



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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10th, 2026

Pr. Ben Colahan, presiding

PRELUDE

Symphony No. 7 in A Minor Op. 42, No. 3: II. Choral | C. M. Widor

WELCOME

Pr. Ben Colahan

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 392 | Alleluia! Sing to Jesus | v. 1, 3, 5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robbed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

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 3:13-22

Sherrill Heinz

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone

who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL

John 4:15-21

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to John.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also

will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.
RESP) Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Ben Colahan

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW735 | *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beth Bradley

Response: VT 703 | *Rain Down*

Sung response) Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life.

BAPTISM OF OLIVER MCKENZIE

Pr. Ben Colahan

RENUNCIATION QUESTIONS

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

RESP) I renounce them.

CALL) Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

RESP) I renounce them.

CALL) Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

RESP) I renounce them.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) Do you believe in God the Father?

RESP) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

CALL) Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

RESP) I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

CALL) Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

RESP) 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.

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

Song of the Wanderer | Dan Forrest (ASCAP) | FLC Sanctuary
Choir

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

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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

All Ye Refugees | Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, & Flo Paris

Come As You Are | David Crowder, Matt Redman, & Dan Glover



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 1st Ave.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Beth Bradley

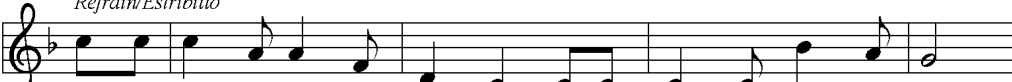
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan

SENDING SONG

ELW 762 | Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy

Refrain/Estríbillo



San-to, san-to, san-to, san-to, san-to, san-to, san-to, es nues-tro Dios,
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is our God,

Se - ñor de to - da la tie - rra. San - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios.
God, the Lord of earth and heav - en. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is our God,

End/Fin

Se - ñor de to - da la his - to - ria. San - to, san - to es nues - tro Dios.
God, the Lord of all of his - t'ry. Ho - ly, ho - ly is our God.

Que a - com - pa - ña a nues - tro pue - blo, que vi - ve en nues - tras lu - chas,
Who ac - com - pa - nies our peo - ple, who lives with - in our strug - gles,

del u - ni - ver - so en - te - ro el ú - ni - co Se - ñor.
of all the earth and heav - en the one and on - ly Lord.

Ben - di - tos los que en su nom - bre el e - van - ge - lio a - nun - cian,
Blest are they who in the Lord's name an - nounce the ho - ly gos - pel,

Refrain/Estribillo

la bue - na y gran no - ti - cia de la li - be - ra - ción.
pro - claim - ing the good news that our lib - er - a - tion comes.

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BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Beth Bradley

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!

Giving: You can use this QR code by opening the camera on your phone and focusing on the image. A prompt from "tithe.ly" will pop up. Click it and you will be sent to our giving page. You can access our giving page at ChicoFaithLutheran.org/Give. Cash or checks can be placed in the offering plate during service or dropped off at the office. You may donate to our General Fund which supports our operating budget, salaries, and maintenance, or to any designated fund.



Thank you to today's ministers...

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Beth Bradley

On-Site Council Member: Dawn Stafford

On-Site Equipping Minister: Carol Grandy

Communion: Dave Barnum, Suzie Ernest, Sharon Prindle, and Dianna Snyder (shepherd)

Communion Clean-up: Laura Deaver

Ushers: Craig Fellner and Char Miller

Welcome Table: Margaret McMillan and Joan Palmer

Coffee Hour: Al Struck and Judy Struck

A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Kate Ory, Tony White, and Kaylen Wilson

Healing Minister: Faye Johnson

Offering Counters: Diane Knight and Joan Palmer

Parking Lot: Molly Barnum, Julio Quiñones, and Jon Stafford

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team and FLC Sanctuary Choir

Lector: Sherrill Heinz

Cantor: Luke Nicolay

Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a pancake and sausage breakfast (and a free raffle!) hosted by our very own council, as we vote on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and celebrate this past year's ministry at Faith.

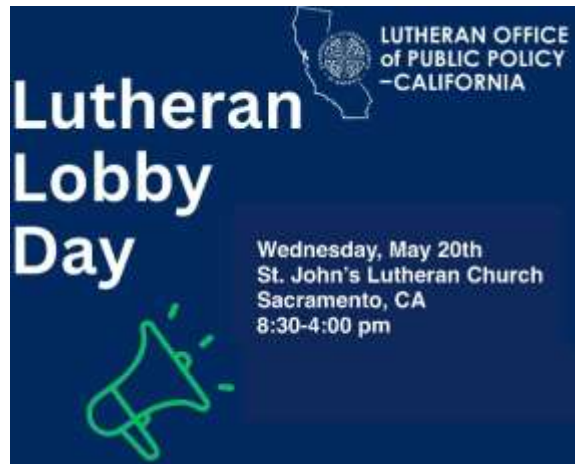
Lutheran Lobby Day

Wednesday, May 20 8a-4p, St. John's Lutheran, Sacramento

Register at: <https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/lutheran-lobby-day-2026>

Registration Due Tuesday, May 12

Lutheran Lobby Day exists to advocate with and on behalf of others in the quest for economic justice, the protection of human rights, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship of God's Creation. Prayerfully consider joining members of Faith Lutheran Church in visiting our state's capital to speak with our representatives. **We welcome you to carpool with us – so make sure to register because this is an RSVP event!**



Memorial Service for Susan Kimball

Saturday, May 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Susan Kimball, beloved wife, member of Faith, and Navy veteran, will have a funeral at Faith Lutheran Church on May 30 at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend her funeral and reception.

Ongoing Events for All to Enjoy

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 – *Parents must leave us; but Jesus never leaves us orphaned*

Jesus called the Holy Spirit our “advocate.” The word for “advocate” in Greek, is *paraclete*, which literally means, “one who is called alongside.” The Holy Spirit is always by our side.

1 Peter 3:19 tells us that Jesus “made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.” This is the foundation for our statement in the creeds that Jesus “descended to the dead.” Jesus didn’t just hang out with the dead, he brought them the good news of his victory over death and lead them to eternal life. Historically, the church has called this the Harrowing of Hell. There is no place, not even death and hell, where Jesus will not go to be with us.

“The Scriptures teach us, however, that the right hand of God is not a specific place in which a body must or may be, such as on a golden throne, but is the almighty power of God, which at one and the same time can be nowhere and yet must be everywhere....

On the other hand, it must be essentially present at all places, even in the tiniest tree leaf. The reason is this: It is God who creates, effects, and preserves all things through his almighty power and right hand, as our Creed confesses. For he dispatches no officials or angels when he creates or preserves something, but all this is the work of his divine power itself. If he is to create or preserve it, however, he must be present and must make and preserve his creation both in its innermost and outermost aspects. Therefore, indeed, he himself must be present in every single creature in its innermost and outermost being, on all sides, through and through, below and above, before and behind, so that nothing can be more truly present and within all creatures than God himself with his power.” –*Martin Luther, Against the Fanatics*

Questions

Who has been a mother figure in your life who has been a *paraclete*, someone who has come alongside you to encourage and/or advocate for you?

What is something you do that reminds you of the presence in your life of a loved one who has died?

What aspect of you do you hope others will carry with them after your death?

Thank you to our Quilters for hosting today's Mother's Day Bake Sale & Boutique! Today's sale benefits members who use the paratransit bus to get to church. Money goes to purchase these paratransit tickets, and the bus comes right here to Faith Lutheran! If you'd like to learn more, please talk to one of the Quilters or call our office during the workweek, and we're happy to help!

