

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH Tel: (519) 753-3833

Email: faithlutheran1@bellnet.ca Website: <https://faithlutheranbrantford.com>

6. SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 14, 2023

Gathering

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Announcements

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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
We are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

ALL: We give you thanks, O God, in every age you have made water a sign of your presence. In the beginning, your Spirit brooded over the waters, and so they became the source of all life.

Your chosen people passed through the waters to freedom.

**By water, made holy by Christ in the Jordan,
we are baptized into him who transformed death to life. Let your Spirit descend once again on all of us gathered for worship today. Amen**

Gathering Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* # 858, 1-4

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God

We are thankful for your love and your presence in our lives.

In you, we live and move and have our being.

In you, we find our beginning and our end.

In you, we find a judge who is kind and gracious.

**We know you as Saviour, keeping watch over all your people,
calling us to walk in paths of justice and peace,
leading us away from trouble, toward the hope you promise.
We have now come together to praise and worship you,
seeking to serve you in gratitude every day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Word

First Reading *Acts 17:22–31*

“Word of God, Word of Life” Response: **“Thanks be to God”**

“Please rise as you are able for the Gospel acclamation which is

Gospel Acclamation *Magnificat- #236*

Gospel *John 14:15-21* Response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. Response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Thomas Mertz*

Hymn of the Day *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 631, 1-4*

Apostles Creed p. 127

Prayers of Intercession

Offertory -

“At this time we sing *Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring # 691 as we praise God with our offering. We sing verses 1-3*

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you all. **And Also with you.**

You may share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Jesus, brother, savior, Lord,

we thank you for inviting us to your meal.

We thank you for sharing your bread with us.

Bread of life for the whole world -

bread for the hungry,

bread for the desperate,

Bread for those caught in fear

Bread for those who feel like loosing the ground under their feet.

You are the bread of life.

In the night in which you were betrayed you took bread, broke it and said:

“Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

We thank you for sharing your cup of salvation with us.

The cup of salvation for the whole world -

Healing for those who are guilty.

Healing for those who yearn for new beginnings.

healing for victims.

Healing so that there will finally be peace.

salvation and life for all of your children.

You took the cup after supper and said:

**“This is the blood of the new covenant, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep, and unite us
now and forever. Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Sending

Sending Blessing Song *To Be Your Presence* # 546, 1-4

Dismissal –

Go in Peace, serve the Lord...Thanks be to God

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Call Meeting

SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023, immediately after the 10:30 am service

**“Congregational meeting to call Bethan Riehle-Johns as Pastor of Faith Lutheran
Brantford as of July 1, 2023 provided Synod will grant formal endorsement by
May 16 as anticipated at this time.”**