

Know Truth Live Love Share Jesus

Worship Schedule

Traditional: 8:30 AM
Bible Study: 9:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Contemporary: 11:00 AM

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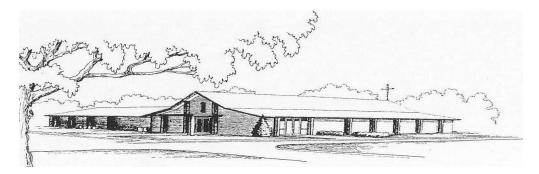




"He will tend His flock like a shepherd"

(Isaiah 40:11)

Mission Sunday & Good Shepherd Sunday (Easter 4) April 21, 2024



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH'S GUIDING PURPOSE: "Know Truth, Live Love, Share Jesus"

Preparing for Worship

Flocks of sheep can number in the hundreds or even thousands. An annual trek from winter quarters to summer pastures and back again at a location in rural Idaho consistently draws hundreds of spectators to a location where the sheep must cross a major highway to reach their destination. Keeping track of two or three thousand sheep on the move is quite a task! Jesus, our Good Shepherd, knows how to care for not just thousands but millions of His sheep-like people. The prophet Isaiah says of the Lord God that He "will tend His flock like a shepherd" (40:11). Assured and reassured that we are part of His flock, we travel through life following the guidance of our caring Shepherd!

Preparation for Holy Communion

Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. God commands us to receive Holy Communion in a worthy manner (I Corinthians 11:27). If you have not communed with us before, please speak with a pastor or one of our elders, before you do so that they may assist you in Scripture, prayer, and a beneficial partaking of Christ's Supper.

Our Liturgical Worship Service consists of the congregation frequently standing and sitting. If this is uncomfortable for you, please feel free to remain seated.

Large print versions of the bulletin are available at the back of the sanctuary.

We also have several large print hymnals available in the narthex.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE, PLEASE SIGN IN ON THE ATTENDANCE PAD IN YOUR ROW.

Prelude

Pre-Service Song: "Start a Fire"
Call to Worship
Welcome and Announcements

Faith's Praise Team
The Ringing of the Chimes

Please Stand

Entrance Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LSB 816

Invocation

(The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the \dashv Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
- C Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Psalm Hymn: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" LSB 710

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, Merciful Father,
- You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep. Please give us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd, who calls each of us by name, we may know Him and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Please be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-7

L The Old Reading is from the prophet Isaiah, the sixty-second chapter.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

6On your walls, O Jerusalem,
I have set watchmen;
all the day and all the night
they shall never be silent.

You who put the LORD in remembrance,
take no rest,

7and give him no rest
until he establishes Jerusalem
and makes it a praise in the earth.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:11-17

The Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the tenth chapter.

 11 For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all,

bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



Song: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" led by Faith's Praise Team We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity, may one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news, that God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity, and save each one's pride. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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Please Stand

Holy Gospel John 10:11-18

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be Seated

Children's Message:

Pastor Ross Shaver

Hymn of the Day: "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB 826

Sermon:

"Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of Christ"

Romans 10:11-17

The Rev. Dr. Ross Shaver LCMS Missionary to the Dominican Republic

Please Stand

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayer of the Church

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

After each portion of the prayers:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** Hear our prayer.

Prayers will be spoken and can be found on the "News & Notes" bulletin insert.

Offering to the Lord

Please place your offering in the offering plate by the doors as you leave the sanctuary.

To our Guests: Welcome! We are delighted to have you as our guest.

As such, you are not obligated to give a financial offering.

If you have not done so already, please sign in on the attendance pad. Thanks.

Offertory Hymn: "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781, vs. 1-2

- We give Thee but Thine own,Whate'er the gift may be;All that we have is Thine alone,A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

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+ Service of the Sacrament +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross.
- C Amen.

The Words Of Our Lord (Words of Institution)

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My → body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,
- 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.
- As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's P death until He comes.
- \mathbf{C} Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

Please be Seated

Preparation for Holy Communion

For those who share our fellowship of faith and intend to commune, let us first examine ourselves with these questions:

- Do I believe I am a sinner and am truly sorry for my sins? (Romans 3:22-24; 1 John 1:8-10)
- Do I believe that Jesus is both true Man and true God, and that He is the only means to my salvation? (Romans 6:23; John 1:12, 3:14-16; 1 Timothy 2:5-6, Romans 10:9-13)
- Do I believe Christ's (true/actual) body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins? (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Do I earnestly intend with the help of The Triune God to amend my sinful life? (Romans 8:1-16)

God commands us to receive Holy Communion in a worthy manner (I Corinthians 11:27). If you are a baptized believer and answered "yes" to all four questions, then you are invited to receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins. If you have any doubts, we ask that you refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper today, and speak with a pastor or elder. The purple plastic cups in the center of the tray are non-alcoholic, and are intended for those who cannot consume any alcohol. Those who are not communing, both children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms in front of you to indicate you wish to receive a blessing.

Song: "Rejoice"

Distribution Hymns: "Christ the Eternal Lord"

"Lift High the Cross"

Faith's Praise Team LSB 829

LSB 837, vs 1-4

Distribution and Dismissal

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- a Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

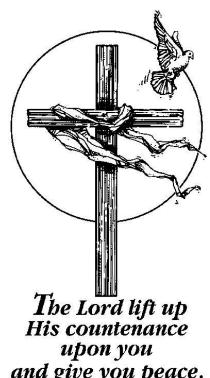
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Post-Communion Prayer

- Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

- P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



and give you peace.

-Numbers 6:26

Sending Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

led by Faith's Praise Team

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

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Postlude

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