

Saturday, April 19, 2025

The Great Vigil of Easter



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

*"Building a welcoming, nurturing faith community that
is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel."*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

PROCESSION TO FIRE

Service of Light: We re-light the Christ Candle which was extinguished on Sorrowful Friday in remembrance of the crucifixion

BLESSING OF NEW FIRE

LIGHTING OF CHRIST CANDLE

PROCESSION TO SANCTUARY

EASTER PROCLAMATION & LITANY

HYMN: ELW 715 "Christ, Be our Light"

Service of Word: We hear stories describing God's steadfast and powerful presence

FIRST READING: "The Story of Creation" (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

SUNG RESPONSE: ELW 881 "Let All Things Now Living" v. 1

SECOND READING: "The Crossing of the Red Sea" (Exodus 13-15)

SUNG RESPONSE: ELW 326 "Bless Now, O God the Journey" v. 2

THIRD READING: "The Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5:1-9, see next page)

SUNG RESPONSE: ELW 611 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

FOURTH READING: "The Empty Tomb" (Luke 24:1-5a, see next page)

SUNG RESPONSE: ELW 379 "Now the Green Blade Rises" vv. 1, 2

Service of Water: We remember our baptismal vows

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS & SPRINKLING

RESPONSE: ELW 452 "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

OFFERING (Bismarck Global Neighbors, see next page for more info)

DOXOLOGY

Service of Bread and Wine: We welcome the gifts of God into our lives

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

ELW 334 "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING HYMN: ELW 634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" vv. 1, 3, 5

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE: ELW 367 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

**ELW = Red Hymnal*

READING(S)

First Reading: *based on Genesis 1:1 - 2:3*

Second Reading: *based on Exodus 13-15*

Third Reading: *Matthew 5:1-9*

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit

All: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven!

One: Blessed are those who mourn

All: for they will be comforted!

One: Blessed are the meek

All: for they shall inherit the earth!

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness

All: for they will be filled!

One: Blessed are the pure in heart

All: for they will see God!

One: Blessed are the peacemakers

All: for they will be called the children of God!

Fourth Reading: *Luke 24: 1-5a*

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

OFFERING

Bismarck Global Neighbors serves immigrant and refugee New Americans in central North Dakota through mentoring, advocacy, and partnership. If you would like to **write a check**, please make it out to "Faith Lutheran Church" with "Global Neighbors" in the memo line. To learn more and find out how to get involved, visit their website at: www.bismarckglobalneighbors.org

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