

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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No office business hours during shelter in place order - messages are monitored daily

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2020

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## Announcements

**SEEN GOD LATELY?** - We'd still love to hear from you! God is truly at work in the world as unstable as it is. We just don't always notice. Think about His presence in your life. Where have you seen God at work?

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** are available at church. There is a box outside the main entrance. Wash your hands and help yourself! Also available online: [Portals of Prayer in Times of Trouble](#)

**STEADFAST IN THE WORD:** While sheltering at home, spend some time in prayer and in God's Word and try to grow in some faithful disciplines and habits. Here are some online resources to incorporate into your time with God:

- [Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families](#)
- Lutheran Life Spring Issue: [On Apologetics](#)
- [Prayers for Times of Turmoil](#)
- **Midweek Connection** watch your inbox for opportunities to participate in LIVE Bible Study and fellowship
- **STARTING SOON!** Concordia Publishing House is starting a [daily Bible Study](#) beginning May 4. Join Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb as he takes you on Paul's Missionary Journeys through the Book of Acts.

**CONFIRMATION HOUSEHOLDS:** Continue to gather your family regularly around God's Word in prayer (see links above!) Also check out this [new tool to help you with memory work](#). Have questions? Contact Pastor: he loves hearing how you are doing!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:** We've witnessed many creative ways during this unusual time for Jesus-sharing with our youngest disciples. This week, try some of these or share your favorite ideas!

- A [craft, snack, and experiment](#) for today's Bible Readings
- [Children's Bulletin](#)
- [Happy Times](#) Preschool Magazine
- ["My Devotions"](#) – Daily Readings for Young Christians (March-May)
- [Family Time Devotions](#)

**NOT ONLINE? NO PROBLEM!** If you know someone who cannot access online resources let them know that on Sunday Mornings at 11:30am an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels.

**Comcast—channel 399**

**Direct TV—channel 377**

**Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4**

**DO YOU NEED HELP?** Dear Faith Family, during these uncertain times you or someone you know may be facing some challenges and you don't know where to turn for help. We want you to know we are here for you. It's hard to imagine all the challenges that folks are enduring in these uncharted times, but we are here, anxious and ready to assist you. If you or another Faith member need assistance, please reach out to the Outreach committee via Bonnie DeLor at [bdelor@comcast.net](mailto:bdelor@comcast.net) or phone at 248-568-1942. Stay home, be safe and be well.

**DO YOU NEED A MASK?** – Connie Redman has been making masks for a hospice facility. They even supplied her with much needed elastic so she can continue to make masks. They are now supplied with what they need. We are all being asked to wear a mask when we go out of our homes now. If you're in need of a mask, Connie would like to give you one. If you are interested, please give her a call at 248.887.4475. Thank you, Connie, for your loving generosity! God bless you.



**CAN YOU HELP?** These days are filled with opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbor. We pray the Lord prepares your household to be like the light of a city on a hill in these gray and latter days. As you are able, consider supporting our partners in ministry.

- The Luke Project 52 Clinic is still endeavoring to serve expectant moms with prenatal care and the love of Jesus and they the Body of Christ's ongoing support. [Click here to learn more.](#)



**CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY** – We never thought there would be a time when we could not meet in the Lord's House, our church family home, to worship, gather, teach, learn and hear God's Word. But we are all doing this separation to keep all our church family safe and, hopefully, healthy. But just because we can't physically be together each week, doesn't mean we can't reach out and communicate with each other. We hope many of you are already contacting each other via phone, text or email. If not, this is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and contact someone you haven't talked to in a while or maybe even someone in our directory you may not know. Just a little note or call to say you are thinking of them. When we do see each other again, how much closer will we be as a "family" that we took the time and let our "family" know they are on our hearts and on our minds? May God bless each of you with the love and the hope and the peace that is found in Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

**THANK YOU** To my dear Faith family and friends - Thank you for all your get well cards, prayers, and words of encouragement. They have warmed my heart and make me grateful for you all. Please continue to pray for us and I thank God for you daily. Blessings to all, Theresa





### **Birthdays this week**

4 Phyllis Fischer  
4 Jack Pattee  
5 Dean Ayers  
5 Joe Hostman

6 Neil Hornbacher  
6 Kim Russell  
7 Tim Mars  
7 Lisa Moyer

7 Freya Oltesvig  
7 Mike Stanley  
9 Ryane Heater

### **Anniversaries this week**

Rick & Kelly Browning (5-6-2011)

### **Consider phoning or mailing those who do not have the means to join in online worship—**

Marilyn Dicks

Jack & Leah Nicholas

Marjorie Cannon & Betty Chopp

Barbara Steele

Jean Donley

Joe Hostman

Yvonne Pirozek

Gail Lowe

Ruby Richards

Virginia McDonnell

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers—**

Beccie Oltesvig

Larry & Connie House

Jean Donley

Virginia McDonnell

Lori Flores

Chuck & Mary Jo Behr

Guy Moore

Theresa Erfourth

Andrea Blumberg

### **As well as our family, friends & neighbors—**

John Carlton

Ron Carr

Vic Quigley

Kevin & Amanda Burger

Steven Winters

Stephanie Edmonds

John Koke

Deb Noonan

Stefanie Clifford

Marvin Petsch

Pat Avery

Madeline McGrath

Rev. Al Eppen

Laurie Karaska

Tim Nolan

John Harada

Rev. Rich Tino

Gregg Steigerwalt

Kristen White

Rick Prueter

Dale Mabel

Ron Flora

Ashlee Eddie

Adam Hassig

Terry

Cynthia

Pam

Kelly

Rich

Bobby

Stephanie (inoperable cancer -  
granddaughter of

Andrea Blumberg

**The congregations of our LCMS circuit have committed to praying for our households directly affected by coronavirus: for healing, thanksgiving for recovery, and consolation of the bereaved.**

### **For Healing**

Jean Donley (Faith, Highland)

John and Joan Freeman (St. Mark's, West Bloomfield)

Carol and Bill Brower (Christ, Milford)

### **Thanksgiving for Recovery**

Tom Tkac (brother of Pastor Tkac – Peace, Waterford)

# Order of Worship

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**L** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**L** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Collect of the Day

**L** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## First Reading: Acts 2:42–47

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 2.

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19–25

**L** A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been

healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel: John 10:1–10**

**L** A reading from John, chapter 10.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

## 711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

<https://vimeo.com/408077380>



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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## Offering

Your contributions are vital to the ongoing ministry of Faith Lutheran Church. Please prayerfully consider your regular tithe and offering through [faithhighland.com/give](http://faithhighland.com/give)

## Offertory *Sung or Spoken*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

Bidden by our Shepherd, let us come before His throne of grace in prayer on behalf of all people according to their needs.

### *Brief silence*

Blessed Shepherd, You established Your Church with Your sacrificial death and mighty resurrection. Grant us devotion, that we may abide in the teaching of the apostles and honor the fellowship of the Church. Guard us against all enemies of Your Word, and keep us within the care of Your flock and staff forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and good leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty against all threats. Give them wisdom and moderation in their pandemic response. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving Shepherd, You loved the world enough to shed Your blood, and You desire that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Inspire and equip Your Church and her ministers to speak faithfully and boldly Your Word, and bless all those who serve us on Your behalf. Bless us especially when we are persecuted for the faith or suffer for the sake of the good that honors You and is obedient to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Shepherd, You have clothed us with Christ's righteousness and taught us to love all that is good, right and true. Bless all artists and artisans, composers and musicians, and craftsmen and



writers, that they may employ all their skills for Your glory and in service to the Gospel and that the arts may testify to Your saving death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Shepherd, Your wounds are our healing and Your voice calls us to You in time of need. Hear us on behalf of all those who suffer in body or mind, who grieve those whom they love, and to whom death draws near. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and those we name in our hearts. Grant them healing according to Your will, grace to sustain them in the day of trouble, and hope of the new and everlasting life to come. Be with the unemployed and the distraught, and return them to health and livelihood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Shepherd, You seek out those who have fallen and restore the sinner to repentance. Send forth Your Spirit to rekindle faith in the hearts of those who have fallen away from the truth or who have been overcome by temptation and sin. Bring good from ill and increase in all the hunger for Your Word and a recognition of our need, that many may be gathered into Your flock when church doors are opened wide again. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Shepherd, You have not withheld anything from us but emptied Yourself fully upon the cross that we might be saved. Move our hearts to such devotion and teach us such generosity, that we may bring to You the tithes and offerings of a grateful heart and serve our neighbor in need with the resources You have supplied to us so abundantly. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, You set Your table among us in the presence of our enemies. Hear us because we are beset by so many false voices and tempted by so many false gospels. Help us to hear Your voice and to abide safely in Your Word that remains forever. Equip us with Your Spirit so that we may soon once again receive Your body and blood with faith and a repentant heart. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O great Good Shepherd, we pray You to hear Your sheep and answer our prayers with mercy, granting us those things profitable for us and our salvation and keeping from us all things harmful; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.

### Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

- L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C** Amen.

### 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

<https://vimeo.com/407789138>



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In  
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And  
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My  
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,  
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the  
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing  
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.  
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.  
treas - ury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,  
How cold my warmest thought!  
But when I see Thee as Thou art,  
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With ev'ry fleeting breath;  
And may the music of Thy name  
Refresh my soul in death!

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