

Faith Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, May 18, 2025 5th Sunday Easter 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

	May 18	May 25
Announcements	Mary Jimenez	Mary Jimenez
Usher		
Scripture Reader	Joy O'Shea	Mary Jimenez
Communion Setup	Judy Niccoli	Joy O'Shea
Communion Assistant	Dale Patton	Dale Patton
Refreshments	Lois Leffler	POTLUCK
Power Point	Joy O'Shea	Joy O'Shea

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: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

ELW 424

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, 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: Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as

it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-6

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL John 13:31-35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: Where Charity and Love Prevail ELW 359

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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

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: Now the Green Blade Rises ELW 379

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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| May 11, 2025 Offering gratefully received: | \$ 2301.10 |
| Total Received for the month of May        | \$ 5074.72 |

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Birthdays this week:

May 19	Emily Harper	May 20	Russ Leffler
May 20	Gwen Leffler	May 21	Anita Adolf
May 22	Joseph Lindsley		

Anniversaries this Week:

Study Ahead for May 25, 2025:

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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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.

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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.

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), 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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## *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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Psalm 23

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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.

Resource Center's Annual Baby Bottle Drive – Pick up a baby bottle on Mother's Day, fill it with change, bills or a check (payable to The Resource Center), and return to the church on Father's Day. Your donation helps save babies' lives and share the gospel with their parents through complementary pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes and more!

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## *Faith Facts*

### **Faith Calendar for May/June**

May 11 – 9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

May 11 – 9:50 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

May 11 – Resource Center Baby Bottle Drive

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

June 1 – 10 a.m. – Pastor Cindy Wolf