



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

*"Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ"*

WORSHIP

Traditional – 8:30 am

Contemporary – 11:15 am

Education Hour – 10:00 am

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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9:30 AM Combined Service

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! (*LSB 464:3*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

All: **Lord God, though the strife is over, the battle done, and now is the victor's triumph won, sin still hangs on. We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**

Leader: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my as a called and licensed servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Church Of God Elect And Glorious” LSB 646

Church of God elect and glorious - holy nation chosen race
Called as God's own special people - royal priests and heirs of grace
Know the purpose of your calling - show to all His mighty deeds
Tell of love which knows no limits - grace which meets all human needs

God has called you out of darkness - into His most marv'lous light
Brought His truth to life within you - turned your blindness into sight
Let your light so shine around you - that God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose - in Christ Jesus crucified

Once you were an alien people - strangers to God's heart of love
But He brought you home in mercy - citizens of heaven above
Let His love flow out to others - let them feel a Father's care
That they too may know His welcome - and His countless blessings share

Church of God elect and holy - be the people He intends
Strong in faith and swift to answer - each command your Master sends
Royal priests fulfil your calling - through your sacrifice and prayer
Give your lives in joyful service - sing His praise His love declare
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DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE

GLORIA PATRI

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**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without
end. Amen**

KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy* Mark 10:47

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**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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Leader: Glory be to God on High:

All: and on earth peace, good-will toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only – begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayers.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory
of God the Father. Amen**

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60* (Stephen chosen, the first martyr)

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ² And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶ These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen.

² And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. ⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him.

⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Peter 2:2–10* (A living stone and a holy people)

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:1–14* (I am the way, the truth, and the life.)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
All: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY “We Are Called to Stand Together” LSB 828

We are called to stand together with the saints of ages past
With the patriarchs and prophets in the faith they once held fast
Promises and hopes they treasured now we find fulfilled at last
Those whom Jesus called apostles journeyed with Him side by side
Heard His teaching felt His power saw the way He lived and died
Then the news of resurrection they delivered far and wide
Through the intervening ages round the world the Gospel spread
Faithful heralds took the message guided where the Spirit led
So the body grew in stature serving Christ the living head
Now in many tongues and cultures songs of celebration ring
Millions who confess our Savior honor Him as Lord and King
And for courage grace and guidance every day their prayers they bring
To each coming generation tell the truth persuade explain
Till the time when time is ended till the Savior comes again
Till the saints are all united under Christ's eternal reign

SERMON “No foolish questions” John 14

Leader: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

All: **Amen.**

CREED – Apostles' Creed p.192

All: **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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, with the whole creation, we praise You for Your gift of life and the world that sustains us and all the living. Grant that seeing Your even greater gift of deliverance from the disfigurement of sin and the promise of the renewal of Your original design all people may come to repentance and faith in Your gracious invitation through Jesus Christ, risen and victorious over death.

Turn the hearts of all who bear the authority of government in our land and around the world that they serve and lead all people in the ways of justice, peace, and freedom.

Give power to Your Word as it is proclaimed boldly by Your Church filled with the Holy Spirit in the faithful witness of all

To all who suffer sickness or injury, give the comfort of Your healing. And to all who suffer any persecution for standing for the truth of the Christian faith, give strength to endure. For all the faithful who have gone before us. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

OFFERING *At this time we would normally collect an offering. Please take a moment to visit our church website, give + mobile or write a personal check to send your much appreciated tithe."*

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Leader: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

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Leader: The Lord be with you,
All: **And with thy spirit.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Leader: Bless we the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

[Psalm 103:1]

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
All: **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds - in praise of love that still abounds
Christ has triumphed! - He is living!

Sing choirs of angels loud and clear – repeat their song of glory here
Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed! – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings – therefore our heart with rapture sings
Christ has triumphed – He is living

Now still He comes to give us life – and by His presence stills all strife
Christ has triumphed! He is living! – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us Lord with dauntless love – set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph

Grant grace sufficient for life’s day - that by our lives we truly say
Christ has triumphed! He is living! – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring - and with the heav’nly blessed sing
Christ has triumphed! – Alleluia!

Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest most holy God
All the glory never ending – Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, service the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**