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## NOTE FROM PASTOR LOGAN

April 2025

Dear Members and Friends,

WOW! Rolling thunder that went on, and on, and on! Flashes of lightning that made the night sky alive and electric and even brighter than daylight! Powerful winds that blew so strong they could remove anything that simply stood in their way! My goodness gracious, what a night! I'm not only recalling the storm we encountered a few nights ago, when sirens told us to seek secure places for our own safety and well-being, I'm also thinking about what happened when that stone was rolled away from the tomb where Jesus lay, and salvation was secured for all.

The 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew's gospel tells us it was like this: *After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.*

Holy Week and Easter are coming soon, and the joy of our salvation and Jesus' resurrection glory become even more meaningful when we are enveloped in the depths of the love expressed by God through the sacrificial offering made for all of creation by Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. The deep, deep darkness of Good Friday is indeed wiped out and totally overcome by the glorious details of the events of resurrection morning. Tony Campolo left us this message:

**Remember, "It's only Friday... but Sunday's coming!"**

"It's Friday... Jesus was nailed dead on a cross.

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!"**

It's Friday... Mary's crying her eyes out 'cause her Jesus is dead.

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!**

It's Friday... The disciples are running around like sheep without a shepherd.

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!**

It's Friday... Pilate's strutting around washing his hands 'cause he thinks he's got all the power and victory.

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!**

It's Friday... People are saying "as things have been so they shall be – you can't change anything in this world."

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!**

It's Friday... Satan's doing a jig saying, "I control the whole world."

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!**

It's Friday... The temple veil ripped from top to bottom -the earth shook- the rocks split and tombs opened. The centurion screamed in fear, "Truly, He is the Son of God!"

**But it's only Friday; Sunday's coming!**

It's Sunday- "The angel, like dazzling lightening, rolled the stone away exclaiming, "He is not here! He is risen!"

**It's Sunday! It's Sunday! It is Sunday!"**

Unfortunately, too many of us know the deep, lingering, all-encompassing darkness of Good Friday. Life circumstances of frail health, failing relationships, and other challenging events can be devastating and take the life right out of us. Yet, even more of us have understood what it means to be resurrected to new life! Through the miraculous goodness of God's grace and mercy, through the support of loved ones in and beyond our faith community, because of the intentional efforts of people – some known to us and others known only to God – people who have demonstrated their faithfulness and love, we have overcome. We are able to live anew as resurrected people who enjoy new beginnings and now express our passion and gratitude each and every day we are given.

This year, please invite your family members, friends, neighbors, roommates, co-workers, fellow volunteers, anyone you can, to join us in our Holy Week worship services, which allow us to more completely embrace and comprehend God's love for all of creation. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13, when we will share the complete Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will hold worship services on Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm with a focus of Jesus' example of loving God and loving neighbor, by serving in humble, even lowly ways. Good Friday is on April 18<sup>th</sup>, and our 7:30 pm worship service of scriptures and song lead us into the dark night of Jesus' death on Calvary's cross. Then, It's Sunday!!! Our festival celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord is April 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed to join in simple songs and prayers at 7:30 am Easter Sunrise at the outdoor cross. We will share breakfast at 9:00 am, then, our Festival Celebration of the Resurrection worship with outstanding music and a moving message begins at 10:00 am. Come, and bring someone you love with you, because this changes absolutely everything!

Serving Christ with you,



## **CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT TED CAUDILL**

Happy Spring everyone. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. Spring is a season of renewal. This is certainly true for our church, and I trust it is true for many of us individually as well. This month there are many things to share.

First, the council would like to share with everyone that May 11 will be the official day celebrating Pastor Logan's retirement. Lara Haines has graciously volunteered to head up a committee which is currently in the process of planning some special events and hospitality for that day. More details will be shared as the event draws nearer. I hope to see the pews packed. Please invite anyone you would like, and if you have contact with former congregation members feel free to reach out and invite them to come.

There is not much new to share on the process of hiring a new pastor. In the short term we will begin scheduling supply pastors through the summer. The synod will meet with council and eventually we will be assigned an interim pastor. That will last until we are able to find a permanent pastor. A call committee will be established sometime in the next few months, it and our synod will lead us through this process. Please be aware and be patient as this entire process can take over a year.

Finally, barring any unforeseen setbacks, construction on our new pipe organ will begin in mid June or early July. I am anxious to hear it played. It has been a long time coming.

May God bless you all in this Lenten season. Easter is coming.

Sincerely,

Ted Caudill  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Council President

# PASTORAL NEXT STEPS

Submitted by Jeff Wanko

At the Congregational Meeting in late January, several people asked the Church Council about the process for searching for our next pastor and whether it could be expedited. As I promised, I reached out to the Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Bob Abrams, for some help in understanding the process. Council has subsequently asked me to continue as a liaison with the Southern Ohio Synod as we begin this search, and I have outlined the process below.

First and foremost, it is important that we attend to Pastor Dysart's needs as he transitions to retirement. Council has been working with Pastor to outline the plans for the next few months as he concludes his 25 year service to our congregation. To that end, Laura Haines has kindly volunteered to head a committee to plan a special service and hospitality after worship services on May 11. Details will be shared as they become available. Please plan to attend on that date to honor Pastor and invite guests to attend with you as well.

The subsequent ministerial leadership of Faith Lutheran Church can then be viewed in three phases:

- **Short-term** — In the weeks immediately after Logan's retirement, our congregation will be served by supply pastors. This phase may last anywhere from 2-8 weeks, depending on the scheduling of the next phase. Annie Caudill has taken the responsibility for scheduling supply pastors. Since supply pastors will be responsible only for Sunday worship, other responsibilities may need to be picked up by members of the Church Council as necessary.
- **Medium-term** — The Bishop is already having conversations with potential Interim Pastors who will serve Faith Lutheran in the medium-term. An Interim Pastor will be selected by the Bishop and approved by our Church Council for what is typically a six-month term, which can be renewed until a replacement pastor is selected. The Interim Pastor's contract will be negotiated between our Church Council and the Bishop. During this time (and starting around the fall of 2025), a Call Committee will be formed (as outlined in our Church Constitution) to gather information for our Ministry Site Profile (our "church's CV"), so that we can make some decisions about who and what we are looking for (e.g., Do we need a full-time or a part-time pastor?).

**Long-term** — Once we have decided on a Ministry Site Profile, the Call Committee will work with the Synod to begin the search for our next pastor. This process usually takes 1-2 years.

If you have questions about this process, feel free to talk with me or anyone on Church Council.

God's Blessings

-Jeff

## FAITH FOCUS

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

12	Bob Baer
17	Lucas Mortimer
19	Bob Vogel
22	Nathan Green
24	Emily Froude
28	Stephen Mullally
30	Molly Wanko



### PIPE ORGAN FACTS "OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES"

I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel; and it is not an oncoming train!! Work has resumed on the organ console that is in South Carolina with delivery projected in mid-summer. Let's all pray that this holds.

#### NOW FOR SOME PIPE ORGAN STUFF

1. Pipe organs have many ranks of pipes of differing pitch, timbre, and volume.
2. They are the largest instrument in the world played by a single person.
3. Pipe organs were the most complex machine created before the Industrial Revolution.
4. They were banned in Soviet-controlled Europe because they were a symbol of the church and monarchy.
5. Each pipe sits on top of a hollow wind chest filled with compressed air, and each 'stop' at the organ console represents a set of pipes of a particular tone color.

## THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who contributed funds to the pipe organ project. We have met the goal of \$140,000!!! You are all awesome! I am so proud of our collective efforts to make the pipe organ a reality. It will be wonderful when we can hear the beautiful music in a few weeks, and the music even more joyful knowing that we met our goal and it will be paid for in full.

Debbie Albin, chair of the Organ Task Force.

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for reports or news items for the next month's newsletter need to be submitted to the church office on or by Friday April 14, 2023

You may do this by emailing them to the church office at [faithlcm@woh.rr.com](mailto:faithlcm@woh.rr.com) or dropping them by the office Monday—Friday 8 a.m. till noon.

If you have comments or suggestions, we want those too!





### **[Bishop Eaton Issues Video Message for Transgender Day of Visibility](#)**

CHICAGO (March 31, 2025) — ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has issued a video message for Transgender Day of Visibility. In the video, Eaton speaks out against the inhumane actions by legislatures and executive orders while also speaking directly to the transgender and nonbinary community.

“God created you in God's image and loves and cares for you exactly as you are. ... You deserve to be safe in our communities. Bullying and discrimination have no place in the body of Christ,” Eaton said.

[Watch](#) the video.

The ELCA’s commitment to civil and human rights can be found in our resources for the LGBTQIA+ community at [ELCA.org/lgbtq](https://www.elca.org/lgbtq).

Another way to learn more about the church's commitment can be found at [reconcilingworks.org](https://www.reconcilingworks.org), an independent Lutheran organization.

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#### **About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:**

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with 2.8 million members in more than 8,500 worshipping communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of “God’s work. Our hands.,” the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA’s roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

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# E.L.C. A PRAYER VENTURES

## APRIL 2025

1. Pray for lasting peace between nations and for the healing of people who suffer conflict, war and violence, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Syria, Haiti, Myanmar and regions of Africa.
2. *Arab American Heritage Month* Give thanks for the contributions and impact of Arab Americans in every aspect of society, including religion, education, science, business, government and the arts. Ask God to bless and further the work of ELCA Arab and Middle Eastern Ministries and the Association of Lutherans of Arab and Middle Eastern Heritage.
3. “You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow” (*WOF 784*). Praise God for seeking us out and, despite our imperfection, making us humble disciples, equipped and inspired by the Spirit.
4. Pray for church leaders, liturgists, scholars and scientists gathering to discuss including the Feast of Creation Day in liturgical calendars, an effort organized by the Roman Catholic Church in partnership with the Lutheran World Federation, World Council of Churches, World Methodist Council, Anglican Communion and World Communion of Reformed Churches. Ask the Spirit to guide their study and discussion of climate justice, the Nicene Creed, the role of the Holy Trinity in creation, and how Christians engage with the creation story.
5. Remember in prayer worship leaders and musicians participating in the ecumenical Music that Makes Community workshop in Waco, Texas, a day of building community through singing, learning and fellowship.
6. Pray for a spirit of humble generosity that recognizes and encourages the diverse gifts and contributions of our siblings in Christ, who give as they are able and are inspired by their gratitude towards and love for God.
7. Praise the Creator for the new life of an emerging spring, which inspires our joy, awe and hope.
8. There are about 390,000 people in foster care in our country, ranging from infants to young adults. Pray that these young people will experience love, understanding, security and encouragement in their foster families. Give thanks for foster parents and remember those young adults who, aging out of foster care, may face new uncertainties.
9. Seek God’s forgiveness and mercy for the times when we have hurt, offended or demeaned others, intentionally or unintentionally. Pray for the Spirit to grant us humility, penitent hearts and a compassion that stirs us to make amends and heal broken relationships.
10. Lift up in prayer farmers, ranchers and agricultural workers. Give thanks for their efforts to feed the world and care for creation, and pray for abundant harvests.
11. Give thanks that God is always doing something new in and through us, wonderful things that impact others when they witness Christ’s awesome love reflected in our lives as disciples.
12. Pray for youth in our congregations and communities, recognizing the challenges they face, celebrating the joys they experience and showing gratitude for what they add to our faith communities, which need the gifts of *all* generations to do God’s work in the world.
13. *Palm Sunday* Pray that we might accompany Jesus in his journey of persecution, suffering, death and resurrection, a journey of love and sacrifice for our sake.
14. Pledge to bear hope, grace and newness in Christ to our neighbors in need, especially those who are poor, hungry, sick, imprisoned, unemployed or plagued by war or domestic conflict.
15. Praise God for the strength we draw from Scripture, from our siblings in Christ, from living in community and from the tireless work of the ever-present Spirit.



# E.L.C. A PRAYER VENTURES

## APRIL 2025

16. Pray to the Lord for comfort, strength and renewed faith when you feel broken and worn-out.

17. *Maunday Thursday* Today we end our observation of Lent and shift our attention to what God has done for the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, son of God and son of humankind. Give thanks for the gift of new life in Christ, a life wrapped in God's boundless grace.

18. *Good Friday* "Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything" (Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380). Pray for the Spirit to strengthen our faith so that, through us, God's love and mercy might shine brightly in the world.

19. Ask the Spirit for a faith that is certain and resilient, even when we don't fully understand or appreciate what God has done for humanity through Jesus Christ.

20. *Easter Day* Sing praise and thanksgiving to God! This is the day the Lord has made for us to gather as loved and forgiven children, celebrating our freedom from the bondage of sin and death.

21. When you reflect on who might need your presence, comfort and reassuring words of love and hope, who comes to mind? Include them in your prayers and reach out to them.

22. Give thanks and pray for directors for evangelical mission, who serve in partnership with ELCA churchwide ministries and synods, helping them to found "new start" ministries, renew congregations, nurture stewardship, and identify, develop and equip leaders for ministry.

23. Every day, Jesus walks with us, sharing good news and wisdom just as he did with Cleopas and his companion on the road to Emmaus. Pray that the Spirit will help us express that good news and wisdom in our conversations with our neighbors.

24. "We are not fed by only doing one way of ministry. Instead it is about seeing the face of God in every person who walks through the door, about embracing the inherent dignity of every individual, regardless of their circumstances" (the Rev. Esther K. Sianipar, "[Serving With Shobi's Table: A Reflection](#)," [shobistable.org](#)). Pray for our neighbors who suffer hunger, lack reliable access to nutritious food and yearn for the support of caring communities, and thank God for our congregational, synodical and churchwide ministries that serve them without bias or judgment.

25. Pray for the leaders, voting members and others gathering for the assemblies of the Alaska Synod, Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod and Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and inspire them as they reflect on the mission of the church, choose leaders and encourage one another to proclaim the gospel and serve our neighbors in need.

26. Thank God for the spiritual nourishment we receive when we gather around the table to celebrate communion, and for the Triune God, who calls and equips us to do God's work in the world.

27. Like the apostle Thomas, we all experience moments of doubt and disbelief. Pray that God will be patient and forgiving with us, rekindling our trust in a Spirit that helps us when our faith weakens.

28. Thank God for volunteers who respond to the needs of the church and society by sharing their time, gifts and passion. Pray that we will extend to people of all ages the invitation to serve God.

29. Pray for those who suffer the trauma of gun violence in their communities and elsewhere. Ask for wisdom in responding to our stricken neighbors, for guidance in working to ending gun violence and for fearless respect for human life — a precious gift from God, our creator.

30. Again, we rejoice and shout, "Hallelujah! The Lord, our savior, is risen!" The good news and power of Easter that we experience cannot be confined to a single calendar day.



March 7, 2025

We stand united as people of faith in our commitments to welcome the stranger and to care for the most vulnerable – commitments rooted in our common understanding of our Creator’s love for all and call to serve our neighbors.

In these overlapping holy days of Purim, Lent, and Ramadan, we join our voices together to express our grave concern for the individuals and families seeking refuge in this country. We are particularly devastated and concerned for the welfare of the thousands of refugees who were approved and even ready for travel, only to have their plane tickets taken away.

For more than four decades, our faith-rooted organizations have partnered with the US government to ensure that people forced to flee their country because of conflict, violence, or persecution are vetted and arrive legally, to be welcomed in this country with services to meet their basic needs.

The recent US State Department termination of cooperative agreements with the 10 national resettlement agencies in the US has made already-at-risk people even more vulnerable. We urge all people of faith and goodwill to join us in advocating with our elected leaders for our partnerships with the government to be restored so that we can fully work with those we are called to serve.

We invite you to join us in prayer for all people who are forced to flee home. May they know our deep and abiding commitment to their lives and well-being.

– The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Alesia Frerichs, President & CEO, Lutheran Services in America

Myal Greene, President & CEO, World Relief

Mark Hetfield, President, HIAS

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Rabbi Hara Person, Chief Executive, Central Conference of American Rabbis

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Basharat Saleem, Executive Director, Islamic Society of North America

Richard L. Santos, President & CEO, Church World Service

Ahmed Shehata, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Relief USA

The Rev. Sarah Shipman, Director, Episcopal Migration Ministries

Krish O’Mara Vignarajah, President & CEO, Global Refuge

[Interfaith Solidarity Statement on Refugees and Immigrants](#)

# April 2025

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			8:30 a.m. Bible study  6:30 p.m. Knitting Circle		7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	
6  10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	7  6:00 p.m. Property Committee  7:30 p.m. Faith Chamber	8	9 8:30 a.m. Bible study  5:30 p.m. Faith's Table  6:30-7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	10  7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	11	12
13  Passion Sunday  10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	14	15  6:00 p.m. Stewardship	16 8:30 a.m. Bible study  6:30-7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study  6:00 p.m. Church Council	17  7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship	18  7:30 p.m. Good Friday	19
20  Easter  10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	21	22	23 8:30 a.m. Bible study  6:30-7:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study	24  7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	25	26  9am-11am spring clean up
27  10 a.m. Worship/ Communion	28	29	30			

**AFTER**

**25 YEARS AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# PASTOR LOGAN DYSART

## IS RETIRING

**JOIN US IN APPRECIATION:**

**SPECIAL  
SERVICE**

*Sunday, May 11th*

**SHARE A  
CARD/LETTER/  
MEMORY**

*Drop off in the office to Kim or  
give to Lara by May 18th*

**FINAL  
SUNDAY**

*May 25th*





## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP 2025

**SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

**April 13 10:00 a.m.**



Be with us as we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his journey to the cross. We gather outside of the sanctuary and process into the worship space carrying palms. As we hear the Passion of Our Lord, we will recognize that even in his final breaths, Jesus seeks forgiveness for those who would condemn him.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**April 17 7:00 p.m.**



This worship service concludes our observance of Lent. As we gather with Christians from all around the world, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples. As Jesus washes the feet of the ones he holds most dear, we are called to humble service for all. We conclude our worship by stripping the altar.

**GOOD FRIDAY**

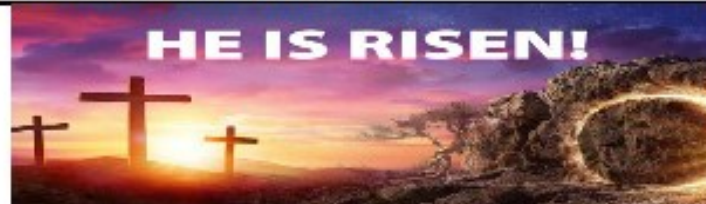
**April 18 7:30 p.m.**



Our focus in worship is the very death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Using the Tenebrae, we will hear the Passion and share special music allowing us to sense the grief and anguish appropriate to mark Christ's sacrificial act of love on the cross.

**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY**

**April 20 10:00 a.m.**



This festival worship celebrates that Christ is risen from the dead! With an abundance of colorful, fresh, fragrant flowers, with exceedingly joyful music and with wonder and amazement, we share the gifts of God's grace for all of creation!

**April 20th**

# **Easter** **SUNDAY**

**Sunrise 7:30am**  
**Meet at the cross**

**Breakfast 9:00am**  
**downstairs**



**Celebration Service**  
**10:00am**

Faith Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry  
420 S. Campus Ave.  
Oxford, OH 45056



## April 2025



*If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 6:5,10,11

**4/6 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**4/13 – Palm Sunday**

HS class meets after church

**4/18 – Good Friday Service**

**4/20 – Easter Sunday**

**4/27 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Easter**

HS class meets after church



### God's Work our Hands:

**Easter Sunday:** As we travel through **Lent**, make time to stop by the cross and post your prayers or put them in the box on the Narthex table. Join us **Easter morning** for a **Sunrise prayer and song by the cross at 7:30 am, Breakfast at 9:00am and Easter Service at 10:00am.**

**Taco Lunch:** Thank you for donating almost \$300 to ELCA World Hunger. Our Middle school and High School youth along with Campus Ministry did an amazing job planning, setting up, cooking, and cleaning up for this fundraiser.



**Evening Zoom Bible Study:** Minor Prophets study. Please contact Micheline Kidwell (mmkidwell@gmail.com) for more information.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** Meets at 8:30-9:30 am Wednesdays at Faith. Please contact Beth Baer (BAERME@muohio.edu) for more information.



# Campus Ministry





# TACO LUNCH TO SUPPORT WORLD HUNGER





# Faith Chamber Concert

Featuring Miami University  
Department of Music students

**Faith Lutheran Church**

**Monday, April 7th**

**7:30PM**

**420 S Campus Ave, Oxford, OH 45056**

**Free Admission**



# PRAYERS FROM WORSHIP

## MARCH 2025

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions, hear your response, and follow your holy direction.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. Companion anyone dealing with weather related crisis, especially people dealing with the devastating earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. O God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. We pray for global peace.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of healing, we thank you for healing already received. We pray for the members of Faith Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry, especially Mary Muckler, Marc Dovenmuehle, Bob Baer, Carol Shrider, Dan Mawer, Ameilia, Pauly Zody, Sarah Driver, Jordan Seubert, Patrick Hellman, Mary Bausano, Barbara, Kim, Sue, and Liam.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of grace, we pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of goodness, we pray for travelling mercies for students, faculty, and staff who are on spring break.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. We ask for your blessing upon Terry and Fred Schuurmann at the death of Terry's brother. We also lift before you the family and friends of Lisa Glenn, as they grieve and mourn her passing. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

# APRIL 2025

## SCRIPTURES FOR WORSHIP

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**April 6, 2025**

Isaiah 43:16-21	The Lord gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people
Psalms 126	Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)
Philippians 3:4b-14	To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings
John 12:1-8	Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

### **Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday**

**April 13, 2025**

Isaiah 50:4-9a	The servant of the Lord submits to suffering
Psalms 31:9-16	Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)
Philippians 2:5-11	Humbled to the point of death on a cross
Luke 22:14—23:56	The passion of the Lord

### **Maundy Thursday**

**April 17, 2025**

Exodus 12:1-14	The passover of the Lord
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps. 116:13)
1st Corinthians 11:23-26	Proclaim the Lord's death until he comes
John 13:1-17, 31b-35	The service of Christ: footwashing and meal
Psalms 22	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Ps. 22:1)

### **Good Friday**

**April 18, 2025**

John 18:1—19:42	The passion and death of Christ
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### **RESURRECTION of OUR LORD: Easter Day**

**April 20, 2025**

Acts 10:34-43	God raised Jesus on the third day
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)
1st Corinthians 15:19-26	Christ raised from the dead, the first fruits
Luke 24:1-12	The women proclaim the resurrection

### **Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 27, 2025**

Acts 5:27-32	The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus
Psalms 118:14-29	You are my God, and I will exalt you. (Ps. 118:28)
Revelation 1:4-8	Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming
John 20:19-31	Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ



# VISION 2020

## **Vision statement:**

Building on our faith in God, growing in grace, and serving with love.

## **Mission statement:**

Our mission at Faith Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry is to learn, live, share, and celebrate God's word, love, and grace with all.

## **Belief Statement:**

- We believe in the Triune God.
- We believe in God's grace.
- We believe in welcoming everyone.
- We believe in building strong faith through Christian education.
- We believe in worshipping together.  
We believe in serving others.

## **Value Statement:**

Our Triune God:

God is the creator of all and Father of all.

Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior, and our Redeemer.

The Holy Spirit is actively living in us as our enabler and source of hope and grace.

God's grace and forgiveness:

By the gift of grace, God has forgiven our sins and loves each of us fully and completely as we are. God's love is unconditional.

Welcoming all:

As we look to Jesus as our model for inclusive love, we invite all and encourage everyone to attend our worship services, to participate, to serve, and to contribute with their time and talents as the Holy Spirit guides and directs.

Building strong faith:

We are all invited to grow in our faith and share God's love through our daily lives.

Christ-centered worship, meditation, prayer, Bible study, education, and fellowship activities are essential to develop and nurture faith and devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Worshipping God together:

Worship is an expression of our faith, our praise, and our thankfulness; designed to be meaningful to each person wherever they are in their life's faith journey.

Serving others:

As we reflect the compassion, love and justice of Jesus Christ, our congregation is committed to serving our church family, our local community, Miami University students, and the world.

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## **APRIL 2025**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Worship** 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**Worship** 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**Worship** 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, 27, 2027**

**Worship** 10:00 a.m.

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