



Matthew 28:6



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

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)

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

ENTRANCE HYMN **"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

ELW 365

Welcome and Announcements

EASTER LITANY

Friends, had we been there that first Easter morning,
It is likely that many of us would have been with the disciples—

Hiding out in fear,

Locked behind doors,

Alone with our thoughts in the upper room.

I wish I could say that I would have gone with the women,

That I would have been brave and determined.

I wish I could say that I would have held onto my faith,

But the truth is, we'll never know.

What I do know is that Jesus came back for all of us—

Not the few who had maintained faith

Or the few who stayed with him until the end.

He came back for the broken and the afraid,

For the cowardly and the greedy,

For the women in the garden,

And for the disciples hiding in the upper room.

He came back for those who betrayed him

And those who worshiped him.

He came back for you and for me.

Knowing that no matter where we are on the spectrum of faith,

Jesus lived, loved, and returned for us.

*HYMN

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

ELW 857

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10:34-43 (PB pg. 134 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (please read responsively)

Colossians 3:1-4 (PB pg. 215 - New Testament)

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **“Because He Lives”**

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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

Matthew 28:1-10 (PB pg. 34 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

ELW 366

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”** vs 1 ELW 369

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:

“Easter Hallelujah ”

Brenda Rohde

“Eat This Bread”

ELW 472

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 473

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

ELW 369

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537

*DISMISSAL

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

Go in Peace! Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We depart to Serve the Lord