

When you drop your child off in the Nursery, we now ask that you sign in. Thank you!

Congratulations to our four First Communicants - God bless you!  
Nate Blakeman, Mallory Brown,  
Thomas Schuller, Kaylie Schuller

...t to Dinner event is Friday, April 28th at ... Dawg, 2956 Milwaukee Rd., Beloit. Sign ... y, April 23rd. Everyone is invited to join us!



Pictured L to R: Taylor Gruenberg, Rachel Strasser, Bailey Binder, Dakota Smock, and Zach Hedrington

...in to all who helped make our Easter Sunday Family ... kfast a success! It was a Thrivent-supported fundraiser ... s going to Youth Work Camp in Tennessee in June; ... 314 was contributed. Thank you, everyone!

Over 40 children participated in this year's Easter Egg Hunt! Volunteers stuffed over 1,000 eggs!

...y Birthday!



**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

...ley Wright, 11–Trisha Dunaway, 15–Connie Price, ... man, 18–Sue Boyette, 23–Pat Parisot, 29–Inez Miller; ... y Dittmer & Rebecca Naff, 4–Michael Stinson, ... 8–Albert Schnurr, 9–Betty Comins, 10–Denny Price, ... irch, 15–Helen Meier & Roger Frey, 21–Dorothy Taylor, ... nski, 24–Lauren Hill, 27–Grady Naff, 31–Kelli Hedrington

...urch Council established a Good Samaritan Fund ... r those with a special need. Our Noisy Can ... llection will be dedicated to that effort today.

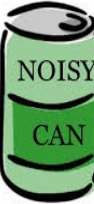


**Faith Lutheran Church**  
*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring*  
Sunday, April 23, 2017  
Second Sunday of Easter ~ 9:30

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**



P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

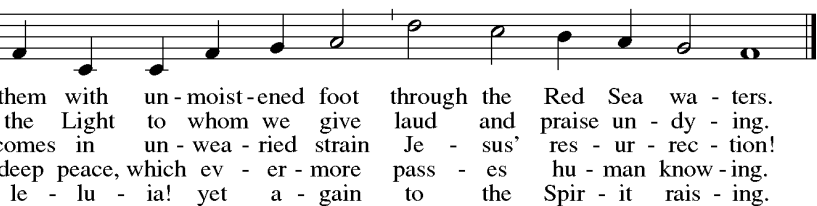
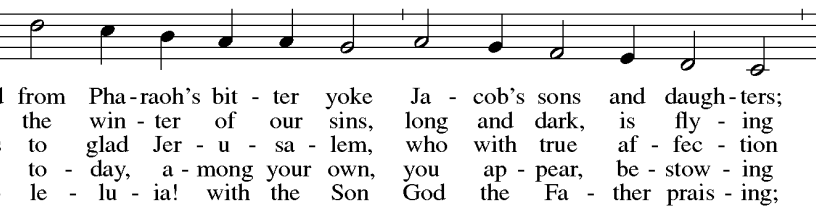
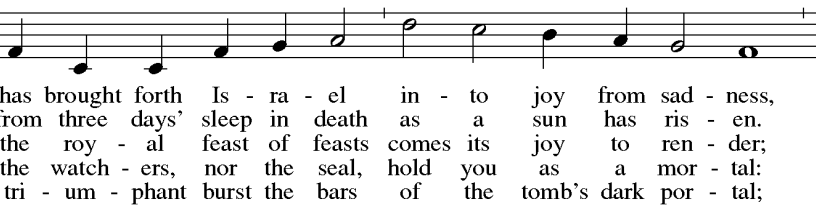
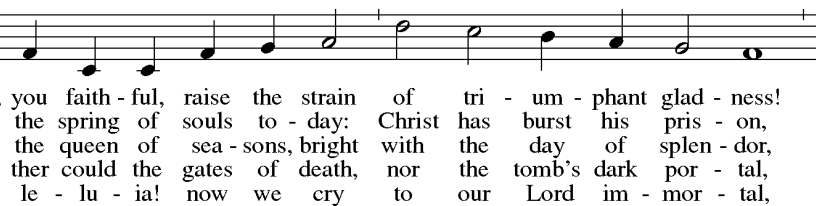
P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and another. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, O Lord, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live in the newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Son, our Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were sinners, and made us alive together with Christ. By your grace we have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your Son, forgive us. Almighty God strengthen you with power. Give us the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through your Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



ce of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
 ion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ION**  
 's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and  
 em the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions,  
 rience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around  
 d meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the  
 Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the  
 he Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the  
 ristians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the  
 h and living hope we receive in baptism.

## Worship

**Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church.** We are so happy to  
 worship with us today! Please join us after worship in our  
 Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

**Communion** is by intinction. Come forward as directed to  
 receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine  
 juice (light). **WE WILL NOW ALSO OFFER GLUTEN-FREE  
 AS AN OPTION FOR COMMUNION. Just indicate to Pastor  
 it's your turn.** If you eat the bread before dipping or drop  
 ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of  
 Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal.  
**ALL** baptized believers are welcome!

**Offering** ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please mail  
 catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you'd like  
 the church office and write "offering" on the envelope and  
 included in that week's offering and seen only by the desk  
 counters for the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving  
 to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

## *Please join us in praying*

Albert, Al, Alyson & Jarrett, Andrew, Aubry, Aunt Pat,  
 & Shelby, Bill, Bob, Boyd, Carl, Claudine, Connie, Cou  
 Debi, Denise, Devin, Diane, Dick, Don, Ellis McGuire, E  
 Florence, Gary, Gavin, George, Gerry Cliffe, Harriet, H  
 Irene, Irene & Ted, Jaleena, Janet, Janie, Jeff, Jessie, J  
 Kathy Mears, Kari, Kelly, Kenny, Kim and Pam Burton,  
 Lyla Margis, Marv, Mary, Maureen, Millie, Nan, Nash, N  
 Peggy, Peggy Stachowiak, Rich, Rob, Sandy, Shirley V  
 Stephany, Steve, Tari, Terry, Tim, Todd, Tom, Tom & C  
 Trisha, Tristan, Vance, Von, all service men & women,  
 & unemployed, our shut-ins, our students, those in the  
 their families. We pray that God watches over them.



We would like to recognize and send special thanks to  
**Carol and Roger Frey**  
 for their work in preparing the church and  
 worship services every week. The Easter  
 was so beautiful! We appreciate all you do  
 behind the scenes at Faith Lutheran

**HYMN "Choral Benediction"**

Light of God shine on us today.  
Light of God shine on us today.  
Show us where to travel,  
Check if we should stray.  
Light of God shine on us today.  
Life of God live in us today.  
Life of God live in us today.  
Warmth we feel within us,  
We do and say.  
Life of God live in us today.  
Grace of God be with us today.  
Grace of God be with us today.  
Protect us and protect us,  
Our separate ways.  
Grace of God be with us today.

Peace. Share the good news.  
Thanks be to God.

**Stats for Easter Sunday, April 19, 2017 - Week 16**

<b>Attendance - 200+</b>	
<b>Offering Actual</b>	<b>\$3,339.25</b>
<b>Offering Budget</b>	<b>\$2,111.00</b>
<b>YTD Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$35,032.94</b>
<b>YTD Offering Needed</b>	<b>\$33,776.00</b>
<b>YTD YTD Toward Roof Loan</b>	<b>\$1,726.91</b>

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Guild** - Carol & Roger Frey  
**Audio Technician** - Helen Meier  
**Projecting Video** - Mike Banker  
**Worship Leaders** - Carol & Roger Frey  
**Worship** ~ Shirley Finger  
**Prayer** - Gail and Dennis Kelce  
**Worship Leader** - Betty Comins  
**Worship Leader** - Ellen Olson  
**Worship Leader** - Ray Wendell and George Brunson  
**Worship Leader** - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)*

**C:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the blessing of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

**R:** A reading from Acts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with power, wonders, and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know - this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand; I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and I rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you should not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life, and you will make me full of gladness with your presence." "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and we are witnesses of this.

**R:** Word of God, word of life.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **A Responsive Reading**

ne, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the  
ou are my Lord, my good above all other.”  
**Delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those  
noble among the people.**

who run after other gods shall have their troubles  
d.

**Do not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take  
offerings upon my lips.**

For you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold

**Boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a  
inheritance.**

As the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches  
me after night.

**Do not let the LORD always be before me; because God is at  
my hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Therefore, I am glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also  
rests in hope.

**The LORD will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy  
angels take me to the pit.**

For you show me the path of life; in your presence there is  
joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**  
Reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great  
love you have given us a new birth into a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance  
that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,  
and we are being protected by the power of God through faith for a  
time yet to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice,  
even though for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so  
that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold  
that is perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in  
praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although  
you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not  
see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable  
joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the  
salvation of your souls.

God, word of life.

Glory to God.

## **DIALOGUE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE 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.*

~ **COMMUNION** ~

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and  
resurrection, you send light to conquer darkness,  
and the bread of heaven to nourish  
your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus  
resurrection that we may show your glory to all the  
world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**P:** 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.

**C:** **Amen.**



assembly. Give us courage to welcome newcomers.  
 Walk with those who are inquiring, those who  
 have doubts and questions, and those who are absent from  
 church in your mercy,  
**prayer.**

In our thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith.  
 Remember them by their witness. Bring us with them to the heavenly  
 banquet, in your mercy,  
**prayer.**

Join your voices with your faithful ones in every time and  
 place. Offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

The grace of Christ be with you always.  
**with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
 "Beautiful Savior" by 4-year old Claire Ryann

## RESPONSE



thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



For what we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 And daily, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

## PRAYER

Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and  
 are our witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those  
 who die by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your  
 sake, O God,  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

## ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sa



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hea



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news th

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

**P:** The holy gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

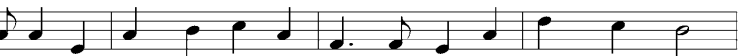
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week,  
 the doors of the house where the disciples had met were  
 shut for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among  
 them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed  
 them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when  
 they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you,  
 as the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said  
 this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.  
 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you  
 retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was  
 called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when  
 Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the  
 Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails  
 in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails in  
 his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples and  
 Thomas were again in the house, and the doors were shut. Jesus  
 came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then  
 he said to Thomas, "Reach out your finger here and see my hands.  
 Reach out your hand here and put it in my side. Do not doubt but  
 believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus  
 said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed  
 are those who believe without seeing me." Jesus said to them,  
 "Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

and many other signs in the presence of his disciples,  
 written in this book. But these are written so that you  
 believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,  
 though believing you may have life in his name.  
 I believe in the Father,  
 the Son of the Lord.  
 I believe in you, O Christ.

## SERMON "The Post-Easter Blues"

Day

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!  
 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en-thrall.



Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!  
 the o-pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
 he has found a glo-ri-ous mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.



Al-ly our hearts a-dore him as his light once more ap-pears;  
 and hell be-fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic-tor now,  
 the grave its first-fruits giv-ing, spring-ing up from ho-ly ground;  
 the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!  
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Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!

1811-1875, alt.  
 Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again;  
 he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**P:** Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the world, and all who are in need. (A brief silence.) We are your church. Breathe your Spirit into us. Renew us with your gifts. Unite us in mission and send us into the world with your blessing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** For the earth. For fields and forests, gardens and villages, and all newly planted crops. Sustain our world with your gifts and favorable weather. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** For the nations. Empower leaders to work for the well-being of all. Send peace into every place where people live in the shadow of violence and displacement (*especially*). Comfort those who are isolated behind walls of fear. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**P:** For those in need. Look with compassion toward those who bear hidden wounds. Draw near to those who seek comfort. Comfort the dying, console the grieving, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.