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Vaunda Noerenberg, Traditional Worship

JUNE 1, 2025 EASTER 7 / ASCENSION

9:30 AM



⁵⁰ And Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God. — Luke 24

The Ascension... “highlights the full and deep sense in which Jesus, as our Brother, has been exalted by God the Father over sin, death, and the devil so that our future in Him is secure. For example, Jesus descended into hell and declared victory over Satan for us; Jesus rose triumphantly over death and the grave for us; Jesus ascended to the right hand of God and now rules for our benefit; Jesus will return in glory as judge on the Last Day and bring us into His new creation.”

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY ...

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card. Acknowledgments

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

| Elder on Duty | 6/1/2025 | 6/8/2025 | 6/15/2025 | 6/22/2025 | 6/29/2025 |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9:30 am Worship | Ron Shultheiss Bill Smith | Ward Irvin Tim Lambert | Steve Buchtrup Greg Sinatra | Ward Irvin Greg Schaag | Russ Couch Glenn Jones |
| Readers | 6/1/2025 | 6/8/2025 | 6/15/2025 | 6/22/2025 | 6/29/2025 |
| 9:30 am | David Barnett | Brennan Lambert | Greg Sinatra | Laura Calfee | Ron Shultheiss |

WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

| Worship | 5/25/2025 | 6/1/2025 | 6/8/2025 | 6/15/2025 | 6/22/2025 | 6/29/2025 |
|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 9:30 am | 136/130 | | | | | |
| Sunday School | 5 | | | | | |
| Monthly Budget | \$51,100 | \$51,200 | \$51,200 | \$51,200 | \$51,200 | \$51,200 |
| Weekly Giving | \$5,740 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| On-Line Giving | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Giving MTD | \$33,367 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

LSB 930

♪ 1. All you works of God, bless the Lord! All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be, Praise the Lord and His majesty: *Refrain*

*refrain: Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord! (repeat)*

2. Sing, you sun and you moon above, Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow, Heat and fire, you ice and snow: *Refrain*

3. Frost of winter with song so cold, Dews of summer, your song unfold;
Light and darkness, you day and night,
Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright: *Refrain*

4. Hills and mountains, now sing His worth, All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: *Refrain*

5. Come, humanity, sing along, Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless, Join, you spirits and souls at rest:

6. Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore, Bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We are one at first because we all sinned. Let us confess our sin and sinfulness to God, our heavenly Father.

We confess, Lord our God, that we have sinned in our thoughts, our rashly spoken words, and in acting for our own benefit, and not out of love. We cannot help ourselves, for we have fallen from being Your good creation. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us for Jesus' sake.

In His great love our Father sent His only-begotten Son to pay for all sin and to rise victorious. We are one because of that gracious act! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 133

**Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,**

**on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy on us.

Help us know the love that You have given us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Help us show the love that You have given us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Help us tell the love that You have given us.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation

but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father;

for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." . . . "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this

book. He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20–26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ Is Risen

LSB 457

**♫ 1. Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia! Who
endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

SERMON

The Lamb’s Tree of Life

On either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month... Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. (Rev 22)

... that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. (Luther’s Explanation, Second Article, Apostles’ Creed)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(A time of silence for personal prayer.)*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For your convenience, we now accept gifts via Venmo or PayPal.

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you! Amen.**

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.

**✠ 1. Christ the eternal Lord, Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days And make Your glory known.**

**2. Christ the unchanging Word To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind, Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find The bread of life indeed.**

**3. Christ the redeeming Son, Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today And follow Him as Lord.**

**4. Christ the unfading Light Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief journey ends.**

**5. Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.**

A Hym of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493

**1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2. The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say; "This is His glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

DISMISSAL AND POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

**4. “You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky.” Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

What’s Ahead at Faith!

Today: Congregational Meeting: Pastoral Call 10:45 Sanctuary
(Please pick up packet in Narthex)

June 8 (Pentecost): Pastor Jeff Jordan, RiverCliff, Circuit Visitor

June 8: Voter’s Meeting/Call Service 10:45 Sanctuary
(Please pick up packet in Narthex)

June 15: Pastor Mark Buckert, Preaching

June 22: Pastor Mark Buckert, Preaching

June 29: Pastor Greg Walton, Preaching

Summer Bible Study... “Paul’s Companions” (Partners in Acts)

Starts today! Sundays, 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., Cafeteria. Join us for a look at the fellow believers and servants of the Lord Jesus, working with the Apostle Paul, to share the Gospel.

Pastoral Calls for Faith Members Nicholas Sinatra and Stephen Wareham!

Nicholas Sinatra, son of Greg and Stacy Sinatra, has received a Divine Call into the Office of the Public Ministry to serve at Saint John Lutheran Church (305 Angie St, Sanborn, IA, 51248-1036), Iowa District West. Nicholas and his wife Joselyn will be with us in worship on June 8th! Stephen Wareham, son of Jon and Karrie Wareham, has also received a Divine Call into the Office of the Public Ministry to serve at Messiah Lutheran Church (500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, Georgia 31602), Florida - Georgia District. We are also pleased to welcome Stephen here at Faith on June 8th, before he begins his pastoral Call.

We celebrate with these two young men, members of Faith and graduates of Faith Lutheran School, that God has placed them into His Church to serve as pastors. And we look forward to greeting them, congratulating them, and praying the Lord’s rich blessings on their ministries.