



Easter Vigil

April 8, 2023 ~ 5:00 p.m.

On the night before Easter Day, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from death to life. The service includes strong signs: new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and word of baptism, the first resurrection meal. And powerful words: the great saving stories of Hebrew scriptures and the first Easter gospel. We keep this wondrous night in the spirit of vigil, our lamps lit, awaiting Christ's coming both now and at the end of time Alleluia! Christ is risen! And Christ will come again.

~GATHERING~

All gather in silence.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter Vigil so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the light of Christ who rises this night in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Let us pray. Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share this night in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

The paschal candle is placed.

Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice!



Text: Joel W. Lundeen, paraphrase of the Easter Proclamation
Music: Allein Gott in der Höh; Plainsong, adapt. Nikolaus Decius
Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.
Permission is granted for reproduction of this item for non-sale local use only, provided that each copy carries the copyright notice.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~WORD~

VIGIL READINGS

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Creation

FIRST RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881

FIRST PRAYER

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

SECOND READING

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Deliverance at the Red Sea

SECOND RESPONSE Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (verses 1, 2, & 4)

ELW# 363

SECOND PRAYER

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation offered to everyone by the water of baptism. Grant that all the peoples of earth may partake in the salvation of the Israelites and together dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THIRD READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

Salvation freely offered to all

THIRD RESPONSE

The Lord Is My Song

ELW #751

(sing the second (italicized) line twice)

THIRD PRAYER

Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FOURTH READING

Daniel 3:1-29

Deliverance from the fiery furnace



FOURTH RESPONSE

All You Works of God, Bless the Lord



- 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: *Refrain*
- 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*

Text: Stephen P. Starke, paraphrase of Song of the Three 35–65
Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk song, adapt. Doreen Potter
Text © 1995 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission.
Music © 1975 Hope Publishing Co., Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

FOURTH PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, the only hope of the world, by the proclamation of your prophets you declare to us the word of salvation. By the grace of your Spirit increase the devotion of all the baptized, that, strengthened by your presence, we may withstand hardship and sorrow and be united with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 6:3-11

NEW TESTAMENT RESPONSE We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus ELW #451

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Sisters and brothers, on this most holy night, the Church keeps vigil, awaiting the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul teaches us that by baptism, we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we should set our feet on the new path of life. Therefore, now that the struggle of Lent is over, let us renew the promises made at our baptism.

I ask you, do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. Amen.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

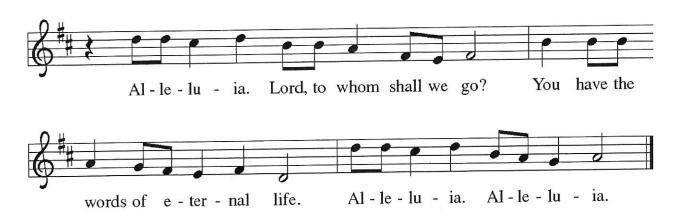
People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

People of God, you had made your profession of faith and renewed the vows of your baptism. By water, you were cleansed and brought to newness of life in the Spirit. May God grant that you may feel and know the grace and favor which God has given you through your baptism.

Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

MEDITATION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who has loved us from all eternity:

For his mercy endures forever.

And remembered us when we were in trouble:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven:

For his mercy endures forever.

And was made flesh of the Virgin Mary and became human:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who by his cross and suffering has redeemed the world:

For his mercy endures forever.

And washed us from our sins in his own blood:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who on the third day rose from the dead:

For his mercy endures forever.

And has given us the victory:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who ascended on high:

For his mercy endures forever.

And opened wide for us the everlasting doors:

For his mercy endures forever.

Who is seated at the right hand of God:

For his mercy endures forever.

And ever lives to make intercession for us:

For his mercy endures forever.

Glory 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

For the gift of his Spirit:

Blessed be Christ.

For the holy catholic Church:

Blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:

Blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:

Blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:

Blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:

Blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:

Blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:

Blessed be Christ.

Now and unto endless ages:

Blessed be Christ. Blessing and honor and thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be to you, O holy and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by all angels, all humanity, and all creatures, forever and ever. Amen

~MEAL~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

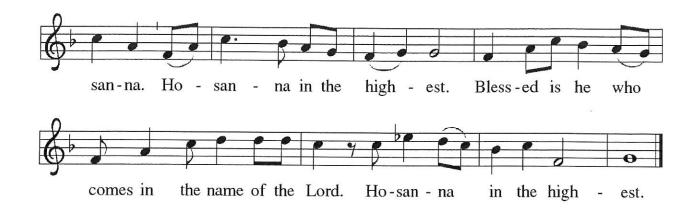
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

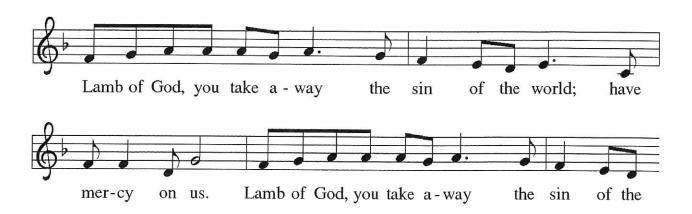
LORD'S PRAYER

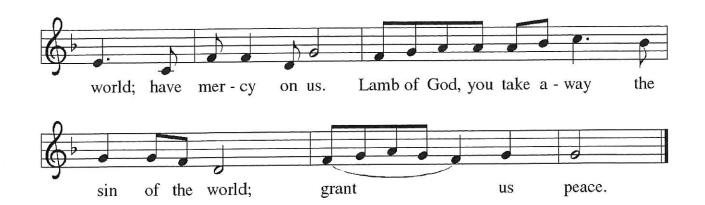
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastor.. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion will receive a blessing. There are baskets at the end of the first pew where you may place your cups as you return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION SONG





COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW # 491

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

~SENDING~

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection verses 3 & 4

ELW # 361

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation is invited to come forward to the baptismal font to remember their baptism by dipping a finger in the water and making a sign of the cross.

An offering plate is located in the Gathering Space for those wishing to make a financial offering.

Join us for the culmination of our joyful Easter celebration by participating in worship tomorrow morning at 8:00 am or 10:30 am. Easter Breakfast is served from 9:00-10:15 am. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 9:30 am

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP



	5:00 Worship Service		
Ushers:	Bob & Carol Kuehl		
Reader:	Madelyn La Plante		
Communion Assistant:	Carol Kuehl		
Counters:	Bob & Carol Kuehl		
Organists:	Teri Wittkowski & Susan Becker		
Choir Director:	Susan Becker		

Adapted from Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS012199. Scripture: New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Image: Clergy carry the paschal candle during Easter Vigil mass, Westminster Cathedral, London, England. Copyright © Alamy Stock Photo/PA Images. Used by permission.



Thank you to those who have provided the flowers for the altar for Easter morning.

From:

Carol Marten

The La Plante Family

Carol Roe

Kathy and Ed Stoltz

Beth Raiche-Melheim

Connie Braet

Theresa and Bob White

Mark Gecsey Family

Neal and Susan Becker

Ida Weibel

Mary Moore

Rhonda Webber

Kevin and Kara Zidarich

Tom and Pam Carlson

Lueder Family

David and Diane Cole

Michelle and Kent Wiebel

Cathy Diaz

Matt and Sue Kirst

Betty and Mike Strom

Sue Sissel

Brian and Nina Looney

Denny and Joan Hennigan

Ann Kuehl

Ioni Schneider

Rita and Mike Smith

Dan and Mary Ann Anderson

Dave and Linda Golinghorst

In loving memory of:

Jerry

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Beloved Loved Ones

Ma

Loved Ones

Our Loved Ones

Dr. William and Kleo Gecsey

Uncle Bill

Loved Ones

Dale Moore

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Maríe Krambeck

Loved Ones

Our Dads

Enrique and Dad

Our Dads

Our Parents

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Wes Kuehl

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

From:

Jeanne Willems Jeanne Willems Fenn Family Jeri Lynn Fenn Darin and Beth Ann Anderson Patricia Mixdorf

In loving memory of:

Leroy Willems and loved ones
Betty Spies
Our son, Jake
Father, Gerald, & Sister, Lisa
Our Dads, Mom, and Loved Ones
Our Parents, the Quinns and
Mixdorfs

Let All Things Now Living



Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt. Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company. Used with permission of OneLicense.net A-731185.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



- 1 Come, you faith ful, raise the strain of tri um phant glad ness!
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls to day: Christ has burst his pris on,
- Now the queen of sea sons, bright with the day of splen dor,
- 4 Nei ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por tal,
- 5 Al le lu ia! now we cry to our Lord im mor tal,



from sad - ness, God has brought forth Is - ra - el in to joy ris - en. has and from three days' sleep in death sun as feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der; rov - al with the mor - tal: hold the watch - ers, nor the seal, vou as a tomb's dark por - tal; who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the



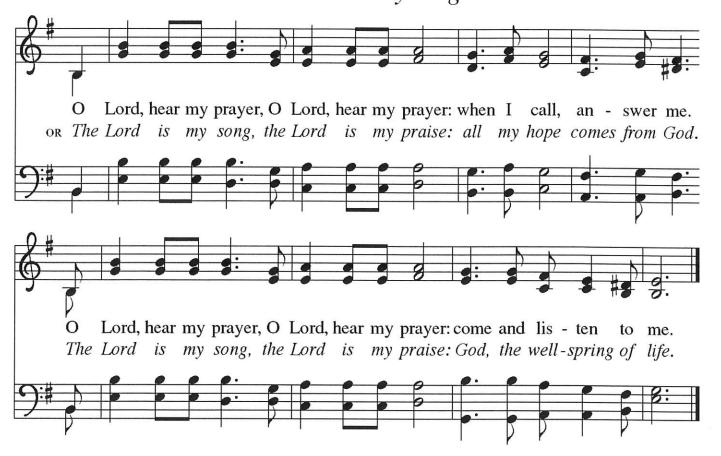
and daugh-ters; loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter Ja - cob's sons yoke and dark, is fly - ing sins. long win - ter of A11 the af - fec - tion glad Jer - u - sa - lem. who with true comes to be - stow - ing ap - pear, you but to - day, a - mong your own, Fa - ther prais - ing; with the God the le - lu - ia! Son A1



through the Red Sea wa - ters. led them with un-moist-ened foot praise un - dy - ing. to whom we give laud and from the Light res - ur - rec - tion! un - wea - ried strain Je sus' wel-comes in hu - man know - ing. your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass es Spir - it rais - ing. a - gain the Al - le - lu - ia! yet to

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490-1547 Used with permission of OneLicense.net A-731185.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer The Lord Is My Song



Text: Psalm 102:1–2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

Text and music © 1982, 1991 Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent. 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Used with permission of OneLicense.net A-731185.

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



- 1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je sus, we are bap-tized in his death;
- 2 In the wa-ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
- 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa-ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life. in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead, glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his, God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past; as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo-ry now re-sounds a - gain



Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937 Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker Text and music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker Used with permission of OneLicense.net A-731185.

The Day of Resurrection!



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

Come, Let Us Eat



Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt. Text sts. 1–3 and tune © Lutheran World Federation; text st. 4 and music adapt. © 1972 Contemporary Worship 4, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Used with permission of OneLicense.net A-731185.

FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Senior Pastor Carrie La Plante

Pastor Heather Geest

Worship: Saturday 5 pm Sunday 9 am

Telephone: (563) 285-450l Email: faitheldridge@netins.net

GRACE - GIFTED

FAITH - LIFTED

CALLED TO SHARE SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day April 8 & 9, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheraneldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and pass the card to the outer aisle during announcements and an usher will pick them up during the call to worship.

Ron McFate Kathy Stoltz Melissa Alden Hugh Lickiss H.O. Nelson Steve Mixdorf Sue Vogel Sharon Baker Sally Puls Duane Miller Andrew Arp Glen Jensen Spencer Roger Lewis Norman Harms Kelly Ann Kuehl Ed Stoltz Kim Pierce Vaughn Carol Judge Jerry Schwien Jeanette Myers Mary Lou Carolyn Scheibe Judy Knoer Bill Lind Madison Russo Jan Kluever Lincoln Regnier Janet Bowman Bob Morehead Ed Precht	Lord, & Hear Our Prayer	Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.		
	H.O. Nelson Sally Puls Jensen Spencer Ann Kuehl Carol Judge Carolyn Scheibe Madison Russo	Steve Mixdorf Duane Miller Roger Lewis Ed Stoltz Jerry Schwien Judy Knoer Jan Kluever	Sue Vogel Andrew Arp Norman Harms Kim Pierce Jeanette Myers Bill Lind Lincoln Regnier	Sharon Baker Glen Kelly Vaughn



Join us as we celebrate the truth that "Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!" The youth who are going to New Mexico for the mission trip in July and their families will serve breakfast on Easter morning, April 19 9, from 9:00-10:15 am. A free will offering will be collected to help Breakfast with the costs of the trip.



Easter Egg Hunt

We invite your family to participate an egg hunt on the church lawn at **9:30am** on **Easter Sunday**. Bring your basket, or we will provide bags. We will celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection together.



Our Special Easter offering is designated for Lutheran Disaster Response for "U.S. tornadoes." 100% of our gifts will be used toward helping people in U.S. communities impacted by tornadoes.



FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Enjoy an afternoon at the Spotlight Theater for the matinee performance of Oliver featuring Faith's own Heather Lueder. Join us for this group outing to the Spotlight Theater located in the former Masonic Temple in Moline on Sunday, April 23rd at 2

pm. Tickets are \$20. Contact Deanna Nielsen (285-6194 or deannasnielsen@gmail.com) before Easter for more information and to reserve your spot. Also there is a sign up on the bulletin board.



Women ELCA

All women are invited to the Southeastern Iowa Women of the ELCA (WELCA) Spring Cluster 6 meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

We will meet at **The Vault Coffee & Cafe**, 220 W. Davenport St., Eldridge. The program by **Humble Dwellings** will begin at **10:00 am.** After the program, we will enjoy Dutch Treat lunch (if desired).

Monetary Donations will be collected for Humble Dwellings, Women of Southeastern Iowa Synod, and our Cluster 6. Please bring separate monies for each.

RSVP by April 15 to Barb Spies: bjspies68@gmail.com or call/text to 563-676-1238. You can contact Lynda Miller if you have any questions in regards to the meeting.



Calling All Hands -BIG or small

We will be holding our annual cleanup day on **April 29th at 8:30 am**. We will be cleaning windows and general yard cleanup. Please come help us keep Faith Lutheran looking beautiful. Your help is much needed and appreciated.



Faith Lutheran Church invites all children ages $4-5^{th}$ to get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood for the summer's biggest party! Using Matthew 6:11; "Give us this

day our daily bread", children are invited to pray as Jesus teaches. These words serve as a reminder that everything we have comes from God - and our daily needs are met by God.

The fun begins **Sunday**, **June 25**th and continues through **Thursday**, **June 29**th, **from 6-8 p.m.** at the church, 500 W. LeClaire Rd., Eldridge. Registration will begin in May on the church website at www.faithlutheraneldridge.com.

Summer Camp at Lutheran Lakeside

Registration is now open for Lutheran Lakeside Camp this summer. We are planning to attend camp **July 16-21**. There is Junior Camp for



those who have completed grades 3-5 and Confirmation Camp for those who have completed grades 6-8. Adults are invited to join us for the adult mission trip to do work around the camp that week as well. If you have any questions about camp, please contact Pastor Carrie (pastorcarrie@csteldridge.com or call or text 641-275-1326), and she will be happy to answer them!



5pm: 46, 9am: 88, Online: 62, Total: 196

THIS WEEK AT FAITH				
Saturday, April 8	5:00 pm	Easter Vigil Worship		
Sunday, April 9	8:00 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Easter Worship Breakfast in Fellowship Hall Easter Egg hunt Easter Worship		
Monday, April 10	Office Closed 6:30 pm	Lions Club Meeting in Fellowship Hall		
Tuesday, April 11	1:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bible Study Food Pantry VFW in Fellowship Hall Endowment Committee Meeting Jubilation		
Wednesday, April 12	5:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Confirmation Meal in Fellowship Hall Confirmation Conversations People of Praise High School Youth Resounding Joy		
Thursday, April 13	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Women of Faith Board Meeting Team Night Executive Committee Meeting		
Friday, April 14	9:30 am	Food Pantry		
Saturday, April 15	5:00 pm	Jubilation Worship		
Sunday, April 16	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:15 am	Jubilation Worship Fellowship Hour Sunday School		

