

The Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025 9:00am Service of Word and Prayer

## **PRAYER CARD**

If you have a Prayer Request, use the YELLOW card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

## ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

## HOLY COMMUNION

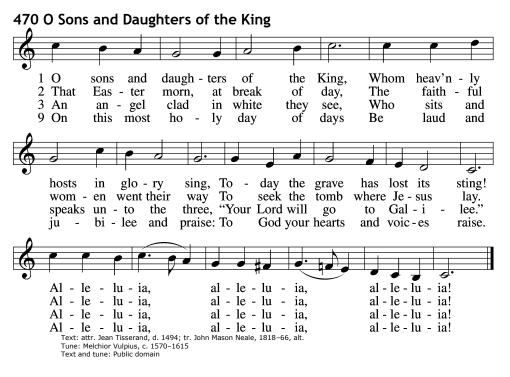
Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

- 1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
- 2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
- 3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
- 4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
- 5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper? (Mark 14:22-24)
- 6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
- 7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? (Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you are new to Faith Lutheran or have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. White grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

# Greeting and Announcements

All who are able, stand an turn to face the cross as it enters the church



## Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# **Confession and Absolution**

#### Exhortation - Easter

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

sts. 1–3, 9

## **Confession of Sins**

- **P** Most merciful God,
- C 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

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- 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.
- С

## Easter Acclamation

Amen.

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# Service of the Word





**C** And al - so 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.



All Sit

## FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:12-32 Many Signs and Wonders Done

<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.

#### The Apostles Arrested and Freed

<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."

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

## Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13 Praise the Name of the LORD (*THE PASTOR AND CONGREGATION RECITE THE PSALM RESPONSIVELY*)

**P**<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

- C<sup>2</sup>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
- P<sup>3</sup>Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
- C<sup>4</sup>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
- **P**<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
- C <sup>6</sup>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
- Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- **C** <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!
- P<sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
- C<sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

- ■<sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C<sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
- ▶ <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C<sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!

## SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-18 Greeting to the Seven Churches

<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."

#### Vision of the Son of Man

<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."

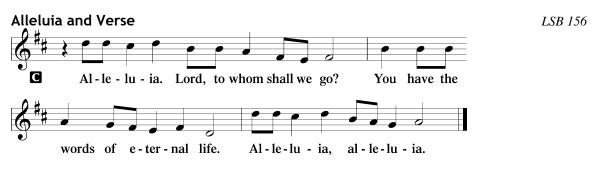
<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white like 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Stand



#### GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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



## Jesus Appears to the Disciples

<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."

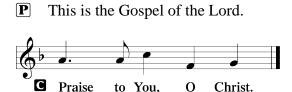
#### Jesus and Thomas

<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."

## The Purpose of This Book

<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.



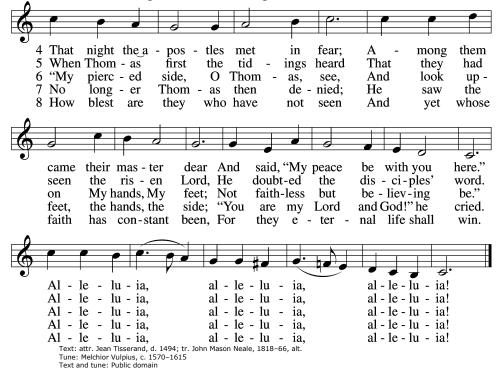


After Children's Message, PRAYER/INFORMATION CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

#### Sermon

All who are able, stand

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



#### **Nicene Creed**

**C** 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; sts. 4–8

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.

All Sit

## Prayer of the Church

**P** (*introduction*)

After each portion of the prayers:

#### **Prayer Response**

**A** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

As we bring our offerings before the Lord and/or come to the Lord's Table, we have been called to be reconciled to one another. Therefore, as a sign of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, we look to one another and proclaim the following words (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

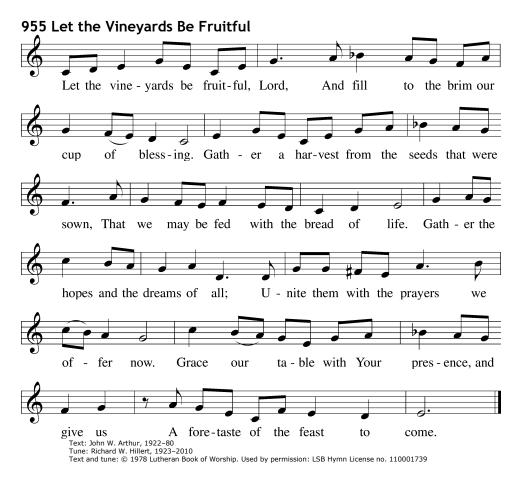
All who are able, stand and greet your neightbor with greeting of the peace.

### **Greeting of Peace**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And Also With You. Amen.

## Offering

Offerings can be given in the offering plate outside the back door of the sanctuary before or after worship or using the giving link at faithvalpo.org



**Offertory Prayer** 

## Lord's Prayer

 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

#### Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen 12,6 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus ris - en! Trum - pets re is 2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the 3 Je - sus the vine, We branch - es; Life in the are the 4 Weep-ing, be gone; si - lent: Death put a -Sor - row, be for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -5 Cit -vof God. Eas - ter sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break-ing our bread, Giv - ing us Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and archer! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has sight! ev in Je - sus our bless - ing, our glo - ry: con - stant sur prise. \_ Gift peo - ple, of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me. o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light. an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM! Refrain shall Je - sus is ris - en and we rise: а -Ω Text: Herbert F. Brokering, 1926–2009 Tune: David N. Johnson, 1922 of Al - le - lu ia! \_

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