



“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”

JOHN 15:12, NIV



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA

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Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 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

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come join the Easter journey of Jesus today.

We come to join the Easter journey walking at our own speeds, in our own styles and in our different ways.

Come walk with the One who gives us the command to love one another.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

*GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

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CONFESSION

L (left): We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

R (right): We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

R: We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We are captured by our desire for material wealth.

R: We forget those who do not have food or shelter.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We abuse the gifts of your creation.

R: We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

L: We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

R: We seek only comfort for ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

SONG OF MERCY

“Bring Your Mercy”

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FORGIVENESS

We are broken but God’s promises are not. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You are an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

I am an accepted, forgiven and loved child of God.

*SONG OF PRAISE **“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”** see screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

♥♥♥ SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING♥♥♥

“Jesus Loves Me!”

♥♥♥ SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER RECOGNITION ♥♥♥

SCRIPTURE READINGS (PB- Pew Bible)

Acts 10:44-48 (PB pg. 135 - New Testament)

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

Psalms 98 (please read responsively)

1 John 5:1-6 (PB pg. 261 - New Testament)

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

*Gospel Acclamation **“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

ELW 172

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

John 15:9-17 (PB pg. 113 - New Testament)

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

SERMON

Pastor Jamie Desai

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of Gentleness” vs 1,2

ELW 396

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in the God of promise—the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca—Jacob and Rachel—the God of the past—the God of now—the God who owns the future. I believe in Jesus, God in our flesh—God who seeks us

out—God who comes to serve—God who embraces outcasts—God who reigns from a cross—God who conquers death. I believe in the Holy Spirit—God with us forever—God giving us faith—God empowering our witness—God filling us with peace. I Believe! Amen.

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

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

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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 Music

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

“I Come with Joy”

ELW 482

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

“You Are My All in All” (chorus)

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*BENEDICTION

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

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity” vs 1,4

ELW 412