

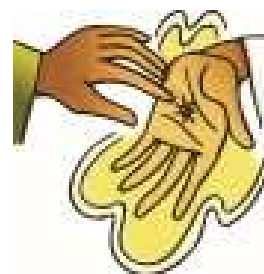
## *Faith Lutheran Church*

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

### **Sunday, April 27, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Easter Service of Holy Communion**

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#### **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.

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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>

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**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 27	May 4
Announcements	Mary Jimenez	Mary Jimenez
Usher		
Scripture Reader	Juanita Kohlhoff	Dick Leffler
Communion Setup	Joy O'Shea	Penny Letterly
Communion Assistant		
Refreshments		
Power Point		

PRELUDE: Victor Walters

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the  
baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen  
believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own  
making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the  
hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped  
by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! ELW 380

## 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

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy and strengthen us to be the body of 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: Acts 5:27-32

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us."

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING      Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



## GOSPEL      John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Our Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY:      Now the Green Blade Rises      ELW 379

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.

Each Petition ends: Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING SONG: I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ELW 860

OFFERING PRAYER ^ (Please stand)

**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

(Please sit)

*(Pastor offers Communion for those worshipping on-line)*

COMMUNION HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

COMMUNION BLESSING ^ (Please stand)



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.  
Amen.**

## BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and grant you  
peace. **Amen**

SENDING SONG: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! ELW 393

DISMISSAL: Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Victor Walters

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## APRIL OFFERING:

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| April 2, 2025 Offering gratefully received: | \$ 5395.20  |
| Total Received for the month of April       | \$ 11189.30 |

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Birthdays this week:

April 30 Walton Trybe

Anniversaries this Week:

## ***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.

*Pastor Laurie O'Shea*

### ***Please keep in your prayers:***

- For those who are homebound, hospitalized or battling illness, especially: Pat Koplin, Sharon (Lynette Deuschle's mother), Twila and Lupe at Benjamin Square, Rose Fousts, Laurie Frick, Peggy Thompson (Rose's SIL), Jack Cazer, Manuela Avalos.
- 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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### ***Study Ahead for May 4, 2025:***

First Reading: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm: Psalm 30

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

## *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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Amy Deuschle is going on a Mission trip to Costa Rica this summer. She is looking for prayer and financial support. Forms are in the Narthex.

## *Faith Facts*

### **Faith Calendar for April / May**

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

April 27 – After Service – OPEN HOUSE for new Preschool  
Nursery. All are invited!

May 4 – 9:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

May 5 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects

May 11 – 9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

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May 12 – 10 a.m. – Council Meeting

May 14 – 12 p.m. – Ladies’ Bible Study Luncheon– Bring Salad  
Psalm 33:12-29 - O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

May 16 – 4-5 p.m. – UPK Preschool Graduation

May 19 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects

May 25 – 9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

May 25 – After Service - POTLUCK

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### **SECRETARY WANTED!**

Faith Council would like to thank Deb Patton for many years as our church secretary. We are looking for a new church secretary, for 5 or 6 hours - one day a week. It is a paid position. Duties include creating and printing the weekly bulletin, sending out newsletters, keeping up the church directory and assist the Pastor with other duties. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact a council member.