

Dudley Rodgers – *by Lisa Warren and Tootsie Rodgers*

Chester and Dorothy Blumberg – *by Fred and Sue Blumberg*

John and Beatrice Melancon – *by Fred and Sue Blumberg*

Ernest and Hertha Schulle – *by Albert and Irene Menn*

H. A. and Doris Menn – *by Albert and Irene Menn*

Our parents, Gordon Seidel, Charles and Verlia Ratliff – *by Larry and Diane Ratliff*

Robert Blome – *by Nancy Schlather*

Ted Wolber – *by Janet Wolber*

Lily Rose Garrison – *by Mark and Gail Herbold*

Damon Rodgers – *by Mark and Gail Herbold*

Dudley Rodgers – *by Mark and Gail Herbold*

Helen and Marvin Herbold – *by Mark and Gail Herbold*

Alvis & Faye Talley, Juan Ramos, Judge BB & Estella Schraub – *by Manuel & Sara*
Ramos

Lawrence and Janette Stallman – *by Dianne Chambers*

My parents, Herbert and Henrietta Fischer – *by Carolyn Sagebiel*

Dorothy and Luther Sagebiel – *by Pat and Missy Sagebiel*

THE EASTER LILIES ARE PLACED IN HONOR OF:

Our parents and grandparents – *by Brandon, Jessica, Boone and Ava Jane Westerholm*

My grandson, Jackson – *by Roxanne Heckmann*

Our family and friends – *by Mike and Candi Andrews*

My grandchildren – *by Debbie Mozisek*

Papa Tom and Mamo – *by Rylee, Lyndee and Kambree Flippin*

Our children and grandchildren – *by Steve and Susan Foerster*

Carolyn Westerholm – *by Kerry and Mary Koehler*

Cathy “Crash” Wensinger – *by Rylee, Lyndee and Kambree Flippin*

Our mother, Joyce Seidel – *by Larry and Diane Ratliff*

My children and grandchildren – *by Janet Wolber*

Emelia Ramos – *by Manuel and Sara Ramos*

Julie Sagebiel – *by Pat and Missy Sagebiel*

