



FAITH JOURNEY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesday Worship

April 7, 2021

No
Matter
What

for the Community of
Faith✝Journey Lutheran Church

Easter reminds us that

WE'RE LOVED

...No Matter What.

Opening Song | **TRADING MY SORROWS** *By Darrell Evans*

*I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord*

We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen

I am pressed, but not crushed, persecuted, not abandoned
Struck down, but not destroyed,
I am blessed beyond the curse for His promise will endure
That His joy is gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night..His joy comes in the morning

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We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, Amen
(Repeat)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Services of Worship
will *continue* to be live
streamed to our Website,
Facebook, YouTube and
BoxcastTV sites.

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays - 6:30pm Contemporary
Sundays – 9:00am Traditional
11:00am Contemporary

Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday, 9am – 5pm;
Friday - office closed

Communion Pick-up in the West Lobby

(for those continuing to attend virtual worship)

Monday – Thursday, 10am – 4pm

Note: Communion is now offered EVERY Sunday, and NOT on Wednesdays

• **THE CHURCH FACILITY IS NOW OPEN FOR IN-PERSON CHURCH SPONSORED EVENTS** | We will continue with **ALL** current Covid protocols and procedures until further notice (please see the CoVid News Hub on the church website to stay up-to-date). For information, or to schedule meetings/events, please call Sally in the office.

• **TEXT IN CHURCH** | Receive important emails and text messages relevant to you, F+JLC, and the ministries that you are involved in. *To take part in this ministry, simply text WELCOME (guest/visitors) or FJLCJOIN (current members/attenders) to 701-401-9285, or sign up on our website!*

• **GREETING CARDS AVAILABLE!** | The yellow spinning rack is back and is full of beautiful, recycled greeting cards available for purchase @\$\$.50 per card! This is sponsored by FJLC Women of Faith. For information, requests for specific type of card(s), or to make a cash donation, please contact Marcia at 701-282-0151

• **IN-PERSON YOUTH PROGRAMMING** | COMPASS, LAUNCH & FUEL have resumed! Contact Rachel Fay with questions.

• **CARE & SHARE OFFERING** | **April collections** will be going to Farmers Rescue; (providing food to the masses). *Thank you so much for your gifts!*



Faith+Journey Lutheran Church
West Fargo, ND | growinfaith.org
STAYING CONNECTED... while we are apart
#ZoomInFaith
SUNDAY MORNINGS: 10:00 - 11:00 am
THURSDAY EVENINGS: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Access Codes change every month for security purposes.

MARCH



• **ZOOM IN FAITH** | You're Invited to community conversation with our recurring, Zoom meetings! **Thursdays @6:30pm and Sundays @10am**. Monthly link to join will go out with Newsletter email notice; security measures are in place. *Contact the office for connection information!*

• **THRIVEFEST NORTH 2021 TICKETS AVAILABLE** | Rachel will be purchasing tickets at a low, group rate, but the deadline for this is coming quickly! If you would like tickets, contact Rachel **before Friday, 3/26/21**, at rkapphahn@growinfaith.org!

• **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** | Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month @2pm, Fellowship Hall. Contact Karen Midgarden for info/sign up 701-331-0901 or jokarmid@gmail.com

• **CAMP METIGOSHE NEWS** | All Registration, Health Forms, and Payments must be sent directly to Camp Metigoshe ASAP.

• **GOOD GIFTS** | We are participating in ELCA Good Gifts campaign. Good Gifts Kits are available in West Entry Mon-Thurs 9am - 4pm (Wed til 7:30pm), and Sundays 8:30am – Noon. For more information go to www.goodgifts.elca.org



• **MUSICIANS WANTED!** | Do you play a musical instrument? Do you sing? We are looking for Brass, Woodwinds, Strings, Percussion, Voice Cantors, Soloists, Song Leaders. If you, or someone you know, has a musical talent to share, please let us know; we will find a place for you!! Contact Jane Whaley at jwhaley@growinfaith.org

• **BIBLE STUDY** | | on Philippians, living as Christians through life's problems and difficulties. We meet Thursdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom, (upcoming dates: April 8 & 22). Thanks to the Faith Foundation for covering the cost of our materials. Contact Steve Wingad: 701-306-4170, slwkawja@msn.com or Pastor Rich: 701-893-8158, rkramer@growinfaith.org to join in!



• **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** | Wednesday mornings at 6:00am. Contact Jeff Watne, jlwatne@live.com for more information

• **GRIEF SHARE CONTINUES** | *Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8pm, in-person and via Zoom.* For questions and/or to sign up, Contact Bonnie Swanson at 701-318-0949 or P. Rich at rkramer@growinfaith.org

• **GIFTS AND TITHES** | THANK YOU for your continued support – here are the avenues through which you can financially support FJLC:

1. **Online** | <https://growinfaith.org/serve-give/give-now> => click on **GIVE NOW** and follow the online instructions
2. **On Your Phone** | Text "**FJLCgive**" to 77977 click on the link provided and follow the instructions.
3. **By Mail** | Send your gift to the church business office 127 2nd Ave East, West Fargo, ND 58078 **Attn: Carly**
4. **In Person** | Drop off your offering at the church office Monday – Thursday, 10am to 1pm OR...use the *outside mailbox* to leave your gift.

NOTE: *Help the kids in Tanzania!* You can now donate to *Noisy Offering* through PushPay, or you can mark "*Other – noisy offering*" on your offering envelope.

Thank You for your Generous Support!!

Worship Song - GOD OF WONDERS

Written by Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation...Of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle...Glory to the Lord on high

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy...You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty...You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth*

Early in the morning...I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness...I will call Your name by night

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy...You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty...You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth*

Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah, to the Lord of heaven and earth...You are holy...holy

*God of wonders beyond our galaxy... You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal your heart to me...Father, hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty You are holy, holy
Holy, holy...*

Prayer of the Day

A Time of Offering

During this song – we encourage you to take time to consider the blessings that you have in your life and offering back to God your time, your talent, and your treasure. This might be a good time to set aside your offering or go online to make a gift to FJ†LC.

Offering Song - WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST – Ray Makeever

We come to the hungry feast,
Hungry for the word of peace
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
The love of god is not denied

We come, we come to the hungry feast

We come to the hungry feast,
Hungry for a world released
From hungry folks of every kind
The poor in body, poor in mind

We come, we come to the hungry feast

We come to the hungry feast,
Hungry that the hunger cease,
And knowing though we eat our fill
The hunger will stay with us still

We come, we come to the hungry feast

Giving Thanks for the Blessings of God

Leader | Life-giving God, you have fed our Spirits with your word, and our hearts burn within us. Take now our ordinary gifts, even those that seem so small for such a celebration, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, make of them an abundance, as you do with our lives. Confirm our faith, guide our lives and empower us for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

ALL | WE OFFER THESE GIFTS AND OUR ENTIRE LIVES TO YOU, O
LORD, IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR. AMEN

Scripture

The Scripture reading is from 1 John 4:7-16a |

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

Leader | This is the Word of the Lord
ALL | THANKS BE TO GOD

Message | Pr. Mike

Prayers of the People

Leader | Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. Each petition will conclude with the words "Hear us, O God," **and your response is: "Your Mercy is Great."**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Blessing

Leader | May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

ALL | AMEN

Sending

Sending Song | YOU ARE GOD *by Scott Underwood*

You are God of the heavens and God of the earth,
You are God of our Savior's virgin birth.
You were God on the cross and God over hell,
You were God before man and God when he fell.

*You, You are, You are God,
You are God, God, God.
You, You are, You are God,
You are God, God, God.*

You are God in what seems like happenstance,
You are God in ev'ry circumstance.
You are God when we fall and God when we stand,
You are God who holds us in Your hand.

*You, You are, You are God,
You are God, God, God.
You, You are, You are God,
You are God, God, God.
(Repeat)*

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Leader | Alleluia! Christ is risen.

ALL | CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

Leader | Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Wash your hands, keep your distance and love your neighbor! Remember – we love you, we are praying for you and we look forward to seeing you again real soon....

ALL | THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA!

**OUR NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE IN PERSON AND LIVE STREAMED ON
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 @ 9 AM AND 11 AM**
