



A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Pr. Ben Colahan, presiding

PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth* | arr. John Leavitt | Barb Janzen

WELCOME

Pr. Ben Colahan

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**RESP) Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

CALL) Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**RESP) Amen.**

CALL) Blessed are you.

**RESP) You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

GATHERING HYMN

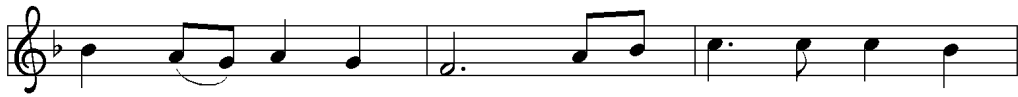
ELW 641 | *All Are Welcome* | v. 1, 3, 5



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen  
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GREETING

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**RESP) Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CALL) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**RESP) And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pr. Ben Colahan

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josh Edwards

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

ELW 677 | *This Little Light of Mine* | v. 1



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

FIRST READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

Denise Parkin

<sup>9</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 172 | Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

CALL) The holy gospel according to John.

RESP) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

RESP) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Ben Colahan

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 780 | *Shepherd Me, O God*

*Refrain*  
All

Shep- herd me, O God, be- yond my wants, be- yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth- ing shall I want, I  
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
 All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Tod Kimmelshue  
Response: VT 703 | *Rain Down*

*CALL)* Merciful God,  
*RESP) receive our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Ben Colahan

*CALL)* The peace of Christ be with you all.  
*RESP) And also with you.*

WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Pr. Ben Colahan

OFFERING

Holy Week Children's Ministry  
Produced by Josh Edwards

*If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*CALL)* The Lord be with you.  
*RESP) And also with you.*

CALL) Lift up your hearts.

RESP) **We lift them to the Lord.**

CALL) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

RESP) **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### AGNUS DEI

ACS Setting 12, p. 40

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 484 | *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ELW 496 | *One Bread, One Body*



*If you would like one-on-one, personal prayer at this time, we invite you to pray with today's Healing Minister on the north side of the room/wall facing East 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tod Kimmelshue

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan

SENDING SONG

ACS 987 | Guide My Feet | v. 1, 3, 5



1 Guide my feet  
 2 Hold my hand  
 3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 4 I'm your child  
 5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race.  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
 Hold my hand  
 Stand by me while I run this race,  
 I'm your child  
 Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African-American spiritual  
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African-American spiritual

BLESSING

Pr. Ben Colahan

DISMISSAL

Tod Kimmelshue

CALL) Alleluia! Christ is risen.

RESP) Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CALL) Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

RESP) Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee | arr. John Leavitt | Barb Janzen



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## **Our service is possible because of today's ministers:**

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Tod Kimmelshue

On-Site Council Member: Mark Kimmelshue

On-Site Equipping Minister: Dottie Erhardt

Communion: Dave Barnum, Carol Grandy, Vickie James (shepherd), Sherri Kimmelshue, and Dianna Snyder

Communion Clean-up: Laurae Dunn

Ushers: Mark Chrisman and Char Miller

Lector: Denise Parkin

Welcome Table: Suzie Ernest and Mary Schweder

Coffee Hour: Margaret McMillan

A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Bill Kees, and Kaylen Wilson

Healing Minister: Faye Johnson

Offering Counters: Vickie James and Dawn Stafford

Parking Lot: Dave Barnum, Molly Barnum, and Bob Bay

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team

Cantor: Barb Janzen

**Wings of Eagles Drive.** We are collecting supplies to make hospital care kits for the Wings of Eagles organization who offer financial and emotional support to families in Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Tehama, Sutter and Yuba counties who have children with cancer or life-threatening illnesses. We welcome donations of any items listed to the right. **Please join us as we package these supplies at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3!**

### **Full-size Items:**

- Gallon sized Zip-Lock bags
- Bar Soap
- Hand/body lotion- 8 ounce size or larger
- Deodorant
- Shampoo- 20-24 ounce size
- Conditioner- 20-24 ounce size
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste – 5 ounce size
- Dental Floss
- Brush
- Mirror
- Hair Ties
- Chapstick
- Nail Clippers
- Nail Files
- Q-tips
- Razors
- Pencils
- Pens
- Erasers
- Puzzle Books
- Coloring Books
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Decks of Cards

### **Travel Sized Items:**

- Baby Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer-travel size
- Kleenex
- Crayons

***We welcome you to any of these ongoing services, groups, and meetings!***

**SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary - Sunday Morning Service  
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS at 5:00 PM in Room 6 - Dungeons & Dragons  
SUNDAYS at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Sunday Evening Service  
SUNDAYS at 6:00 PM - New Members Class**

**MONDAYS at 7:00 AM in the Chapel - Inviting Silence  
2nd & 4th MONDAYS at 10:30 AM in Room 7 - JOYS Seniors Group  
MONDAYS at 1:00 PM in Room 6 - Time Out for Art  
MONDAYS at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Band Rehearsal  
MONDAYS at 7:00 PM in Room 4 - Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting**

**TUESDAYS from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall - Quilters  
TUESDAYS at 4:00 PM on Zoom - Centering Prayer  
TUESDAYS at 5:00 PM on Zoom - Pastor's Bible Study  
TUESDAYS at 6:00 PM in Room 7 - LGBTQ+ AA Meeting**

**WEDNESDAYS at 9:00 AM on Zoom - Spanish Conversation Group  
WEDNESDAYS at 11:00 AM in the Chapel - Inviting Silence  
WEDNESDAYS at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall - Handbell Practice  
WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 PM in the Chapel - For Such a Time as This**

**THURSDAYS at 12:00 PM at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse - Afternoon Games  
THURSDAYS at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary - Choir Practice  
THURSDAYS at 6:30 PM in Room 7 - BSA Troop 12  
THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM in Room 6 - Gamblers Anonymous  
THURSDAYS at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary - Contemporary Music Practice**

**FRIDAYS at 8:00 AM at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo - Men's Breakfast  
FRIDAYS at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Bulletin Folding  
1st & 3rd FRIDAYS from 3:00-5:00 PM in the Parking Lot - Food Bank**

***We also offer AA candlelight, Nar Anon, a Parkinsons Support Group,  
Please let us know if you'd like to get connected.***

## **SERMON NOTES – *The world takes life, Jesus gives life.***

Just because someone quotes scripture, does not mean they speak with Christ-like intent. Satan quotes scripture while tempting Jesus (Matthew 4:6)

Slavery in ancient Rome was both similar and different to slavery in the United States. As in the United States, slaves in the Roman Empire were considered the property of their owners and were severely abused. Unlike in the United States, slavery in ancient times was not based on skin color. Greek and Roman slaves were often people captured in war or people who could not afford to pay their debts. Though still rare, slaves had a higher chance of become freed in ancient Rome, and, even as slaves, could rise to positions of consider power. However, unlike in the United States, there was nowhere slaves could escape to and be considered “free.”

In his book *Politics* the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle justified slavery by claiming slaves need masters to make decisions for them since, “the slave has no deliberative faculty at all.” Aristotle also claim that nothing a master did to a slave was unjust. In constrast, 1 Peter writes directly to enslaved people, assumes they are theologians capable making moral decisions, names that slave masters behave unjustly, and empowers slaves to see themselves as individuals called by Christ to ministry.

### **Questions**

When have you recognized that a voice of authority in your life did not have your best interests at heart?

When has something both challenged you and given you life?

What does abundant life look like to you?

# **Congregational Annual Meeting**

## **Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday, May 3**

### **Deadline for Content for Annual Report**

If you are the facilitator of any FLC ministry or community group who meets here on site, we welcome you to share a brief, couple-paragraph recap of your ministry over the last year; who your ministry serves; and what the plans are for the next year. Please speak to Michael Nicholson, office manager, during the work week about the submission guidelines. Content cannot be added after Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> so make sure to get any write-ups and photos in before May 3<sup>rd</sup>!

**Sundays, May 3 & 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room**

### **Budget Preview**

In regards to our upcoming congregational annual meeting, we invite you to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Members of the council will be available to discuss the budget with you directly on the first two Sundays in May before morning worship, from 8-9 a.m. Our goal is to provide you with enough time to consider the proposal, and the opportunity to share your thoughts with the council before the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

### **Annual Meeting**

Enjoy breakfast and a raffle as we vote on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, review our ministry over the last year, share celebrations, and discuss plans for the coming year.