

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

8:00



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Welcome to Worship

If you are visiting with us today thanks for coming.
We're glad you're here.

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Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the basket at the back of the church..

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Prayer Requests can be noted on the back of the card.

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A word to our visitors and guests about Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically "change" into something other than bread and wine, nor do we believe that the bread and wine merely "represent" Christ's body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ when he said, "Take eat, this is my body" and "Take, drink, this is my blood." We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine words). We therefore, also believe the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and His blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. If you are able to accept our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion, you are cordially invited to partake of the Sacrament with us. However, if you are in doubt, you may wish to consult with the Pastor beforehand.

If you are unable to walk up for communion
please notify an elder or usher and it will be brought to you.

*The center section of each tray is filled with white grape juice
for those who cannot have wine. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

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OPENING HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

685, v 1-4

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

INTROIT

Pastor: Wait for the Lord;

People: **be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord**

Pastor: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

People: **to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

Pastor: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

People: **he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

Pastor: At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;

People: **I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

GLORIA PATRI/KYRIE

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning, and though we have in no way deserved your goodness, you still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT, Isaiah 42:14–21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE, Ephesians 5:8–14

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL, John 9:1–41

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to:

People: Glory be to You, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

HYMN OF THE DAY God Loved the World So That He Gave # 571, v 1-6

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor; Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed in He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosana in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Glory Be to Jesus	# 433
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	# 411

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thank unto the Lord, for He is good,

People: and His mercy endureth forever.

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thank 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.

People: **Amen**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **and with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

563, v 1-4

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Upcoming Events:

~ Everyone ~

Garage Sale ~ Bake Sale ~ Purse Sale, March 25
Men's Breakfast, March 25

~ See the Newsletter for more upcoming events ~



Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and Bible-believing community of Christians. Our mission is to reach out through the Holy Spirit, and bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ through dynamic worship of God, vigorous study of His word, loving care for one another, and committed support of His work throughout the world.