

## 2018 Easter Sunday Altar Flowers

Balk, Ted & Irene (1) Kalanchoe - In Memory of our son, Gregory  
Banker, Dawn & Mike (1) Tulip - In Memory of Donald & Frances Banker  
Burton, Pam, Jim & Kim (1) Kalanchoe - In Memory of Ethel & Lawrence  
Strasser, and Mississippi Priebe

Cliffe, Gerry (1) Kalanchoe - In Memory of Fran, Gary & our Parents  
Dittmer, Sandy & Don (2) Tulip - In Memory of Delhia & Franklin Dittmer  
Frey, Carol & Roger (1) Kalanchoe - In Memory of Hilbert & Rosella Frey,  
Delbert & Loretta Geiser

Guffey, Shawn, Amanda, Hannah & Samantha (1) Kalanchoe -  
In Memory of our Loved Ones

Hedrington/Dittmer/Rowlett/Stubendick/Nolan Families (1) Tulip -  
In Memory of Donna Hedrington and All Loved Ones

The Richard Hedrington Family (1) Tulip - In Memory of James  
and Loraine Hedrington

Gilbert, Linda (1) Lily - In Memory of All My Loved Ones

Kelce, Gail & Dennis (2) Tulips - In Honor of Our Family

Krause, Gail (2) Kalanchoe - In Memory of Wayne Krause and  
Audrey & Alvin Krause

Krause, John (1) Kalanchoe - In Memory of My Wife, Shirley

Moffitt, Teresa (1) Tulip - In Memory of My Loved Ones

Murphy, Cathy & Mike (1) Kalanchoe and (1) Tulip - In Memory of Fran  
Cliffe, Jim Murphy and Jim Hornbeck, and in Honor of Gary,  
Eric, Ryan, & Mikey and their families

Strasser, Kathy & Bob (1) Lily - In Memory of Our Loved Ones

Warn, Jean (1) Kalanchoe - In Honor of All My Children, Grandchildren  
and Great-Grandson

Wright, Julie (1) Kalanchoe - In Memory of Jim Wright and  
Arnold & Ruthe Wells



Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to decorate  
our altar ~ please take yours home with you today.



## Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*  
Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 1, 2018, 9:30 am

9:20 - VIDEO *"Lo, in the Grave He Lay"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us  
beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides  
us into all truth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and  
cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence is kept for reflection.) Faithful and just God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound  
by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our  
sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive  
us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to  
change our lives and make us new, that we may know  
the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Amen.**

P: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us  
and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of †  
Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.  
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy,  
and Inspire you to live for others.

C: **Amen.**



Opening Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you**

INTRODUCTION

P: Mark's gospel ends so abruptly, with astonishment and fear rather than joyful proclamation. Yet Mark may speak to our experience more directly than the other gospels. Corinthians and Acts fill out the story by telling of appearances of the risen Christ. Peter says we "ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead." And so do we, in a foretaste of the mountaintop feast where death will be no more. May our celebration of Easter bring us great joy!

C: **Amen.**



The next Out to Dinner event is Friday April 20th at 6PM at Jessica's Restaurant, 5091 Edgemere Circle, Roscoe. Please sign up by Sun., April 15th. Everyone is invited!



**LIMITED # OF TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE**

A group from Faith Lutheran is going to this performance. Pastor Rick & Helen say it's one of their favorite Christian bands! Sign up on the board.

Sun., April 22 at the Coronado Theater Rockford, IL 6pm See Sue Brunson

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We pray for all service persons, homeless, unemployed, shut-ins, college students, military families & those in the military. We pray for our friends, families & loved ones: Adam, Alexis, Al, Aly, Angie, Aunt Bettie, Barry & Shelby, Beth, Betty Bonner, Bill, Bonnie, Boyd, Boyd & Irene,

Carlaya, Cazmyre, Cindy, Dani, Dawn, Denise, Dianne, Dick, Dodi, Don, Donna, Dustin, Elaina & Family, Eloise, Emily, Florence, Gabe, Gail, Gary, Gavin, Gene, George, Harriet, Irene, Isaiah, Jacki, Jaleena, Jammie, Janet, Janice, Jean, Jean Chambers, Jeff, Jen, Jessica, Jim. John, Jolynn, Julie, Karen Van Fleet, Kathy Mears, Kayla, Kelli, Ken, Kennadi, Kenny, Kenny Bell, Kian, Kim, Kris, Kurt, Kyle, Larry, Linda, Linda G., Lori Bell, Lyla, Lyla Williams, Mary, Matt, Matthew, Maureen, Melissa, Melvin Chambers, Mike, Missy, Nan, Payton, Randy, Rich, Ruthann, Sara, Sarah, Sharon, Shirley, Stephanie, Steve, Tammy, Ted, Ted & Irene, Than, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tom & Gale Miller, Tracy, Trisha, Vance, Vell, Vivian, Wayne Jensen, Zak, Zarah, and Zoey.

## WORSHIP

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

**Communion** is by intinction. Come forward by rows to receive the bread with an open hand then dip in the wine (dark) or juice (light). Gluten-free wafers are an option - just indicate to Pastor when it's your turn. If you eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is the host of the meal ~ all baptized believers are welcome!

**Offering** ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** next week. Or you can mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope to be included in that week's offering, seen only by the designated counters. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

### Today's Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**

**Computer Technician - Helen Meier**

**Offering Video - Mike Banker**

**Counters - Carol & Roger Frey**

**Greeters - Tammy Dunkel and Tina Hatch**

**Musician - Betty Comins**

**Reader - Craig Miller**

**Ushers - Ray Wendell and Craig Miller**

**Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**

### Financials for Sunday, March 25, 2018 - Week 12

Attendance - 107

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,692.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,176.00
2017 YTD Actual Offering	\$28,537.14
2017 YTD Offering Needed	\$26,112.00



Thanks to all who made all of this week's special events so successful. The Living Last Supper, Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Clean Up, the butterflies, and today's wonderful Annual Family Pancake Breakfast were the work of faithful volunteers. We appreciate your helpfulness and your generosity!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## A Responsive Reading from Psalm 118

R: Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

C: **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

R: The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C: **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

R: The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

C: **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

P: The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

C: **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

R: "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

C: **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

R: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

R: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C: **Amen.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you - unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be

## BLESSING

P: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

P: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
“Glorious Day” by Casting Crowns

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be,  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust O Lord, from thee.  
May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive,  
And gladly as thou blessed us, to thee our first fruits give.**

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

### 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*

### COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: we give you thanks and praise.**

called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them - though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

### GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

“Fools for Christ”

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!



## APOSTLE'S 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: On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need. (*A brief silence.*) You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**