

# Faith's Table Worship Service

## Our Mission Statement



Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

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Welcome to Faith's Table worship service. Today we focus on the simplicity of "the table" from which Christ calls us to remember Him with humble offerings of bread and wine.

Our communion table is open, all are invited. Wine/juice is offered in individual cups which can be deposited in the receptacles as you return to your seat. Those with mobility issues will be communed where seated. Peace be with you!

## Announcements

### We Gather

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts and minds and welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives.

*Music for a time of personal meditation*

### Confession

As we gather around Faith's table let us confess and be freed from our sins, asking forgiveness in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our ☩ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song...**'Softly and Tenderly'

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain* "Come home, (Come home,) come home! (come home!) You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?** *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.** *Refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, **you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### The Word

Reading ... Psalm 23

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation... 'Alleluia...'

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gospel ... John 10:11-18

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day...**'My Lord of Light'

*(Offering is brought forward during this hymn)*

1 **My Lord of light who made the worlds,  
in wisdom you have spoken;  
but those who heard your wise commands  
your holy law have broken.**

2 **My Lord of love who knew no sin,  
a sinner's death enduring:  
for us you wore a crown of thorns,  
a crown of life securing.**

3 **My Lord of life who came in fire  
when Christ was high ascended:  
your burning love is now released,  
our days of fear are ended.**

4 **My Lord of lords, one Trinity,  
to your pure name be given  
all glory now and evermore,  
all praise in earth and heaven.**

## Installation of Church Council

### We Pray

*Each petition ends with:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

### The Table

Holy God, Holy Creator, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

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\***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved  
Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus\*... 'Holy, holy, holy Lord.'

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

### Eucharistic Prayer

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

### Lord's Prayer

This is the body of Christ.  
Behold what you are; become what you receive.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come to the table. All are invited.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

(Congregation may be seated)

Agnus Dei\* ... 'O Lamb of God'

***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.***

**Communion Hymn...** 'Take, Oh, Take Me'

**Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

*Time of silent prayer and reflection*

### Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.\* **Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### Peace

May the Spirit and the peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Let us share God's peace with one another.

**Sending Hymn...** 'We Are Marching'

**We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, (marching, we are marching,  
marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,  
marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are dancing . . .  
We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .**

### Dismissal

Fed and nourished at the table, almighty God ☩ bless you now and forever. Go forth, remember the poor and serve others as we have been called. **Amen.**

### Postlude

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**Softly and Tenderly**

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: Will L. Thompson

Tune Name: Thompson

Text & Music: Public Domain

**My Lord of Light**

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

Tune Name: Barbara Allen

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**Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am**

Text & Music: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Tune Name: Take Me As I Am

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**We Are Marching**

*Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984*

*Music: South African traditional; arr. Freedom Is Coming*

Tune Name: Siyahamba Text and music Public Domain

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Altar .....	Lilli & Barclay Holbrook
Sunday School.....	Darlene Ingram
Coffee Hour.....	Lilli & Barclay Holbrook

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, April 21 – Good Shepherd Sunday**

- Faith's Table service

- Announcements 10:55 AM

- Sunday School 10:55 AM

- Holy Communion Worship Pr Julio Romero 11:00 AM

- Congregational Meeting

- Coffee Hour

**Thursday, April 25** - Bible Study 10:30 AM – 12 noon

**Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- Sunday School 10:55 AM

- Holy Communion Worship Pr Doreen McFarlane 11:00 AM

- Announcements

- Coffee Hour

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today, April 21 – Congregational meeting**

Presentation on the kitchen renovations immediately after service.

**Sunday, May 5 – Walter Haldorson Trivia Afternoon, right after service**

Cost: **Freewill Offering** to cover the cost of the pizza and refreshments. First prize: Bragging rights. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please speak to Cheryl Smart if you have any questions.

**Let's Help Eigil, our delegate to Synod Convention,**

**June 20-24** – A new Eastern Synod Bishop and other officers will be elected at this convention. The candidates' profiles will be posted on the Eastern Synod website by May 20. Eigil would like input on who you feel would be the best candidates.

**Sunday, June 9 – Niagara Ministry Area Leadership Team is planning**

an all parish event at First Lutheran Church, Port Colborne. Carpooling will be arranged. More information to follow.

**Pastoral care** – If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church and leave a message (messages will be checked daily), or, in an emergency, call Pr. Julio on his cell phone 289-407-3993. If it is not an emergency please keep in mind that Saturday and Monday are his days off.

**Community Care** – Let us continue to remember the less fortunate by donating to the Food Bank. Staple items that do not last long on the shelves are: canned meats, canned pasta, large cans of stews and soups and juice boxes. Besides food, other items such as hygiene products like travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper and diapers are also needed.