

April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Guide



Faith

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WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

We welcome all people to join us in worship and fellowship. Children are welcome in worship, we also have nursery care during our worship service. Please ask an usher to direct you. Please join us after the service in the Fireside Room for refreshments and time to visit.



WORSHIP GUIDE

Our worship is participatory. This guide will help you. The text that follows is called “liturgy.” Some parts are spoken or sung by worship leaders. Other parts are spoken or sung by the whole assembly. The parts spoken or sung by the whole assembly are identified with **bold text**.

We will also sing some songs (or hymns). These songs are identified with a title and a song number. These songs may be found in one of three books or printed in this bulletin. These books are identified as follows:

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) – the red book

With One Voice (WOV) – the blue book

Worship and Praise (WP) – the purple book

Other instructions (when to stand) are printed in *italic text* or will be provided by a worship lead.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

We continue over the next few weeks to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord. Today we read texts from the Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel according to Luke. The Gospel of tells us that Jesus appeared to his disciples as flesh and bones, not a ghost. From Acts we hear that Peter's proclamation concerning Christ which he spoke after healing a man who was lame. In both of these texts we also hear that Jesus' suffering and resurrection had been foretold in scripture.

HOLY COMMUNION

SETTING FOUR

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Before the prelude, speak to one other. During the prelude, speak to God. During the service, listen for God to speak to you. During the week, let God speak through you.

The Invitation of the Bell

Announcements:

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,
for water that gives life to our planet.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain and snow.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

P: We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ
whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen..

Gathering Song:

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

Greeting

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

² Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast--
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

⁷ Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

⁸ Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

WORD

Time with the Kid's

Pastor Peggy White

First Reading:

Acts 3:12-19

AM: [Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 4 (read responsively)

AM: ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

**C: ²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

AM: ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

AM: ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

C: ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

AM: ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

C: ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading:

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy gospel according to Luke

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P^{6b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³and he took it and ate in

their presence.

⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.” The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

(please be seated)

Sermon:

Pastor Peggy White

Hymn of the Day: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW 384

(Usher will come by and pick up your Prayer cards)

Apostles' Creed:

(please stand as you are able)

AM: Please join me in confessing our faith

C: 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

AM: Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM: Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially (*for those we name silently and aloud*) Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn. Hold them in your love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

AM: This week from the Cycle of World Prayer we especially lift up Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine. May they live in your peace and protection. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: and also with you

MEAL

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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 to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: 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

All are invited and welcome at this table. We come together and kneel or stand as we desire. Gluten free bread is available upon request. Red wine or white grape juice is served in individual cups. If you choose not to receive the bread and wine you are invited to come for a blessing, or stay in your seat in silent prayer. (For those who cannot come to the table, we will come to you.

Communion Music:

(please stand as you are able)

Ian Langga

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray . . .

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, 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.

SENDING

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room after the service.

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE, IF YOU ARE THE LAST PERSON TO LEAVE ON SUNDAY,
BE SURE THAT ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED TIGHT. THEY WILL
ALREADY BE LOCKED.**

Those in service today

Pastor:	Pastor Peggy White
Organist:	Ian Langga
Ushers:	Bob Balcomb/Les Grundy
Lector:	Stefan Myslicki
Altar Care	Linda Perez
Flowers:	Doris Wacker in Memory of Husband Peter's Birthday

Prayer List

Mimi Shilov	Mario Chissesi
Les Grundy	Dottie Chissesi
Thelma Spaziani	Sharon Biller
Eunice Phillips	Nathan Crall
Doris Wacker	Jeff (Church Gardener)
Marie Hughes	Vicki Wheeler (Neighbor)
Susan Lomax Kallas on the death of her son Jason	

Financials/Attendance for April 8, 2018

Attendance: 19
Offering: \$1205.00
SCOM: \$2.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The April Social Concern of the Month is Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Associated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is the only Lutheran seminary in the western half of the United States. The money collected for April's social concern of the month will go toward their annual fundraising efforts in May.

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Faith Lutheran's Hospitality Credo

Mission: By the Power of God: Caring, Sharing, Praying, Growing

Caring & Growing

1. All are welcome
We are inclusive
We value you being here

Caring & Praying

2. We expect to meet Jesus
Every Sunday when we gather
Communion/ Lord's Supper is open to everyone without restrictions

Praying & Sharing

3. Service
Worship on Sunday is when we gather to receive God's service to us, and to thank and praise God.
Serving our neighbor and the stranger is what we are sent out to do.
4. Grateful and Thankful
We know all of life is a gift and blessing from God.
We are sent out to be a blessing to everyone we meet.

Sharing

5. Sharing our resources
Financial: One of God's many blessings is our financial gifts
FLC shares 15% of all our offerings, plus the social concern of the month offerings with:
The broader Lutheran church
The world
Our neighbors
Energy: We give our time and passion to 6 local community charities

Praying & Growing

6. We are human
We struggle with our lack of faith & human condition
We confess our sins
We repent – that is turn around to Jesus
We accept forgiveness, sometimes
We are blessed with God's love and forgiveness
As Lutherans, we live daily as both saint and forgiven sinner.
Which means we are human.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle – This Week
April 15, 2018

Pray for: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine

We Pray for:

- compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories
- those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases
- the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed
- those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster
- those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.
- guidance, as these nations work to reconfigure political and economic structures