



Faith Lutheran Church

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May 17, 2026 + 10:45 am

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Notes on Communion – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

Communion Distribution – The practice at Faith, after having received communion and the blessing, is that you step back (off the carpet) so that the next group can proceed forward and prepare for receiving communion.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter stands between Christ's Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During these great fifty days of Easter, the Church's joyful song has been "Alleluia," a Hebrew word meaning "Praise the LORD." Today, as the risen and ascended Christ reigns in glory at the Father's right hand, the Church on earth joins the praise of heaven: "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God!" (Revelation 19:1).

WORSHIP MUSIC ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING
Milligan, Crowder, Assisi, Draper

**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam;
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness.
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WELCOME

GREETING ONE ANOTHER

***OPENING SONG** **GOODNESS OF GOD** Jenn Johnson & Cash,
Ingram, Fielding, Johnson

**I love You, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

Chorus

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night, You are close like no other.
I've known you as a father, I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God. *Chorus***

Bridge

**Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You ev'rything.
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
*Repeat stanza***

Chorus twice

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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*INVOCATION

***A TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Merciful Father,

We confess that we have not always praised You. Too often we celebrate earthly things more than Your kingdom and use our voices for complaining instead of thanksgiving. Our hearts have been distracted, our worship half-hearted, and our lives slow to glorify You. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified, risen, and ascended Lord. Teach us again to live in joyful praise and faithful witness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen and reigns forever at the right hand of the Father. Because of His death and resurrection, your sins are forgiven. Because He has ascended on high, He fills all things with His mercy – including your life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in His peace, and declare the praises of Him who has brought you out of darkness into His marvelous light!

PSALM 148

148 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

**² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!

**⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord!

For he commanded and they were created.

**⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

**¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the Lord!**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 19:1-9

¹⁹ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great
multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

² for his judgments are true and just;

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

³ Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down

and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying,

“Amen. Hallelujah!” ⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,

all you his servants,

you who fear him,

small and great.”

⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude,
like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of
thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

⁹ And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA**

Luginbill

***HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 24:44-53

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

SONG OF RESPONSE

AGNUS DEI

Michael W Smith

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.

Alleluia, Alleluia, For the Lord God almighty reigns.

Alleluia. Holy.

Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, You are Holy!

Holy, are you Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb, Amen.

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***A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

You are Good

Israel Houghton

Verse

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.

People from every nation and tongue

From generation to generation.

Chorus

We worship You

Hallelujah Hallelujah.

We worship You for who You are.

We worship You

Hallelujah Hallelujah.

We worship You for who You are.

You are good!

(Repeat to top of song)

Yes, You are. Yes, You are. Yes, You are.

So good, so good.

Yes, You are. Yes, You are. Yes, You are.

Bridge

You are good all the time! All the time You are good!

You are good all the time! All the time You are good! *Repeat*

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever.

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever. *Repeat*

People from every nation and tongue

From generation to generation. *Chorus*

For who You are!

For who You are!

You are good!

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, the heavens and all creation praise Your holy name! Preserve Your Church throughout the world, that we may proclaim with joy the salvation won by Christ, our risen and ascended Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Lord Jesus Christ, seated at the right hand of the Father, govern Your Church with wisdom and grace. Bless all pastors, missionaries, teachers, and church workers, that repentance and forgiveness of sins be preached in Your name to all nations.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast as we await the day when we will join the marriage feast of the Lamb. Fill us with hope, joy, and confidence in the promises of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Merciful Father, look with compassion upon all who are sick, hospitalized, homebound, or suffering in any way, especially be with:

- **Bonnie Richiusa**, mother of John Richiusa, battling cancer and nearing the end of her life on earth
- **Whitney**, friend of Ellie Berndt, suffering with stage 4 lung cancer
- **Katie Meszaros**, aunt of Jackie Welk, cancer

Grant healing, strength, patience, and peace according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Gracious God, we give You thanks for all of the joyful milestones of life, especially:

- **Birth of Audrey Leigh McEwen** (5/10/26), daughter of Tommy & Christina McEwen, granddaughter of TJ & Kathy McEwen, great-granddaughter of Ann McEwen
- **Birth of Eleanor "Ellie" Mae Ottman** (5/11/26), daughter of Zak & Maddie Ottman, granddaughter of Jon & Jenny Ottman

Receive our praise and thanksgiving, and keep us ever mindful that every good gift comes from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

God of all comfort, be with all those who mourn their loved ones, especially be with:

- **Norma Helm** (5/9/26), mother of Bob Helm
- **Lonnie Davis** (5/12/26), brother-in-law of Lori Davis

Assure them that because Christ lives, all who die in Him shall live also. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Lord of the nations, guide all who serve in positions of authority. Grant them wisdom, integrity, and compassion, that justice may prevail and peace abound. Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Keep us faithful, O Lord, that on the Last Day we may join the saints and angels in the eternal song: "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God." Lord, in Your mercy,

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.
+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.
+ I have been baptized.
+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.
(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

***RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

GRACE UPON GRACE Bartels, Gruen, Lamb

**Though the universe can't hold all Your might and majesty.
You're present with me here today in a way that I can see.**

**All of Heaven and earth are Yours,
yet You chose to be a meal.
Your promise fills this bread and wine
with a love that I can feel.**

**You're giving us this day forgiveness we can taste.
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace,
grace upon grace.**

**Lord, I don't deserve Your love, still, You give Yourself to me.
Your passion for the world is here in a way I can receive.
You're giving us this day forgiveness we can taste.
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace,
As family here we'll stay, once broken, now embraced.
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace.**

**Your table is set Your body and blood
are given and shed, so we praise You.
Your death gives us life, Your life makes us new.
Your victory is ours, so we praise You. *Repeat stanza***

**You're giving us this day forgiveness we can taste.
Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace,
As family here we'll stay, once broken, now embraced.**

**Thank You for this gift of grace upon grace.
Grace upon grace...
Grace upon grace. Grace upon, grace upon grace**

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ONCE AGAIN

Matt Redman

**Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.**

Chorus

**Once again I look upon the cross where You died.
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.**

**Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
and I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.
(Chorus)**

Bridge

**Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
(Repeat)
(Chorus)**

**Once again I thank you,
Once again I pour out my life.**

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***WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

***SENDING SONG**

MY REDEEMER LIVES

Reuben Morgan

**I know He rescued my soul,
His blood has covered my sin,
I believe, I believe;
My shame He's taken away,
My pain is healed in His name,
I believe, I believe.**

Chorus

**I'll raise a banner; My Lord has conquered the grave.
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives;
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.
(Repeat All)**

**You lift my burden, I'll rise with You;
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your kingdom come.**

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives;
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives.
(Repeat twice)**

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***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTSERVICE MUSIC *Everyday*

***Thank you to Zac Gaura, a FLY student, who created the
bulletin cover art for this morning's service!***

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