



"YOU ARE WITNESSES
OF
THESE
THINGS."

LUKE 24:48

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024
9:30am worship service

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME!

It is good to encounter Christ together. At Faith Lutheran we rise up to:

Worship Christ, Welcome All, and Serve Others because of Jesus.

A special welcome to visitors and guests! May God bless our time together as we celebrate Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the Word of God, and the community we share. Please fill out a welcome card if you have changes: address, phone number, prayer request. Break off the bottom half to place in the offering plate; keep the top as a bookmark and a reminder of worship times.

*Indicates those who are able, please stand. (ELW - Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

He is Risen! **He is Risen Indeed!**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come now, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Come now, let us sing songs of praise to the Lord.

Let us praise our God, the King who is above all other Gods.

Come now, let us bow down before the King of kings.

Let us kneel before the King, the Maker, our Lord God.

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pg. 95

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

*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.**

*KYRIE

ELW pg. 184

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, **you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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.**



HOLY BAPTISM

CAMDEN DENNIS SCHUSTER

ELW pg. 227



HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW 595

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 3:12-19 (PB pg. 125 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 4 (please read responsively)

1 John 3:1-7 (PB pg. 259 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

ELW 751

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 24:36b-48 (PB pg. 92 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“He Has Been Raised”

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE—Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“In the Lord, I’ll Be Ever Thankful”** see screen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 129

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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***(singing)* Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION ELW pg. 130

*THE LORD’S PRAYER ELW pg. 134

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - We welcome all the baptized to the meal celebrating the new life we have in Christ Jesus. Come forward as the ushers direct. Please take a cup for communion from the center boxes as you come forward. Start at the middle and fill to the sides. Gluten-free wafers are available. Young children will receive a grape and a blessing. Place your empty cups in the boxes. If you wish to refrain from communion, God knows your heart.

Communion Hymns: Music Played
You Are My All in All” (chorus) see screen

*BLESSING

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 give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG **“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”** vs 1,2,5 ELW 377

*DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

We depart to serve the Lord