

# FAITH IN ACTION

April 24, 2022

2nd Sunday of Easter

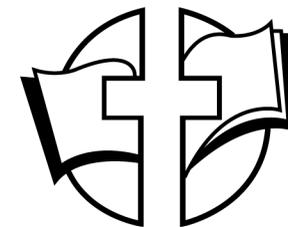
## DEDICATION TO THE WORD OF GOD

- Palm Sunday (April 10)
  - Worshipers in God's House 80
  - Worshipers online 10
  - Bible Class 39
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- Wednesday Bible Class 15
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  - Communion 40
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- Easter Sunday
  - Worshipers in God's House 146
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## DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday	Mark 8:27-9:1	Isaiah 15&16
Monday	Mark 9:2-13	Isaiah 17
Tuesday	Mark 9:14-32	Isaiah 18
Wednesday	Mark 9:33-41	Isaiah 19:1-15
Thursday	Mark 9:42-50	Isaiah 19:16-25
Friday	Mark 10:1-12	Isaiah 20
Saturday	Mark 10:13-16	Isaiah 21:1-10



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# FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## BLACK RIVER FALLS LOCATION

N6598 County Rd. A. Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Worship Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Bible Class & Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

## CATARACT LOCATION

N6774 Acorn Ave. Sparta, WI 54656  
Worship Time: 9:45 a.m.  
Bible Class: 11:00 a.m.

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*The good news of the risen Christ is bigger than a single day. The Easter gospel will continue to march across centuries and continents. However, there will always be forces that try to slow that march. Those forces could be self-inflicted fears and doubts. They could be various types of persecutions. Whatever the case, the good news of Easter will not be restrained. For it is not some myth or fable, not a hoax or conspiracy. The reality of Easter rests on the testimony of eyewitnesses.*

## WORSHIP HOSPITALITY

*We are pleased that you have joined us for worship. If you are in need of **restrooms**, they are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. If your child becomes restless during the service there is a **quiet room** outside the sanctuary if you need to take them out. **Hearing assistance** is available in Black River Falls. Please speak to an usher. And if it has become difficult to stand for longer periods of time, **please do not feel that you must stand** each time the congregation is invited to stand.*

## A FEW NOTES ON OUR WORSHIP

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*Please stand*

**P:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*Be Seated*

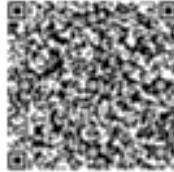
## CLOSING HYMN

Beautiful Savior | **369**

## GATHERING OF THE OFFERING

*This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Faith respond to God's good news with gifts to support His work. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests—we rejoice in the opportunity to share God's Word with you!*

*Please stand*



## THE PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*Be seated*

#### HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia | 150

## About Us

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**WE ARE A CHRIST PREACHING CHURCH!** *We believe, teach and confess that Jesus is God's own Son, who came into the world to be the Savior of all people so that through his sufferings, death and resurrection, we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.*

**WE ARE A BIBLE TEACHING CHURCH!** *We believe and teach that the Bible is the true and divinely inspired Word of God, the sole authority for Christian faith and life.*

**WE ARE A MEMBER OF THE WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD (WELS)!** *The WELS is a church body with congregations in all 50 states and missionaries in 25 countries.*

## Prayer Before Worship

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It is true, dear Jesus—every word and promise you have spoken is true. My debt of sin has been paid and is gone! You are the eternal Son of God! You physically rose from the grave so you will also physically raise me from the grave. These are truths that lift me up and sustain me every day and in all situations. They make all the difference for me, dear Lord, for by them I know that I have eternal life. Thank you . Amen.

## Service Participants

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**Presiding Minister**

**Pastor Joel Neumann**

**Organists**

**Mrs. Nancy Templeton (8 am)**

**Mrs. Linda Jessie (9:45 am)**

**Tambourine**

**Sophia Neumann (8 am)**



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.

*Be seated*

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

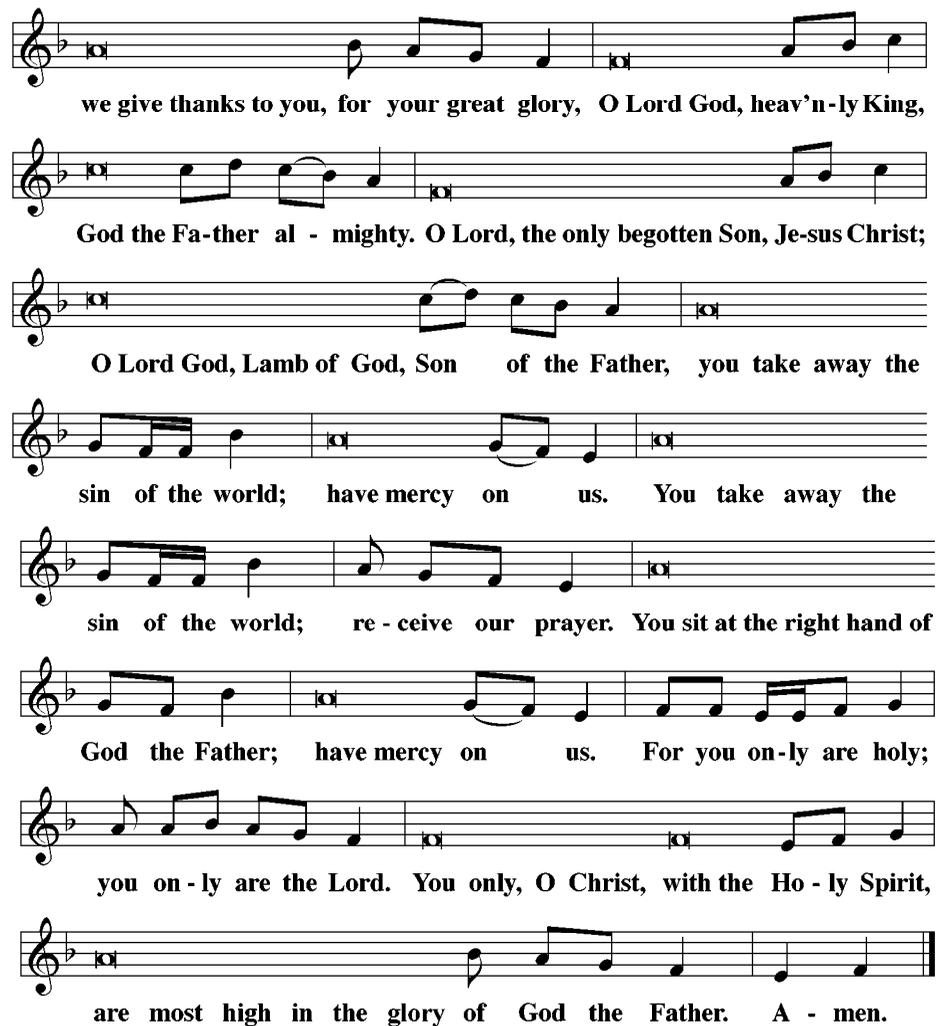
## PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
 God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: The Gospel from John, chapter 20.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

**GOSPEL LESSON**

*John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” <sup>22</sup>After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

<sup>10</sup>I was in spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last— <sup>18</sup>the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell."

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**P:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.



*Please stand*

**P:** Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be Seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Acts 5:12, 17-23*

<sup>12</sup>Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the hands of the apostles. With one mind, they all continued meeting in Solomon's Colonnade.

<sup>17</sup>The high priest rose up, along with his associates (that is, the party of the Sadducees), because they were filled with envy. <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 doors of the prison, brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup>"Go, stand in the temple and keep on telling the people the whole message about this life." <sup>21</sup>After they heard this, they entered the temple courts at daybreak and began to teach.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin (that is, the whole council of elders of the people of Israel). Then they sent orders to the jail to have the apostles brought in. <sup>22</sup>But when the officers arrived, they did not find them in the prison. 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>When the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests

heard these words, they were puzzled about them, wondering what could have happened.

<sup>25</sup>Then someone came and reported to them, “Look! The men you put in prison are standing in the temple courts and teaching the people.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the captain went with the officers and brought the apostles in without force, because they were afraid that the people might stone them. <sup>27</sup>After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin. The high priest asked them, <sup>28</sup>“Did we not give you strict orders not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood down on us!”

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you arrested and killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him to his right hand as Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and the forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

**CHOIR** (8 am service)

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed (CW 2021)

*How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing “Hallelujah!”  
For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ’s disciples lift their eyes.  
Alive he stands, their friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is risen!*

**Refrain**

*Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing “Hallelujah!”  
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; “Christ is risen, he is risen indeed.”*

*Where doubt and darkness once had been, they saw him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing “Hallelujah!”  
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the truth and power of grace.  
And pouring out their lives they gained life, life everlasting.*

**Refrain**

*The power that raised him from the grave now works in us to powerfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live his grace; go, tell of his goodness.*

**Refrain**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (9:45 am service)

Psalm 16

CW pg. 68

**SECOND LESSON**

Revelation 1:4-18

<sup>4</sup>John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

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

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his own blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom and priests to God his Father—to him be the glory and the power forever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look, he is coming with clouds, and every eye will see him,

including those who pierced him. And all the nations of the earth will mourn because of him. Yes. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, the one who is, and who was, and who is coming, the Almighty.

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.