



Blessed are they who
have not seen and
yet have believed

John 20:29



Faith Lutheran Church - Rotonda West - Florida
Divine Service Order

** Indicates a time to stand (if you are able)*

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcoming of Guests and Visitors

Prelude

***Call to Gather**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P We gather in the name of God, ✚ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

[Please, stand in body or spirit.]

***Gathering Hymn**

The Day of Resurrection

ELW 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

[Please, remain standing.]

*A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**
- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace, you have been saved. In the name of **+** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
- C **Amen.**

[Please, remain standing if you are able.]

***Hymn of Praise**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***THE 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.

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Together we pray,

C Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[Please, be seated.]

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

THE WORD IS READ

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The Word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

[Please, stand if you're able.]

***Gospel Acclamation**

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
(Verses 1, 2, and 5)

ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

***GOSPEL READING**

John 20:19-31

P A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your

hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

[Please, be seated.]

THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

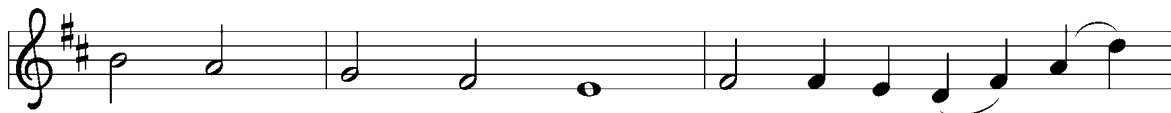
PASTOR ESTEVEZ

[Please, stand if you're able.]

***Hymn of Response I Know That My Redeemer Lives! ELW 619**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

*THE CREEDS WE AFFIRM

THE APOSTLES' CREED

L Together we confess our faith,

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

[Please, be seated.]

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

L Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

each petition concludes... Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

L God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

THE MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offerings.

Offertory Interlude

[Please, stand if you're able.]

*Offertory Hymn *We Give Thee, But Thine Own* (v. 1) ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

*OFFERING PRAYER

L Together we pray,
C Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

*SURSUM CORDA

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 him 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 to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who blesses those who did not see but still believe in Him. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE 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.

P 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.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
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.**

[Please, be seated.]

THE INVITATION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

THE DISTRIBUTION

*As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded, and you will receive a blessing. Bring your child if you wish for him or her to receive a blessing, too. Both **wine (red)** and **grape juice (white)** are available at communion. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the pastor. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.*

[After all have communed, please stand.]

*P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Together we pray,

C Holy One, through this meal, you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***THE BENEDICTION**

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Hallelujah!

ELW 380



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

***THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

Thank You!

We had a meaningful and busy Lenten season 2026 here at Faith and would like to thank and acknowledge those who helped make it happen, in even the smallest way! From the coffee hour prep/ clean up and food donations to the soup supper, Maundy Thursday service, Good Friday and finally our glorious Easter!

We had a total of 116 people enjoy 15 different soups during our soup suppers over the 5 Lenten Wednesdays. We enjoyed great fellowship, followed by meaningful educational services led by Pastor Syl and our lay readers. Thank you to all who provided setup and cleanup and of course delicious soups! Thank you especially Fellowship Committee and "soup chairs" RoseAnne Woodliff and Julie Petersen.

This year we also revisited a long-ago peek into the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday with a communal "tasting of period foods, 2026 style" meal, and an especially heartfelt look at Jesus's very first Communion. The Fellowship Committee, Lutheran Chicks and leaders Cyndy Hoops and Julie Petersen, took on this big project and learned a great deal with research, planning and prep. Thank you also to Pastor Syl for guiding us through this event. Many attendees mentioned the result was a very meaningful service. Good Friday was a moving Tenebrae service. Faith's Easter celebration was uplifting, and nearly every seat was filled! Our sanctuary was beautiful thanks to all who purchased Easter lillies, and the work of the busy Altar Guild, Mary Lou Fitzgerald and Debra Easterday.

Last, but definitely not least, thanks to all who moved literally hundreds of chairs this season. Many of you were there before and

after each activity and continued to show up. It would not have been possible without you. We can't possibly name everyone without missing some, but please know you were very much appreciated!

Ushers Take Note

The summer usher schedule is available this morning on the table in the narthex. Please pick up your copy.

April Ladies Luncheon - Another New Place and Time

In April we will be dining at Grove City Bar & Grill (formerly Ricaltini's). Please join us on April 15, 2026, at 12 NOON (note the time change). They are located at 1997 Kentucky Avenue on the corner of Placida Road (near San Casa intersection & stoplight) in Grove City. We will be sitting inside this time. A menu is on the bulletin board in the narthex, along with a sign-up sheet. Today is the deadline to sign up. For more information, see Kathie Wiley.

Attendance Last Week: 109

THIS WEEK AT FAITH		
Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Chicks
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning worship

WE PRAY FOR...

Tracie Thompson
Barbara Rodvik
Terry Petersen

Bob Ash
Ginny Linsberg

Jim Hughs
Shirley Rice

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Fitzgerald

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Kathryn Gallagher

Ushers: Jeff & Julie Petersen, Gene Newlon

Your church council: Jeff Petersen (President), Jeff Kamm (Vice President), Dave Johnsen (Secretary), Jim Porter (Treasurer), Sue Baran, Jan Moynihan, Gene Newlon, Ken Stephens and Dave Woodliff.

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Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....

As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior

As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone

As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit

As a deep FAITH is taught and caught

As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life



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