

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025



DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 10:15am

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Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (*LSB 151*)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus *LSB 821*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

The King of Love My Shepherd Is *LSB 709*

Sermon – “The Good Shepherd Won't Let You Go”

Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

Offerings/Offerory

LSB 159

Benediction

LSB 166

Closing Hymn:

Jerusalem the Golden *LSB 672*

Postlude

Holy Communion will be offered following the Divine Service

Our services continue to be livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website (faithlutheranorangecity.com) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

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Introit: Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

P: I am the good shepherd.

C: **I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

P: He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C: **from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.**

P: With upright heart he shepherded them

C: **and guided them with his skillful hand.**

P: But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C: **from generation to generation we will recount your praise.**

P/C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Collect

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 20:17-25

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the

plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing

and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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Gospel: John 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

<i>Financial Update - March 2025</i>				
	General Fund	Building Fund	Monthly Total	Year to Date 3/31/25
Offering Receipts	\$17,391.74	\$2,716.00	\$20,107.74	\$77,430.74
Needed for Budget	\$19,467.00	\$1,900.00	\$21,367.00	\$64,098.00
Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,075.26)	\$816.00	(\$1,259.26)	\$13,332.74

Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all visitors! Please fill out an ‘Information Card’ (*located in the pew rack*) and turn it in to an usher after the service.

Communion Policy for our Visitors: Everyone who is a faithful communicant member in good standing of one of our sister LCMS congregations is welcome to partake of the Lord’s Supper here at Faith Lutheran Church. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar. If you would like to become a communicant member here at Faith, please talk with Pastor about doing so.

Out of town on Sunday? The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a smartphone app which can help you locate one of our sister congregations to worship at. You can also ask Pastor for a copy of his sermon, so that you'll hear the same message as your brothers and sisters here at Faith.

Board of Lay Ministry meets today (5/11) at 7:45am.

Teacher Recognition will take place during today’s Service (5/11). Stay after the Service for refreshments and to give recognition and thanks to our teachers. With them, young lives have been changed.

Sunday School classes conclude today (5/11) for the September-May school year. (*Adult Bible Class continues.*)

Main Street Living, May 18: This is the Life – “Man Adrift” – A Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship of faith and works. Worship Service – Rev. Richard Milbrandt of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Ocheyedan, IA, delivers the message “Come,

Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest” based on Acts 18:1-18. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

The Church Council meets May 18 at 7:45am.

Graduation Recognition: If you have a senior (either high school or college), who is graduating this year, we would like to recognize and congratulate them at the May 18th Divine Service. An email has gone out requesting information be returned to Pastor by today (5/11).

Ascension Day Service will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00pm.

VBS: Join us for an exciting week at Vacation Bible School July 20-24 from 6:00-7:30pm. Children aged 4 years old through the completion of 5th grade are welcome. Register your child online using the link on the QR code or fill out a registration form located on the table in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to see your child there!



<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
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Prayers of the Church

Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members: Rex Foreman, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, Lily Huizenga, Bonnie Juffer, Angela Kilbride, Jen Korver, Will Lalk, Bev Rohrs, Marlene Tullar, and Sandy Zelewski.

Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends: Kaleb Bents (*Hope Hancock's son in the military*), Ciara Bents (*Hope Hancock's daughter*), Joyce Betts (*grandmother of Justin Derry, Pastor's friend*), Liam Corgan (*son of Howard Vlieger's friend*), Edd Harrison, Craig & Donna Hunt, Lisa Jasper (*friend of Heather Katt*), Silvina Kneif (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Bernard Lackman (*grandfather of Jesa Pace*), Helen

Lapel (*sister of Janice Gayer*), Mark Maple (*friend of Patti & Troy Van Skike*), Dena Mullock (*granddaughter of Neil & Patty Bracker*), Courtney Nelson (*friend of Paula Koller*), Barb Nicks, Andrew Romano and family, Rebecca Smit's mother, Brian Vanderstoep, and Cheryl Waggie (*mother of Alison Vlieger*).

Celebrating Birthdays: Gavin Frederes, Jackson Huizenga, Heather Hofmeyer, Cooper Katt, and Paige Brennan.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Rick & Lorie Foreman.

WELCOME VISITORS

WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY
HERE ARE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR YOU

***An unstaffed nursery** is located just inside the church office entrance (across from the offices). Please feel free to use it as necessary.

***Our offerings** are an opportunity for members and others to show their thanks to God by supporting the work of His church.

***We invite you to our fellowship time following the service.**

***We hope to see you again!** If you would like a visit from the Pastor, please indicate this on the Information Card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher after the service.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS:

7:30am - 12:00pm (Monday - Thursday)
(Afternoons or evenings by appointment)

SECRETARY is in on Tuesday and Thursday

Call first to make sure someone is here.
(Please use the church office entryway during the week.)