

FAITH at WORK

April 2021

He is Risen indeed!

What a year this has been. What a strange, difficult year we have had together. We shut down abruptly for far longer than we would have dreamed, endured stress and grief, worry and loss, loneliness and hope, community and love, promise and joy. This Easter will be full of memory.

It is hard to going, to be back together. The great cloud of witnesses that surround us has grown luminous. We will miss embracing during the peace, gathering at the chancel for communion, belting out hymns loudly. We will miss coffee before service and the opportunity to share in the fullness of fellowship. This Easter will be solemn.

Behind masks, we will see familiar eyes twinkle. Gathering in the space where we celebrate with God's community, in a space that we know and love. We will hear the story of a God who loved the world so much that God became human dwelled among us. We will hear about how God endured everything for and with us and ascended to the cross. And we will hear how with infinite love Jesus rose from the dead and promised us that where he is, there we shall also be.

This Easter will be full. Full of weariness from over a year of a pandemic. Full of sorrow from the people that we miss and mourn. Full of hope for what the future will hold. Full of love for each other, for our blessed community, for God who makes us one. Full of the Holy Spirit who binds us together into one.



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The hymn that resonates with me lately is not one of the most popular Easter hymns. The tune isn't the easiest to sing. The words fit Easter 2021 perfectly however. You can find the words here (or in your hymnal #390 The Risen Christ). You can listen to the tune here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivMqmob5GFg>

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| <p>1. The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
From garden tomb through darkened city street,
Unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
And speaks a word of peace to all who hear.</p> | <p>3. The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded heart
The bread for those who fail to understand,
Reveals himself, despite their lingering tears,
Enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.</p> |
| <p>2. The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
Breathes out his Spirit on them abide
Whose faith still waivers, who dare not believe;
New grace, new strength, new purpose they
Receive.</p> | <p>4. May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
Restored in Christ to true humanity.</p> |

We have experienced the risen Christ, with wounded feet, side and hand, this last year. Jesus has journeyed with us, embraced us, called to us. Jesus restores us to life. "Take a hold of the life that is life" 1st Timothy 6:19

Pastor Mark

April's Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday (Love Feast/Agape Feast) April 1st at 6 pm

On April 1st, we will be celebrating a lovefeast together over zoom. We are doing this in concert with sisters and brothers at Albany Methodist, Our Savior Lutheran and St Albans.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82795489029?pwd=MjFYV0lYTXB1NWtBaDJ6SFQ5U25rQT09>

Meeting ID: 827 9548 9029 Passcode: 969471

Good Friday (Stations of the Cross) April 2nd 7 pm Over Zoom

St Albans will be leading (and we will be participating) in an evening worship service for Good Friday. Other participants will be the United Methodists, St Martins in Lebanon, Our Savior in Lebanon, etc. We will share the zoom link with you when we have it.

April 4: 6:30 AM Sunrise Service (Indoor Worship)

9:30 AM (Facebook Streaming)

10:30 AM Easter Sunday (Indoor Worship)

April 11: 9:30 AM (Facebook Streaming)

10:30 AM Sunday of Easter (Indoor Worship)

April 18: 9:30 AM (Facebook Streaming)

10:30 AM 3rd Sunday of Easter (Indoor Worship)

April 25: 9:30 AM (Facebook Streaming)

10:30 am 4th Sunday of Easter (Indoor Worship)

See Holy Week Readings on Page 6 & 7.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 2020**STAFF**

Pastor	Mark Bringman
Office Manager	Nance G
Organist/Pianist	Cheryl B.
Custodian	Terry B.

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Mission Endowment Fund	Gordy Gamet

**Easter Love**

On Easter we celebrate love,
 love coming down from heaven,
 love blanketing the earth
 in a transforming embrace;
 unique and infinite love,
 giving more than we can imagine
 for us, to cleanse our sin,
 a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,
 the walking, talking Word.
 He is teacher, role model, friend,
 this God in human form,
 dying, then rising from the dead,
 proving all who believe
 will also rise
 to have eternal life, with Him,
 Lord of all.
 Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

By Joanna Fuchs

**Financial Report as of: 3/22/2021:**

Undesignated income: \$4,700.00

Budgeted Undesignated Income: \$8,885.00

Net Undesignated Income: (\$4,185.00)

Total Expenses: \$10,965.65

Total Net Income: (\$1,325.65)

Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

We are excited to say that we will be celebrating Easter in the sanctuary of Faith Lutheran Church. We are glad that you have borne with us over the last year, we give thanks for your diligence, compassion and patience. The church building will be open for worship beginning on April 4th.

What This Means

We will gather in the sanctuary for worship starting on April 4th. We are looking forward to regathering, in person, in our sanctuary as a family of Faith.

There will of course be a number of changes from the last time we used our sanctuary on March 8th, 2020.

Dates and Times

April 4th 6:30 am Sunrise Service

April 4th 10:30 am Easter Sunday

April 11th 10:30 am 2nd Sunday of Easter

April 18th 10:30 am 3rd Sunday of Easter

April 25th 10:30 am 4th Sunday of Easter

May 2nd 10:30 am 5th Sunday of Easter

May 9th 10:30 am 6th Sunday of Easter

May 16th 10:30 am 7th Sunday of Easter

May 23rd 10:30 am Pentecost

May 30th 10:30 am 2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Contact the Church Office to make a reservation: Email or call Nancy to help us plan!

We are committed to continuing to keep you and our sisters and brothers safe. To that end, we have divided the sanctuary into socially distanced sections so that people can sit with their 'bubble'. To make sure that we have space for everyone, we encourage you to email (or call) the church office by 9am on the Friday before worship and to share how many are in your party. Our ushers are going to give priority to those with a reservation: if you arrive without one, there may not be space. We have room for about 60 people, which we anticipate should be plenty of space. For Easter (as our first Sunday back and greatest festival of the year) we have two worship services, the rest of April will be only one. If we find the demand is greater than 60, we will adjust to two services. Finally this per-reserved list and attendance would be part of contact tracing for any COVID 19 protocols.

Arrive no more than 10 minutes before worship (10:30 am every Sunday) and enter from the Fellowship Hall Door

- **Masks will be required.** We have extras on hand if necessary, if you refuse you will be asked to leave.
- You will be met by an usher who will ask a couple short questions and make sure that we have space for you (if you have a reservation, you are guaranteed a space).
- Walk to the sanctuary and find a seat. Bulletins will already be laid out but seats (other than for families) will not be assigned. You can of course use your smartphone or tablet rather than printed bulletin.

- Bathrooms will be open for use, however if you use a restroom you are asked to clean it afterwards.
- There will be an offering plate near the back of the church for you to drop off your offering if you desire

The Liturgy will be like the liturgy of the last year. Also bring your own communion elements

- It will be similar to what we used last summer outside and during parking lot worship.
- We anticipate listening to Cheryl play hymns. Initially we will not be singing.
- Bring your own communion elements. As with the services over the last year, communion will continue to be 'bring your own'. You will have it in your space with your bubble. This will be the only part of the service where we take our masks down.

At the conclusion of worship

Keeping social distance, leave the church building –exiting out of the door on Queen Street. The pastor will not be greeting you as you depart the building. We are gathering for in person worship. We will let you know as the church opens up for other activities.

There Will be a Livestream at 9:30 am every Sunday of April—for a number of reasons, there are people who are not yet ready to gather for in person worship, or people who are homebound, or who work etc. Pastor Mark will continue prerecording sermons and we will work to continue sharing livestream of worship as well. We will let you know whether the livestream occurs during worship or whether it will be another time on Sunday. Recordings will also continue to be available.

We are Starting with Worship only and no in building activities at this time

We are hopeful that other church activities (such as quilting, youth group and bible studies) will be able to begin in the near future. We will be sure to keep you apprised by letter, email, phone call and newsletter.

Summer Look ahead—We will probably predominantly worship outside again this summer. Outside has better ventilation than inside and would allow us to phase more regular elements of worship in safe manner.



Call the Church office

@ 541-928-7660 or

Email : faithalbany@proaxis.com

by Friday each week to reserve

your spot. Thank you!!!

Holy Week Readings

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The passion narrative in Mark begins in chapter 11 - over a third of the gospel is focused on the last week of Jesus life. Mark has been called passion with a prologue because of the amount of time that he spends with Jesus and all that happens on this day. Since we are following Mark's gospel this year, it makes for an interesting way to end Lent.

Mark also gives us a clear day by day account of Holy Week and gives us a framework for following Jesus, day by day. He also sometimes gives us markers for events occurring in the morning or evening, which can make Mark's gospel a good one for devotions. Pastor Mark will share devotions based on each of these sections as we progress through Holy Week.

Palm Sunday Mark 11:1 - 11

Key verse 11:9: Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Monday - Jesus in the Temple 11:12 - 19

Key Verse 11:17: He was teaching and saying, 'Is it not written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? But you have made it a den of robbers.'

Tuesday - Jesus Teaching in the Temple 11:20 - 13:37

Key Verse 12:17 Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

Wednesday - Anointing at Bethany 14:1 - 11

Key Verse 14:8 She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial.

Thursday - The Last Supper and Arrest 14:12 - 52

Key Verse 14:22 While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.'

Friday night until dawn at 6 am 14:53 - 72

Key Verse 14:72: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

Friday Show Trial Before Pilate 6 am - 9am 15:1 - 24

Key verse 15:2 "Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.'"

Friday Crucifixion 9am - noon 15:25 - 32

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Key Verse: "It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him."

Friday Crucifixion, it grows dark, noon to 3 pm 15:33

Key (only) verse: When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

Friday Crucifixion, Truly this was God's Son 3pm - 6 15:34 - 41

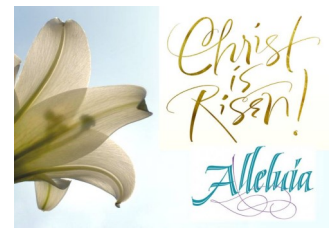
Key Verse 15:39 Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Friday Evening, Jesus is Buried 15:42 - 47

Key Verse 15:47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

Easter Sunday, He has been Raised 16:1 - 8

Key Verse 16:6 But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.



Holy Week Series

There is a Holy Week series on Pastor Mark's youtube channel. You can find the playlist here The gospel of Mark gives a clear timeline for the events of Holy Week which we can use as some of our devotional exercises.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oizpZWPNmvs&list=PLtnvLlxOSF_oQNYrTBn1iaO7OLnlyMkDL

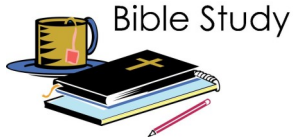
Livestream Services are still available at 9:30 a.m. going forward !

April 4th, April 18th, April 25th

At this point the plan is to do a prayer service in the sanctuary, similar to what Pastor Mark has been doing, at 9:30 every Sunday. This is still a work in progress: we are trying to figure out a different system, however this is what we can manage now.

Worship Helpers are needed!

If you can help with worship, either as an usher, or assisting minister/lector (the two roles are combined for now) or working on the sound board, let us know. We are adapting to a changing world and counting on excited adaptable people.



Bible Study via Zoom at 1 PM on Monday's

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April 19 & 26th.

Our Bible study will be reading the book "Learning to Walk in the Dark" by Barbara Brown Taylor. We are starting this unit of our Bible study on April 18th, If you want to join the group at a good entry point, this will be a great one.

Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopalian priest, known for her luminescent writing and ability to write about spirituality in an easy going and approachable manner. If you wish to participate in the study you will have to get a copy of the book. We will plan on discussing the Introduction and first chapter on April 18th.



We have received cards from Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Caregivers, FISH, Salvation Army, Luther House and Camp Lutherwood thanking the congregation for our generous donations and ongoing support.



The Church council will be meeting on April 21 at 7 pm. If you would like to listen in via zoom, send a message to Pastor Mark or one of the council members and the link will be sent to you.

Council reports are due by Friday, April 16th.



We are asking anyone in the prayer chain to lift up the concerns of Faith Lutheran Church weekly (which could be as little as taking a few seconds and asking God to be with all of those listed, lifting them up by name) and to pray for other concerns as they are shared. Peggy Preston will be heading up the prayer chain. If you are interested in being on the prayer chain, send her an email: pegpreston@aol.com



Pastor Mark Away on April 7-17, contact Pastor Sarah Schafner

Pastor Mark will be away during this time, if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sarah Schaffner at 541 852 5637.

Here are your announcements from Camp Lutherwood Oregon for the second half of March. You will *usually* receive these emails on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Please share these in your Sunday bulletins, newsletters, social media, bulletin boards, and share by word of mouth!

Register Now for Spring Work Days

Do you want to spend a day working at camp this spring? We're opening up 3 different Work Days with space for up to 5 families each. These work days will be held on April 24 (only 1 spot remaining!), May 8, and June 5 from 10AM to 2PM. Reservations are required on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit our website at <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/work-days-2/> to request your space!

Breaking News

We have just received word that Oregon's overnight camps will be allowed in 2021!

We will receive guidance from the Oregon Health Authority in April that will specify the operational guidelines for overnight youth camps.

We can't wait to gather around the campfire this summer!

2021 Summer Registration is OPEN!

Registration is open for Family Camp, Women's Retreat and Youth Programs now! Space is limited for all programs and spots are filling up fast. The most up to date information about program dates and costs can be found at <https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/camp/>

Lutherwood Sunday Resources Available

We are working on a "media kit" of promotional materials for online Lutherwood Sundays including a short camp introduction video, flyers, powerpoint slides, sermon, announcements from camp, and a children's message introducing our 2021 summer theme. If you're interested in receiving these resources to promote camp this spring, please contact the camp office at office@lutherwoodoregon.org.
office: 541-998-6444 [lutherwoodoregon.org](https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org)



Church Annual Report & New Directory

Items are available to pick up @ the church office
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8 AM to 12 PM

If you are unable to pick one up, and would like one, please give the church office a call. (541) 928-7660.

April's Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship	29 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	30	31 11:00 AM TOM's	1 6:00 PM Agape Feast (Zoom)	2 7:00 PM Worship Service (Zoom)	3
4 6:30 AM Sunrise Service (Indoor) 9:30 AM Facebook Live Stream 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship	5	6	7 11:00 AM TOM's 5:30 PM Worship & Music Committee	8	9	10
11 9:30 AM Facebook Live Stream 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship	12	13 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Mary Martha Circle ?	14 11:00 AM TOM's	15	16 8:00 AM Reports to Council Due	17
18 9:30 AM Facebook Live Stream 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship	19 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	20 8:00 AM Newsletter Deadline	21 11:00 AM TOM's 7:00 PM Council Meeting	22	23	24
25 9:30 AM Facebook Live Stream 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM Indoor Worship	26 1:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	27	28 11:00 AM TOM's	29	30	1

For the most up-to-date version,
[visit our online calendar](#)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE NEEDING STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING:

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Tim B
Brenda Carroll
Sandy Hina
Robert Jon
Daniel Sullivan
Linda Gail Voet
Melba Wright
Brandon Crawford
Christopher
Noah Holman
Susan Johnson
Barbara Rose
Jerry Sheffield
Pat Norby

Eleanor Barr
Gigi Douglas
Ron Wold
Chiera Family
SangSau Tran
Silas Haynes
Cindy Harms
Izzy Covalt
Mona Crawford
Kris Waskosky
Shedd Waskosky
Kristy Bishop
Oliver
Madielynn

Stephan Selvage
Patrick Selvage
Garrett Baarsch
Carl Wogomon
Stephanie Bauthman
Marjorie Trainor
Nancy Goodwin
John Busher
Gene Hebert
Heather
Donald Roland
Margaret Rowland
Peggy Preston



**PLEASE REMEMBER
THESE FRIENDS IN
PRAYER**

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND: Ruth Irwin, Connie Griffis

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF LOVED ONES *Lyle Lambert and family for the loss of his daughter in law. Izzy Covalt and Family for the loss of Vail T. Palmer.*

Prayer for Comfort and Strength

Father, you can heal us in a heartbeat. We pray for Your miraculous healing today. From depression, life-long disease, sudden failures, addictions and massive handicaps. We pray for miraculous healing because we know you are as capable of fixing our frailties as you are to hold the oceans in place as the earth spins around. Through Your Son's death on the cross, we have the opportunity to be healed spiritually. By believing in Jesus we are connected straight to You in prayer and presence. Bless our hearts to believe in You beyond our heart's capacity. Strengthen our **faith** where it is weak and strengthen our resolve to linger in Your presence a little longer each day.

Take our pain away, according to Your will, in Your time. We're not promised a painless life on this earth, but You do want us to live a happy one. Send Your Spirit to help us see past our circumstances and onto Your calling on our lives. Sickness and injury can't stop God-placed dreams. Fill our hearts with hope as we wait on You to move in our lives and flow out from our hearts. In Jesus' Name, Amen.





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