

Sunday, April 14th 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter



Shining the light of Christ
in the heart of the pines

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WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!” (Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this morning to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?

The first step to becoming a member of our congregation is to speak with our pastor.

We believe, teach, and confess that we are all broken sinners in need of God’s salvation, which He freely gives through His Word and Sacrament. Church is not a club for the sinless— it’s a hospital for sinners!

You may become a member of Epiphany Lutheran Church by transferring your membership from a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) or you may receive instruction from the pastor and become a communicant member of Epiphany and the LCMS through Adult Instruction Class or through a profession of faith.

AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples “*that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead*” and “*that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations*” (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that “*God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets*” (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they “*delivered over and denied*” this Lord Jesus and “*killed the Author of life.*” Yet God “*glorified his servant Jesus*” and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their “*sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord*” (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that “*we should be called children of God; and so we are*” (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even “*as he is pure,*” because “*he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin*” (1 John 3:3, 5).

**DIVINE SERVICE
SETTING ONE
WITH COMMUNION**

Prelude

Selected Music

Welcome and Greeting

Pastor

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; (18:20)

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

(John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

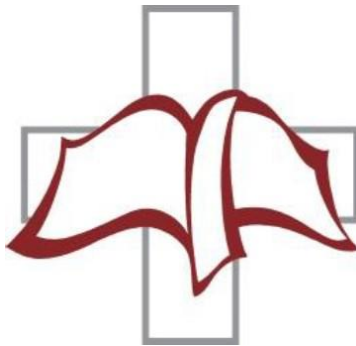
SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 30:1-5

- P** In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- C** **I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**
- P** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- C** **O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- C** **For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

*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.*



Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

"This Is the Feast"

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, **“Peace to you!”** ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, **“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”** ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I

myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

LSB 483

Sermon

“By faith in his name...”
Acts 3:11-21

Rev.E.B.Holschuh

Apostles’ Creed

C 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.**

Passing of the Peace

When Jesus himself appeared to the disciples after his resurrection, he greeted them by saying, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36; John 20:19, 26) – and so we do likewise.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy
C hear our prayer.

Offering

Usher

Please sign the attendance books as they are passed.

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Important Information about Holy Communion Today

Today, we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives His true body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. This Sacrament is also a confession of the unity in faith, doctrine, and practice of those who receive it together.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing of Epiphany Lutheran Church or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we welcome you to commune with us today. However, if this is not the case, we ask that you refrain from communing today. If you have questions, please speak to the pastor. He would be happy to meet with you to talk about the blessings of church membership and arrange for you to be a part of our instruction leading toward reception of Holy Communion at Epiphany.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

P The Lord be with you

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

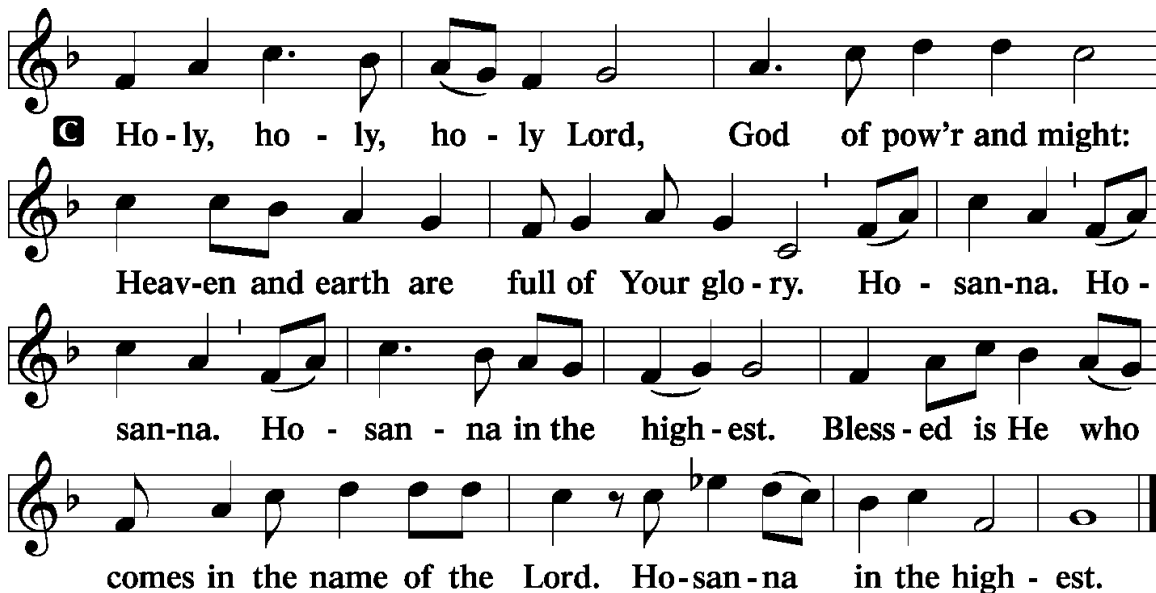


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

Matthew 6:9-13

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

Post-Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

Postlude

Selected Music

PRAYERS AT EPIPHANY

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Please share any prayer requests that need to be added to this list by sending an email to secretary@epiphanybastrop.org. If you have confidential prayer requests for the pastors to know about, please send an email to pastor@epiphanybastrop.org.

- Kathy Achterberg
- Shane Boyd
- David Goeke
- Nellie Gonzalez
- Tonya Hettler
- Deebo and Norma Kunze
- Karen McDougall
- Elaine Ottinger
- Fritz Pittman
- David Sager
- Clayton Wolf
- Dr. Charles Wukasch

MISSIONARIES:

- **Rev. Nathaniel and Emma Jensen (Eurasia, Germany)** – Pray for the Jensens as they serve in Germany. Pray that God would bring the U.S. forces stationed around the world to His holy Word and Sacraments. Pray also for the return of the German people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and for the successful proclamation of that Gospel to the non-Christian peoples of Europe. Ask the Lord to be with the seminary students in Europe, that they might learn to teach the faithful, reach the lost, and care for all, ever holding fast to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
- **Rev. Dr. Daniel and Joan Jastram (Asia, Japan)** – Pray for Daniel and Joan as they serve in Asia. Thank our heavenly Father for the blessing of His Word and Sacraments wherever in the world they are proclaimed and administered. Thank our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the truth of His salvation as witnessed in our catechetical, theological, and worship materials. Thank the Holy Spirit for concord in doctrine and practice as we work with each other and with various partner church bodies. Give thanks to the Lord for the Jastrams, who serve His children in this part of the world.
- **The Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church** – Pray for Bishop Lytkin and the pastors who serve in what is one of the poorest regions of Russia as they raise monetary support for its congregations and pastors, as well as its seminary, which is one of only two remaining Lutheran seminaries (out of eleven founded after the fall of the Soviet Union) in all of Russia.

SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

Pastor – Rev. E. B. Holschuh
Musician – Mark McClain

THIS WEEK AT EPIPHANY:

Sunday, April 14th

- 10:00am – Children’s Sunday School (Fellowship Area)
- 10:00am – Adult Sunday School (Sanctuary)
- 11:00am – Fellowship / Coffee Time
- 11:30am – Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, April 21st

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Who has God put in your life that needs to hear His message? Join Pastor E.B. Wednesdays at 7pm for a new Bible study on Zoom! **God Connects** is a 12-session weekly video series that explains the Christian faith in a way that makes it easy to share key concepts—this study is ideal for those with questions about sin, judgment, redemption, Jesus, the believer’s life, and more. Started 2/14. No church experience or membership is required! Please register (only once) to attend: bit.ly/ELC-GodConnects

New Adult Sunday School video study started April 7th! When we start with the Bible, we find that there is only one race—the human race. Join us for **One Race, One Blood**, a 12-week biblical journey to discover what God’s Word reveals about the unity and diversity of mankind.



Epiphany Lutheran Church has a podcast! Our *Peace Be With You* podcast is still very much a work in progress that we hope will help us reach those in our community and beyond with the Gospel message of hope and salvation in Christ. In the coming days it should be available on popular podcast apps, but you can always find it at peacebewithyou.podbean.com (or just scan the QR code).



Spiritual Warfare with Modern Thought

Men's Retreat

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Austin has planned a men's retreat at Camp Lone Star for April 19-21 and would like to invite all Central Texas Lutheran men to attend, especially our friends at Epiphany Lutheran.



Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jordan Cooper, who will be discussing modern philosophers ranging from René Descartes to Michel Foucault, how their thought has shaped our world today and how we should respond as Lutheran theologians. Dr. Cooper is an ordained Lutheran pastor, a Professor of Systematic Theology, the Executive Director of Just and Sinner, and the President of the American Lutheran Theological Seminary.

You can find out more about Dr. Jordan Cooper at <https://www.jordanbcooper.com>.

More information and registration for the retreat can be found at <https://www.stpaulaustin.org/lonestar/>.

Lutheran Hour: Next Sunday, April 21st – “More Than He Bargained For” – Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect. (Acts 3:6)

Hear The Lutheran Hour each Sunday on station KBUK-FM 104.9 at 7:00 a.m. or on station KANJ-FM 91.5 at 12:30 p.m. or go to lhm.org for a link to listen to the Lutheran Hour live.

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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: It's Sharathon 2024! Celebrate nearly 100 years of KFUE Radio with us this week as we gather for Sharathon, April 18-20. Prayerfully consider financially supporting our ministry so we can continue sharing the Gospel of Christ for another 100 years. Learn more and give at kfu.org/sharathon.

Sanctity of Life: We are created, preserved, and protected by our Father. Christ Jesus died and rose to redeem every life and the Holy Spirit strengthens us to love every life as someone for whom Christ died. Viewing life as valuable shapes our worldview and guides Christians to uphold the lives of the vulnerable. Christians are faced with issues of abortion, euthanasia, and physician assisted suicide. We come to these and other issues with a theology of life – life for all. As the Body of Christ, we seek to preserve every life created by God and value every life, whether the world sees them as valuable or not. The value given to life comes not from the world, but from the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of the world, our Holy and gracious God. Resources have been created to aid in education of congregations and institutions, advocacy for those vulnerable to loss of life, and service to all God's created people: <https://makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org/sanctity-of-life-issues/#resources>.



These days, conducting class at the Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, is sometimes difficult as professors turn to online means to provide pastoral instruction to students, especially those close to the conflict in Ukraine and those who are seeking instruction in countries surrounding Russia. Please continue to pray for the seminary and the *Save the Seminary Campaign* efforts. Your prayers mean so much, and your financial support is a genuine encouragement for the campaign team as we continue to build an endowment for the seminary. Learn more on our website, savetheseminary.org.

Please make your contribution at: savetheseminary.org, or use this QR Code.



Youth Camps

Summer camps are back! We are excited to offer a variety of camps for youth this summer. Ages are for grades NEXT school year.

May 28 to May 30 - Volleyball - Grade 3 to 8 - \$25

June 10-12 - Basketball - Grades K to 8 - \$25

June 17-19 - STEM Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

June 24-26 - Art Camp - Grades K to 6 - \$50

July 1-2 - Archery - Grade 4 to 8 - \$20

Please visit our website or Facebook page for more information! Don't wait --- Sign up today!! Space is limited!

7th Annual Golf Tournament

Faith Lutheran High School will be holding their annual golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, May 31st at Frisch Auf Country Club in La Grange Texas. Shotgun start at 8:00 AM with the possibility of an afternoon flight also. For more information on entering a 4 person team or to sign up as a sponsor, please call (979) 242-2889 or visit our website at www.flhstx.org.

The Spring Thing!

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 8th, at 7pm.

New Student Registration

Registration for 2024-2025 is underway. Five new students have already enrolled and we are looking to add more students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Thrivent Action Team Grants

If you are a Thrivent member willing to submit an application for a \$250 grant to be used on projects at Faith, please contact Nikki Kueck by calling (979) 242-2889. Help us to be able to take advantage of these funds for the good of our school. *We are currently looking to utilize Action Grants to offset expenses associated with our summer camps!



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ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



4 Man Team
Registration
\$400



**FRIDAY,
MAY 31ST**

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LA GRANGE, TX**

**SHOTGUN START 8AM
LUNCH 1PM**

PRIZES

- 1ST TEAM**
- 2ND TEAM**
- LONGEST DRIVE**
- CLOSEST TO PIN**
- LONGEST PUTT**

SPONSORSHIPS

- Platinum \$500**
- Gold \$250**
- Silver \$100**

- Course sponsor recognition on banner, hole, and food & drink sponsor.
- Banner, longest drive, putt, or closest to pin sponsor.
- Hole sign

*Potential afternoon flight based on numbers

Register Now

Make checks payable/send to:
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There is No 'After Easter'

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Much as many people think and speak as though Christmas were “over and done” by the 26th of December, even though the Twelve Days of Christmas have barely begun at that point, so is it common to hear people refer to what they’re doing or going to do “after Easter,” by which they mean the days and weeks following Easter Sunday. I suppose we should be grateful to whatever extent the world around us is still aware of “Christmas” and “Easter” at all; and God grant that I not become a logomachian, quibbling over words when I know exactly what people really mean.

But I do want to “quibble” a bit about this expression, “after Easter,” for the sake of emphasizing the significance of our Lord’s Resurrection from the dead. The finished and accomplished fact of His atoning sacrificial death upon the Cross has changed everything; and that decisive difference is manifested already in His victorious bodily Resurrection, the Firstfruits of them that sleep. He has thus brought Life and Immortality to Light through His Gospel. *That Life* is forever, and that is *the Truth* which is truer—more sure and certain and absolute—than all the good, the bad, and the ugly that we see and touch and feel and experience in the fallen and perishing world.

To be sure, the Great Fifty Days of Easter have barely begun; indeed, we are even now within the Octave of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Liturgically speaking, in terms of the Church Year, “Easter” is a festival Season that culminates in the Feast of Pentecost (which is then extended by its Octave to the Feast of the Holy Trinity). It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should spend as much time reveling in the Resurrection as we have invested in the penitence of Lent. But, yes, the seasons of the Church on earth run their course, serve their purpose, and conclude. So, from that perspective, come June we can speak about what happens “after Easter.”

But the real Easter—that is, the neverending Day of our Lord’s Resurrection, already realized in His own glorious Body—there is nothing “after” that. Established in Him, it is permanent for us, forever and always, eternal in the heavens but so also given and poured out for us here on earth. Though we are dust, and to dust we shall return, He is our Anchor behind the Veil, tethering us to Himself by the waters of Holy Baptism, and by the Feast of His own Body and Blood, so that, even though we die, yet shall we live in body and soul, glorious like unto His glorious Body. He strengthens and sustains us unto that everlasting Life by the power of His own indestructible Life (Hebrews 7:16). Thus do we await the Day of the Resurrection of all Flesh in peace and hope.

For now there is still night and day, evening and morning, sunset and dawning; there is still sin and death, which we experience in our flesh and in our loved ones. But that Day is coming—and in Christ Jesus it has already come—when there shall be no more night, no more darkness, only the Light of Christ our Savior. And we rest ourselves in that eternal Day, already now by faith, in the Liturgy of the Gospel. Which is why *every Sunday*, even in the midst of Advent and Lent, is *the Lord’s Day*, a “little Easter,” which remembers and rejoices in His glorious Resurrection.

