

Faith Lutheran Church

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Our Mission is to joyfully share God's love with all.

Sunday, April 6, 2025 5th Sunday of Lent Service of Holy Communion

All are welcome to communion.

The trays contain red wine and in the center is white grape juice.
Gluten free wafers are available at the center ends of the communion railing. Place empty wine cups in the basket at opposite ends of the communion railing.

Watch us Live at: <https://faitheaton.com>. YouTube link is under "Live". Bulletins are also available under "Resources" on this site. You can watch any service at your leisure, not just at the appointed service time. The new YouTube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchEaton/streams>

We Are *Grateful* for our Faith Volunteers!

We have many opportunities to serve at Faith: Please consider signing up to be Ushers, Scripture Readers, Refreshment providers or Power Point Operator. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex.

Faith Volunteers

	April 6	April 13
Announcements	Mary Jimenez	Mary Jimenez
Usher		
Scripture Reader	Jan Leffler	Chris/Jen Leffler
Communion Setup	Penny Letterly	Marty Miller
Communion Assistant		
Refreshments	Deb Patton/Dale Patton	
Power Point		

PRELUDE: Victor Walters

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ^ (^ Please Stand)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

GATHERING SONG: As We Gather At Your Table ELW 522

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.**

GLORY TO GOD

ELW - PAGE 213 (not hymn #)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW – PAGE 216 (not hymn #)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -

lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

GOSPEL John 12:1-8

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less ELW 597

CREED (Please Stand)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me. *(repeat)*

Each Petition ends: God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING SONG: Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER ^ (Please stand)

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please Stand)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

YOU ARE HOLY

ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand, You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness,
You are present, let the Cosmos praise you, Lord.
Sing Hosanna in the highest! Sing Hosanna,
Sing hosanna to our God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With thanksgiving we remember our Lord Jesus Christ:
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to
drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance
of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

(Please sit)

(Pastor offers Communion for those worshipping on-line)

COMMUNION HYMN: In the Singing

ELW 466 *

*Victor, please play through first

Come to the Table

ELW 481

COMMUNION BLESSING ^ (Please stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BENEDICTION:

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Victor Walters

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*DECEMBER OFFERING:*

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| March 30, 2025 Offering gratefully received: | \$ 1398.50 |
| Total Received for the month of March        | \$ 9271.60 |

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Birthdays this week:

April 6 Savannah Leffler
April 8 Colton Leffler
April 10 Melissa Bigler
April 10 Susie Brailsford

Anniversaries this Week:

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*Study Ahead for April 13, 2025:*

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16  
Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11  
Gospel: Luke 22:14--23:56

## *Faith's Outreach Programs*

- \* **Meals on Wheels** – We need drivers to deliver to Eaton residents and food prep in Greeley store. Contact Nomie Ketterling (970-381-3417)
- \* **Greeley Interfaith Clothing bank** – Faith volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Clothing drop box is in the Narthex under the mailboxes. Contact Rose Thompson 970-590-5099 – **Clothing Bank desperately needs volunteers.**
- \* **Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry** – There is a need for volunteers to provide a meal for their Sunday evening dinner & student worships. Contact Jen Leffler, 970-301-3489
- \* **The Ault food pantry** – A donation box is located under the mailboxes in the Narthex.
- \* **Guadalupe Center** – Volunteers needed for Lunch/Dinner Service, Client-facing projects and at the Distribution Center. Contact Lindsey Schwartz at 970-616-8606.

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NOTE: Pastor Will from the Synod has offered to teach a class in becoming a **Lay Minister**. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Minister, please contact Allen Letterly.

There is power in prayer!

Looking around in our community, and in our world, we can see changes every day. There are so many positive changes that happen. It is through the power of prayer, through our conversations with God that always make opportunities happen. In this time of discernment, let us all continue to turn to God in prayer in calling a new pastor.

God is calling us to be creative and openminded in this time of discernment.

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Please keep in your prayers:

- For those who are homebound, hospitalized or battling illness, especially: Pat Koplin, Tess Lindsley, Sharon (Lynette Deuschle's mother), Twila and Lupe at Benjamin Square, Rose Fousts, Laurie Frick, Peggy Thompson (Rose's SIL), and the Family and Friends of Barb Roosen.
- For our Church, Council, Call Committee and partnership with Shepherd of the Valley Church, our Synod and for a new Pastor.
- For our Community, our World and all their leaders.

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***We Need A Volunteer!!*** Due to illness, Miss Tess is temporarily unable to continue as ***Children's Sunday School instructor***. If you wish to help out with this, please contact Pastor Laurie.

Mary Jimenez is requesting any (unused) ***extra greeting cards*** you might have. She sends them to members for birthdays, anniversaries, thank you and sympathy. Please bring to the church or contact Mary for questions.

## *Faith Facts*

### **Faith Calendar for April**

April 6 – 9:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

April 6 – 9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

April 7 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects

April 7 – 2 p.m. – Service at Benjamin Square

April 9 – 1 p.m. – Ladies’ Bible Study – “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore you  
from Psalm 148.

April 9 – 6 p.m. Soup Supper / 6:30 p.m. – Lenten Service

April 13 – 9:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

April 14 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects

April 14 – 10 a.m. – Council Meeting

April 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

April 18 – 6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service

April 20 – 9 a.m. – Easter Brunch with Egg Hunt for Kids

April 20 – 10 a.m. – Easter Service

April 21 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects

April 27 – 9:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

April 27 – POTLUCK after Service

April 28 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects

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Lenten Services will be held on Wednesday, starting March 12th with Soup Supper at 6 p.m. and the service at 6:30 p.m. **“Living on the Edge of Faith”** involves a deep trust in God's sovereignty and provision, requiring believers to step out in faith into the unknown while holding fast to God's promises. It emphasizes true spirituality, which means following God beyond comfort zones and taking necessary risks to grow closer to Him. This concept encourages individuals to surrender completely to God and experience genuine community with others, ultimately leading to a more profound spiritual life.