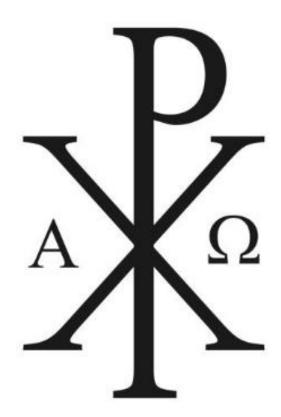
# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025 Rev. Patrick Poock



That You May Believe and Have Life in His Name

On the Lord's Day, St. John the apostle was given a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. He is the Living One, "the firstborn of the dead" (Rev. 1:5). He died for all people, and behold, He is alive forevermore! Therefore, He has "the keys of Death and Hades" (Rev. 1:18). For His death atoned for sin and conquered death, and in His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to us. The "sharp two-edged sword" of His mouth (Rev. 1:16) calls you to "believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God," that by such faith "you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). To that end, He sends His ministers of the Word, as the Father sent Him, "to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

THE DIVINE SERVICE is celebrated each Sunday at 8:00 am and 10:30 am and Wednesday at 5:00 pm. Bible Class is held on Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm.

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH** is a Christological, Scriptural, Confessional and Liturgical member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We believe that God has called us to believe, teach and confess that Christ was crucified for our sins and we receive salvation by faith, which is a gift of God through His grace given to us in our baptism, as is revealed in the Holy Bible which is the inspired and inerrant Word of God. In response to His gift of salvation we eagerly desire to do good works out of thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

#### **COMMUNION STATEMENT**

Because we take the Word of God seriously and we love our visitors, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith Lutheran or another LCMS church, please refrain from taking communion until you have talked with Pastor Poock. In the meantime, we would love to have you participate by coming forward and receiving a blessing.

Communion offers the immense blessing of forgiveness of our sins. However, it can be taken to one's judgment if not properly understood. 1 Cor 11:27,29 says, "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the LORD in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the LORD...For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

We teach that a person receives the real Body and the real Blood of Jesus Christ "in, with and under the bread and wine." It is not symbolic or merely a spiritual presence.

#### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We rejoice to have you with us today. The liturgy is found in the Lutheran Service Book in the rack in front of you. You may place this bulletin in the back of your hymnal to help you follow along with the order of service. The Propers for the day are printed within the bulletin. Please read the message in this bulletin concerning reception of Holy Communion at our church.

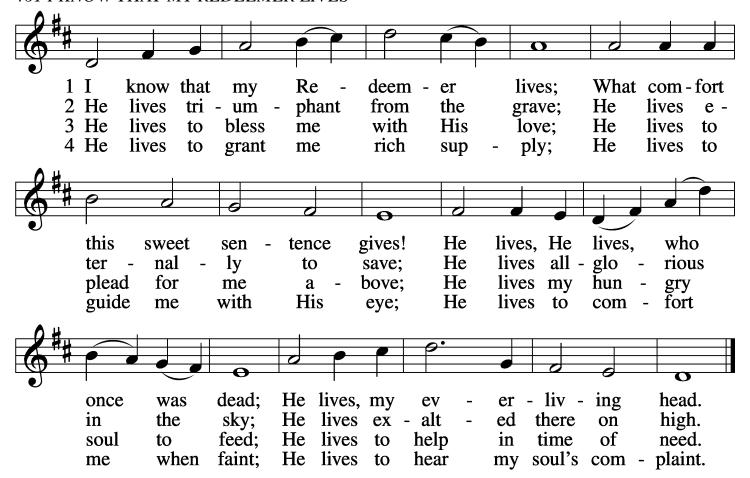
The second quarter of 2025 is designated by Pastor and the Elders for **Agape Flights.** 

Agape Flights is a nonprofit Christian aviation ministry delivering cargo, mail and humanitarian aid to hundreds of mission partners serving in the Caribbean. Mission flights depart weekly from Agape's hangar in Venice, Florida to Haiti, the Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic and deliver humanitarian aid to Cuba as regulations allow. Agape also speeds relief response throughout the Caribbean. Missionaries who live and work in some of the most challenging mission fields in the world depend on Agape's service, stateside connection, and aircraft to transport the immediate provision they need.

# Weekly Memory Verse

#### **Romans 6:8-9**

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.



- 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.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly 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.

8 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!

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#### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION LSB 151

- **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.

CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 151

- **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.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- 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 +

INTROIT Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

Pastor: Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to

salvation—

Cong: if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

Cong: make known his deeds among the peoples!

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

Cong: tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name;

Cong: let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Pastor: Seek the LORD and his strength;

Cong: seek his presence continually!

Pastor: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

Cong: his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.

Pastor: He remembers his covenant forever,

Cong: the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

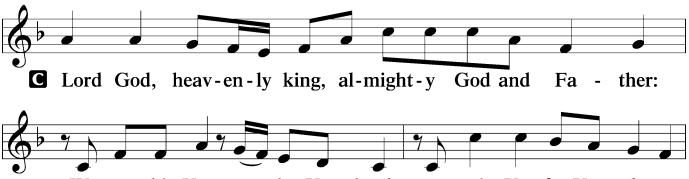


P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



# **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same

Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING Acts 5:12–32

<sup>12</sup>Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup>None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup>And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup>so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup>But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup>they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup>But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." <sup>21</sup>And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup>"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup>Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup>And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

<sup>27</sup>And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as

Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

#### **EPISTLE**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

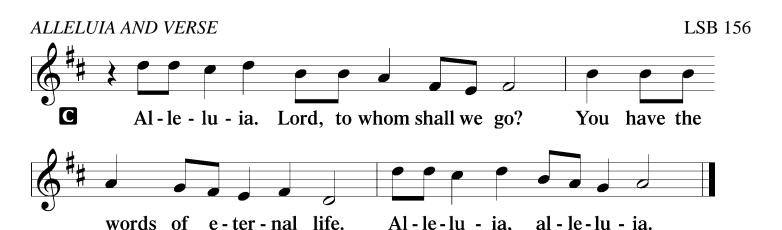
<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

## **C** Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

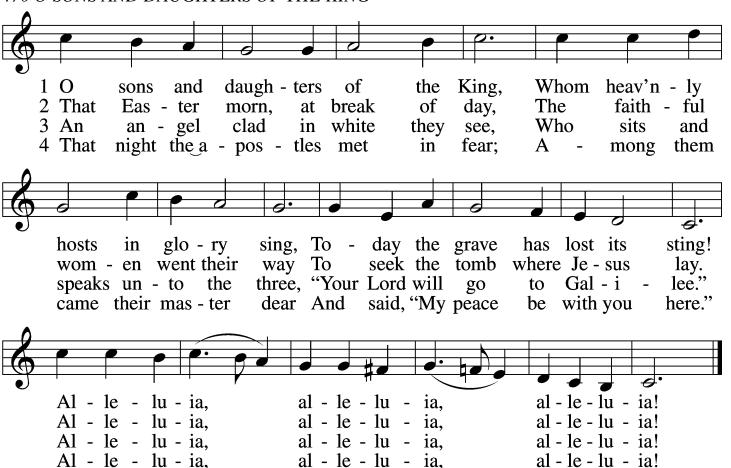
<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 470 O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
  And yet whose faith has constant been,
  For they eternal life shall win.
  Alleluia, alleluia!
- On this most holy day of daysBe laud and jubilee and praise:To God your hearts and voices raise.Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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#### **SERMON**

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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 both 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,

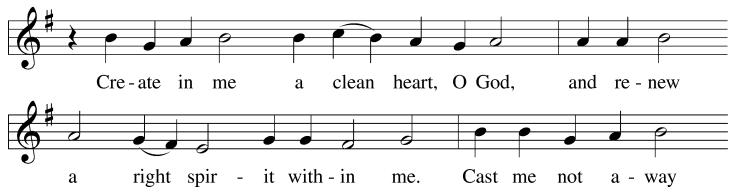
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

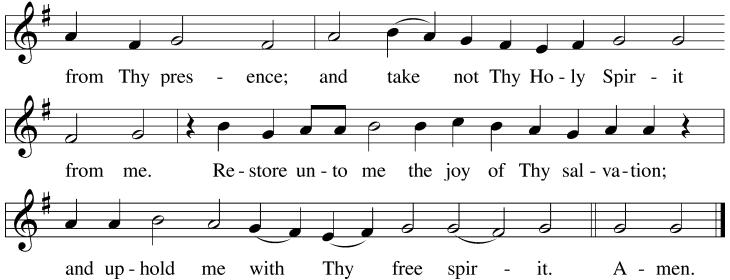
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### CREATE IN ME

## 956 CREATE IN ME





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#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

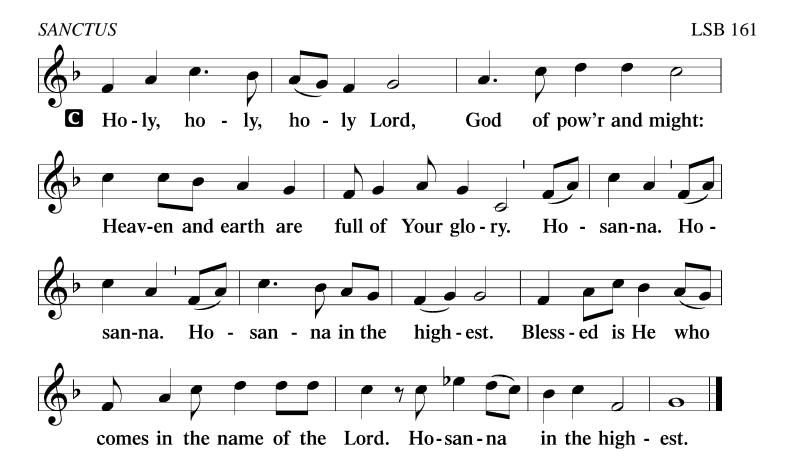


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



LSB 161

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

P 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.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

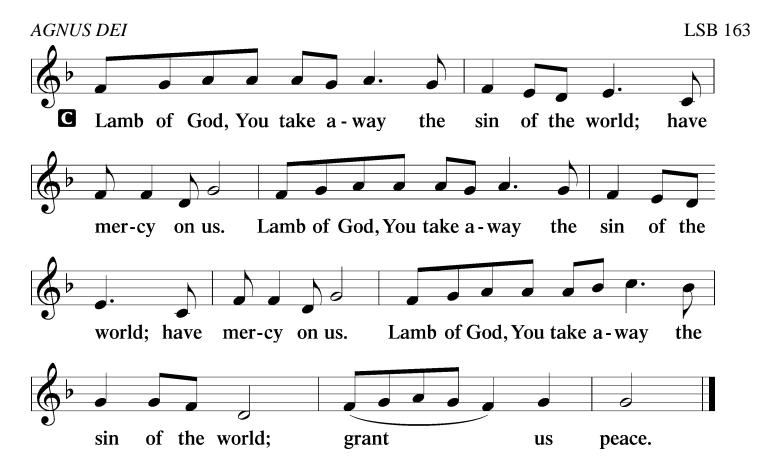
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

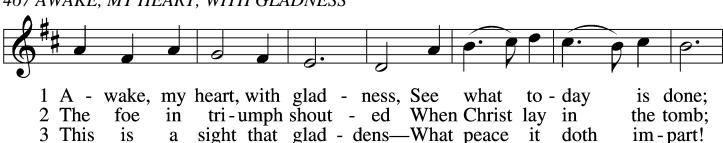




#### **DISTRIBUTION**

4 Now hell.

#### 467 AWAKE, MY HEART, WITH GLADNESS





its prince, the dev - il,

Now. af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun. rout - ed, His turned to gloom. But he now is boast is Now noth - ing ev - er sad dens The my heart. joy with-in Now T am safe from e vil. And Ι laugh to scorn. sin

Of

all

their pow'r

are shorn:



laid Where our Sav - ior My there be made was bed must For free; In vic Christ gain is glo - rious a to - ry shake, No foe No gloom shall shall take ev er ev er Grim death with all its might Can - not af - fright; my soul



When to realms of light Our spir - it its flight. the wings He save Has who is strong tri - umphed o'er the grave. to The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won. It pow'r - less form, How - e'er is it and storm. rave a

5 The world against me rages,

Its fury I disdain;

Though bitter war it wages,

Its work is all in vain.

My heart from care is free,

No trouble troubles me.

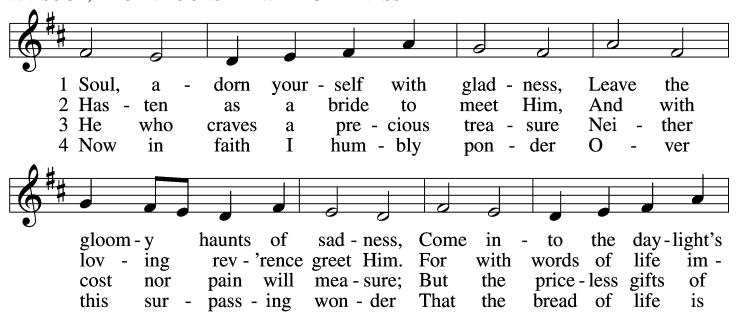
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

- To Christ, my Savior true;
  My Lord will leave me never,
  Whate'er He passes through.
  He rends death's iron chain;
  He breaks through sin and pain;
  He shatters hell's grim thrall;
  I follow Him through all.
- That leads to bliss untold,
  Whereon this rhyme immortal
  Is found in script of gold:
  "Who there My cross has shared
  Finds here a crown prepared;
  Who there with Me has died
  Shall here be glorified."

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# 636 SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS





- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
   Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
   Peace beyond all understanding,
   Joy into all life expanding:
   Humbly now, I bow before You;
   Love incarnate, I adore You;
   Worthily let me receive You
   And, so favored, never leave You.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,

Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
  You once left Your throne in heaven
  On the cross for me to languish
  And to die in bitter anguish,
  To forego all joy and gladness
  And to shed Your blood in sadness.
  By this blood redeemed and living,
  Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
  Let me gladly here obey You.
  By Your love I am invited,
  Be Your love with love requited;
  By this Supper let me measure,
  Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
  Through the gift of grace You give me
  As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

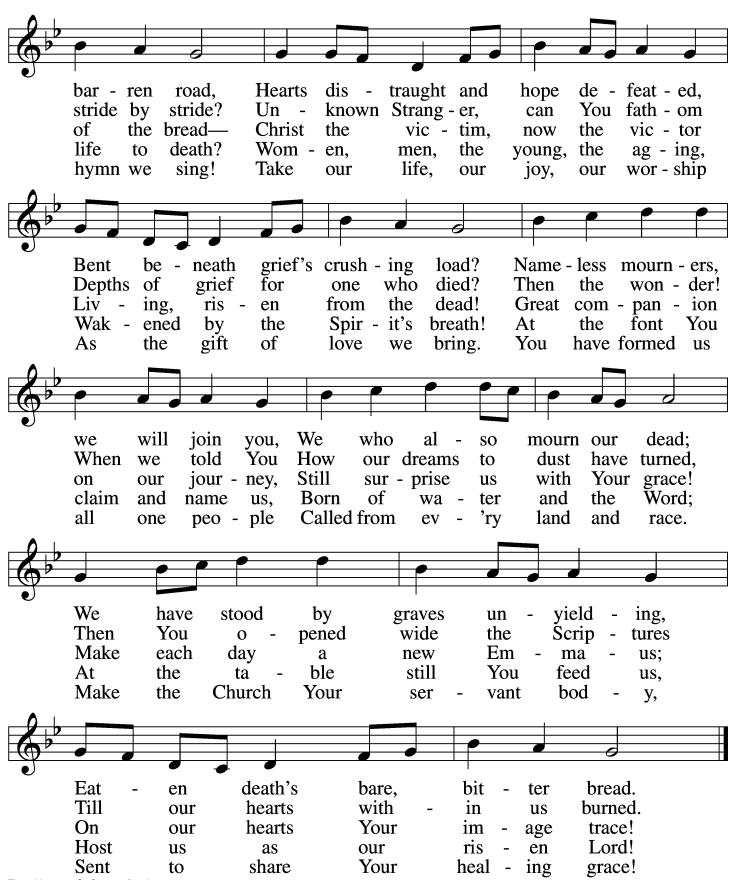
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#### 476 WHO ARE YOU WHO WALK IN SORROW





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Led them with un-moist-ened foot From His light, to whom is giv'n Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Nor the watch-ers nor the seal has brought His Is - ra - el

Through the Red Sea wa - ters. and praise un - dy - ing. Laud Je sus' res - ur - rec - tion! Hold Him a mor - tal. as In joy from sad - ness! to

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### POST COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



#### 465 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS





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#### Rev. Patrick Poock Organist: Lillian Boettcher

#### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

# **Happy Birthday**

Mark Fluegge 28<sup>th</sup> Louis Courtney 30<sup>th</sup> Katie Gardner 30<sup>th</sup> Susan Hinrich 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Happy Anniversary**

Thomas & Renee Kaczmarek 26<sup>th</sup> (22 yrs)
Dr. Krishan & Barbara Nayyar 29<sup>th</sup> (49 yrs)
Norm & Rosanna Markel Bothun 2<sup>nd</sup> (6 yrs)
Ken & Nancy Scheer 2<sup>nd</sup> (61 yrs)
Silas & Kate Poock 3<sup>rd</sup> (3 yrs)

# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

# Sunday, April 27th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites 12:15 am Adult Catechism

# Wednesday, April 30th

5:00 pm Divine Service 3:30 & 6:30 pm Bible Study

## Sunday, May 4th

8:00 am Divine Service 9:15 am Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service 11:30 am Coffee Bites

## **Looking Ahead**

Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Elders Meeting 9:00 am
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Bible Study 3:30 & 6:30 pm
Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Divine Service 5:00 pm
Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> LWML Meeting 9:30 am