



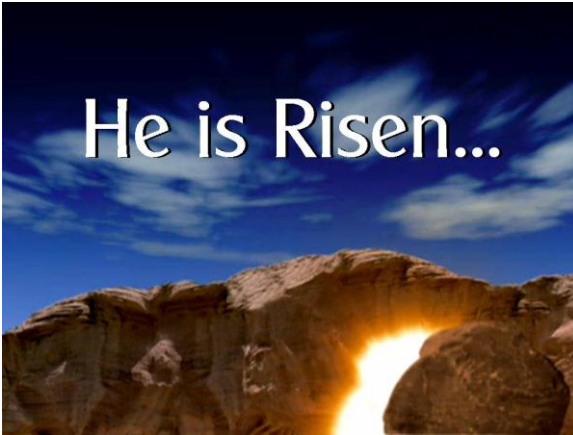
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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

Death presents itself as the one enemy no man can overcome, standing over every life as an unavoidable end and exposing the full weight of sin that brought it into the world. Yet God has acted decisively to destroy that enemy, swallowing up death itself through the crucified and risen Christ, whose empty tomb is not merely a sign but the accomplished reality that sin has been answered and its consequence undone. Therefore, those who belong to Him do not live under the old leaven of sin and death, but in the new reality of forgiveness, life, and salvation already secured and now received in faith.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #200

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head.

He lives triumphant from the grave,
He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky,
He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above,
He lives my hungry soul to feed,
He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply,
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint,
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears,
He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart,
He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;

He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

**He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"
Amen.**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and to give praise to our God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: (sung) Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

Cong: (sung) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your

temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who has set Your glory above the heavens. You, O lord, are our Father and our Redeemer. Your name is from everlasting.

Cong: (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
forevermore. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We thank You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who takes away the sin**

of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Merciful Father in heaven, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son into death on the cross and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection. Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 25:1-9

(ESV) O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. (2) For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. (3) Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. (4) For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall, (5) like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the

foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. (6) On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. (7) And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. (8) He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. (9) It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

(ESV) Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? (13) But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. (14) And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. (15) We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. (16) For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. (17) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (18) Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. (19) If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (20) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (21) For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. (22) For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

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 men 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 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.

HYMN: #201

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.

**Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well
Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! and now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
Jesus is my confidence!
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Matthew 28:1-10

(ESV) Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the

tomb. (2) And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. (3) His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. (4) And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. (5) But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. (6) He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. (7) Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” (8) So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (9) And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. (10) Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Christ's Resurrection Changes Everything

THE OFFERTORY *(sung)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN: #195

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

**Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**

**It was a strange and dreadful strife
When Life and Death contended;
The victory remained with Life,
The reign of Death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That Death is swallowed up by Death,
His sting is lost forever.
Hallelujah!**

**Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree--
So strong His love!--to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door;
Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Hallelujah!**

**So let us keep the festival
Whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the Joy of all,
The Sun that warms and lights us.**

By His grace He doth impart
Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended.
Hallelujah!

Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed,
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other.
Hallelujah!
Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Cong: (sung) It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and spiritually beneficial for us, in all places and in all circumstances, to give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, but primarily we owe You praise for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the very Passover Lamb which was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world, who by His death has destroyed death and by His rising to life again has given to us eternal life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we

praise and give glory to Your name, evermore praising You and singing:

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Pastor: 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.*

**Cong: (sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

(sung) **O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, at Faith Lutheran Church we believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We also understand

that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His believers' faith, this Sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its nature and purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran Church, or a sister church in the CLC, that you NOT come forward to receive the sacrament.

If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

SIMEON'S SONG FOR A PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

(sung) **O Lord, now You are letting Your servant**

Depart in peace according to Your Word.

For my eyes have seen Your salvation

Which You have prepared before the face of all people.

A Light to lighten the Gentiles

And the Glory of Your people, Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Cong: (sung) And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: (sung) Thanks be to God.

Pastor: 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.

Cong: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

HYMN: #189

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!”

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear! What cheer!
Christ victorious riseth glorious,
Life He giveth--
He was dead, but see, He liveth!
Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION HELPER TRIP-NORTH CAROLINA: You've heard of the Mission Helper Trip. Each year, CLC members from across the nation travel to distant lands to take part in the Great Commission among our fellow saints in Asia and Africa. Introducing... Mission Helper Trip - North Carolina. For almost two years now, Zion of Loganville, GA has been supporting a mission endeavor in Pittsboro, NC. The Lord has been blessing this endeavor with new members and several visitors. Pastor Fossum and Pastor Gantt have been conducting outreach services two times each month. Yet our time there is very limited. In order to give a more focused outreach effort, there are plans being made for a two-week Mission Helper Trip From July 13-25. The first week will be a week of canvassing, park booths, distributing flyers, etc. The second week will be conducting a morning VBS and an evening Bible Class for adults and children. We are seeking 4-6 (high school and older) individuals who would like to help in this work for the Kingdom of God. Lodging and meals will be provided through a grant through the CLC's Mission Development Fund (MDF). You simply need to provide your own transportation. There will be time for some R-n-R, to take in some of the local tourism spots or summer activities. If you can only make it for a week or even a few days, we would still welcome your presence. We believe that this will be an opportunity to make use of what the CLC Board of Missions has been doing for two decades now to apply it to the Great Commission to the many in our nation today who do not truly know Jesus and the power of His resurrection. If you are inclined to assist in this important work for the Lord, please contact Pastor Frank Gantt at 470-214-3401 or pastorfrankgantt@gmail.com.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

April 06 – April 11, 2026

Mon Mark 16:1-8 The women's devotion to Jesus brought them to the empty tomb, where they learned the startling news : "He has risen!" (v6) Thus they became messengers of the good news to His disciples.[news:](#)

Tues 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 As the Passover meant a new lease on life for God's people, so the resurrection means new life. Let us, therefore, leave behind the old wicked ways and celebrate with sincerity and truth.

Wed Isaiah 52:13-15 As we ponder the wondrous Easter news, we remember how the prophet Isaiah proclaimed well in advance the exaltation of the Lord's Servant, after His deep humiliation.

Thurs Psalm 111 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD for His glorious and majestic work (v3) on our behalf! He sent redemption for His people (v9), as we learn from His awesome Word!

Fri Psalm 113 Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The name of the LORD is to be praised always and everywhere. It is higher than the earth and the heavens. He bends down to see and lift up the poor and needy. Hallelujah!

Sat Psalm 114 Israel's deliverance from Egypt reminds us of our deliverance from death and hell. On the way to the promised land, the waters could not stop them and Sinai trembled. We, too, are led safely home!