

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 2017 A.D.
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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



AS WE GATHER

Accounts of life coming out of death are found throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, there is the story of the Valley of Dry Bones, which is celebrated in a familiar spiritual song that ends with this refrain: “Now hear the word of the Lord!” Our Lord Jesus Christ has words for us to hear—important, eternal words. In today’s Gospel we hear Him say: “I am the resurrection and the life!” Life came out of death for Lazarus and, by God’s gracious action, it does for us as well.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the blue information card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

(Please stand)

OPENING SONG “10,000 Reasons” (Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin)
Faith’s Praises with congregation

Refrain: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I’ll worship Your holy name.*

**The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning.
It’s time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me –
let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain)**

**You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing –
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Refrain)**

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul. I’ll worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name. God, I’ll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I’ll worship Your holy name.
I’ll worship Your holy name. God, I’ll worship Your holy name.**

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:27–29

P The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.
C **Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!**
P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;
C **You are my God; I will extol You.**
P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
C **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Humble yourselves before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins—those of which we are not aware and those we know full well. We do not love You and other people as we ought. We are often careless with Your creation and heedless in choosing the proper priorities in our lives. It is our intent to say and do that which honors You. For the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and may serve You in time and in eternity.**

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

P O Christ,

C **have mercy.**

P O Lord,

C **have mercy.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord and giver of life, You call Your people from death and despair to faith and faithfulness. In Christ, we are assured of resurrection and life. Enlighten our hearts that we may have a right understanding in all things and may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your Word among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with**

You and the Father are one God, world without end. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 37:1–14* (Life is restored in the Valley of Dry Bones.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON *Romans 8:1–11* (Life in the Spirit through Christ.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC “Above All” *(Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc)*
Faith’s Praises with Congregation

**Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things;
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began.
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known;
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth, there’s no way to measure what You’re worth.
Crucified, laid behind a stone, You lived to die, rejected and alone.
Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me above all.**

(Repeat)

(after repeat)

Like a rose, trampled on the ground, You took the fall, and thought of me above all.

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(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:1–45* (Lazarus is restored to life by Jesus.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG

“At the Cross”

*(Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Christ Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Armstrong)
Faith’s Praises with Congregation*

**There’s a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There’s a place where streams of grace flow deep and wide,
Where all the love I’ve ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.**

**At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life. I’m in awe of You, I’m in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.**

**There’s a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
Where all the love I’ve ever felt comes like a flood, comes flowing down.**

**At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life. I’m in awe of You, I’m in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to You, I owe all to You.**

**Here, my hope is found, here on holy ground. Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here, You saved my life. Here I bow down, here I bow.**

**At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life. I’m in awe of You, I’m in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white, I owe all to You, I owe all to You.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.**

Savior of the world, Jesus. Savior of the world, Jesus. Savior of the world, Jesus.

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SERMON

*“There’s Power in the Word” (Ezekiel 37:1-14)
Pastor Cory J. Rajek*

(Please stand)

CREED 8:20am Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00am Apostles’ *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

(Please be seated)

OFFERING *We gather our tithes, gifts of love, and our “Building Together in Faith” gifts.*

(Please stand)

OFFERTORY “More Precious Than Silver” (*Lynn DeShazo*)
(*Faith’s Praises will sing through once; congregation will join in and sing twice.*)

**Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,
And nothing I desire compares with You.**

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Grant grace, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray for Your kingdom on earth. Around the globe may there be an increase of the Word of life. May the Spirit’s power be made evident in the Church, as it reaches out to all parts of the world, bringing the good news of sins forgiven through Christ to every place. Gracious God, in mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant love, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray for our household of faith, for our families, and for our neighborhoods, that we may be filled with a sense of appreciation for all Your good gifts. As we are blessed by the care of others, so may we bless them with care in Your name. Loving God, in mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant health, we pray, in mercy, Lord. We pray at this time for the sick, the shut-in, those who mourn, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they may be supported by God’s people with care in the name of Christ. Healing God, in mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant care, we pray, in mercy, Lord. Lead us by the working of the Holy Spirit to do that which God intends for us to do, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities, and being agents of care and concern in our circles of relationship. Caring God, in mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

C **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.**

The 11:00am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠
8:20am Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we thank You that You bring life out of death and have affirmed the promise of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. May we thankfully hear the sacred Word of His total sacrifice proclaimed among us, take to heart its message of forgiveness, and encouraged by its truth, join in the unending praises of Your redeeming love.

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (*LSB* 507, st. 4)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for bringing life out of death and, as the total sacrifice, giving Yourself to pay the price of our sins. Accept our humble thanks, O Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. By the working of the Spirit, keep us sanctified in body, soul, and spirit. May we rejoice in the fellowship of Your Table and finally may we be granted our places with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI "The Lamb" (*LSB 547*)

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” (Stuart Townend)

Faith’s Praises with Congregation



**How deep the Father’s love for us – how vast beyond all mea-sure;
That He should give His only Son – to make a wretch His trea-sure.
How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One – bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon the cross – my sin upon His shoul-ders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice – call out among the scof-fers.
It was my sin that held Him there – until it was accom-plished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is fin-ished.**

**I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no pow’r, no wis-dom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ – His death and resurrec-tion.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an an-swer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran-som.**

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“God Loves Me Dearly” (LSB 392)

**God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me. *Refrain***

***Refrain: Therefore I’ll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.***

**I was in slav’ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God’s love was working To make me free. *Refrain***

**He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. *Refrain***

Crossed Hands – The Board of Elders would find it helpful that when you desire to receive the communion wafer that you extend your hands in front of you with your hands crossed by simply placing your top hand crossed in the palm of the lower hand.

**Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. Refrain**

**Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. Refrain**

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“Give Me Jesus”



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,
2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.
Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.
Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.
Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.
And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

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(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may walk as children of the light and, sharing that kindly light, proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“You Are My King” (*Billy James Foote*)

Faith’s Praises with Congregation

I’m forgiven – because You were forsaken. I’m accepted – You were condemned.

I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me - because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be – that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it’s true. It’s my joy to honor You. (repeat)

In all I do – I honor You.

You – are my King. You – are my King.

Jesus, You - are my King. Jesus, You – are my King.

Amazing love, how can it be – that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it’s true. It’s my joy to honor You. (repeat)

In all I do – I honor You. (3x)

Amazing love, how can it be?

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Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth Sunday in Lent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home. Greeting you this morning:

Before Early Service

Lee & Lennis Axdahl

Marvin & Mary Buxcel

After Early Service

Greg Otkin

Scott & Melanie Fuerst



Before Late Service

Daris & Kelsey Kampfe

Brent & Sheri Adney

Preaching this morning is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Joshua Baumann, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:20 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord brings us strength and forgiveness to be about His vision and mission. Those confirmed Lutherans who come to the Sacrament of the Altar today are asked to read the communion side of our information card found in the pew rack and to sign the bottom of the reverse side so that our communion records might be complete.

Adult Bible Study Join us as we continue with our study in Genesis at 9:45. Hope to see you there.

Sunday School Sunday School is for all children age 3 by September 1, 2016. Green registration sheets are located on the information table in the Narthex.

Nursery Nursery is available during the 11:00 service. Nursery is located in the **F/G Room downstairs**. It is for children ages infant through 5 year olds.

Nursing Moms can find a comfortable rocker in the Daycare. This is NOT a Nursery for young children, just a quiet, private place for nursing moms.

God Be With You!

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Our Broadcasts Our Sonrise Broadcast is made possible this week by our Faith congregation.

Did you know that "Sonrise" is streamed on KCCR live? If you are away, log on to www.TodaysKCCR.com. The Broadcast schedules are on the traveling Bulletin board, which is in the Narthex. COST: You may sponsor the radio broadcast of Sonrise for \$30.00. This radio broadcast is on 1240 AM KCCR at 6:40 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Lenten Wed., Mar. 22 Att. 284; Offering \$2,521.46; **Sun., Mar. 26 Att. 408;** General Fund \$8,578.75; Building Fund \$410.00 (Debt Retirement \$410.00); Sunday School \$21.86; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Thrivent Automatic Withdrawal \$1,245.00 (General \$1,200.00, Debt Retirement \$45.00); Endowment Fund in memory of Stella Dohrer \$10.00.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Apr. 2

8:20 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
3:00-6:00 pm Softball
6:15 pm Board of Education
6:30 pm "Ezra/Nehemiah" Bible Study
7:00 pm Bd. of Elders, Bd. of Missions
Board of Parish Fellowship

Mon: Apr. 3

8:30 am Food Drive taken to Food Pantry
7:00 pm Men's Fellowship

Tues: Apr. 4

8:25 am Staff Devotions
10:15 am "Soul Spa" Women's Study
4:00 pm Homeschool PE
6:15 pm Trustees Meeting
6:30 pm Choir
7:30-9:00 pm Pickleball

Wed: Apr. 5

11:00 am Lenten Worship
12:00 Forever Young

6:30 pm Midweek
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
8:00 pm LYF Youth meeting

Thurs: Apr. 6

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:25 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium
5:30 pm Early Education Meeting
6:00-9:00 pm Softball

Sat: Apr. 8

Set up for Living Last Supper

Sun: Apr. 9 PALM SUNDAY

8:20 am Worship
9:30 am Pancake Breakfast for Hong Kong
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Communion
3:00-6:00 pm Softball
6:30 pm Living Last Supper



BUILDING NEWS

Thank you for your continued gifts to our Building Fund – We thank you for your gifts last Sunday to the Building Fund of \$455.00. The gifts were designated as follows:

The Debt Retirement Account: \$455.00
The Building Account: \$0.00

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Palm Crosses Mark your calendars for Friday, April 7th and join us in the Christian Family Life Center to assemble Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. so please bring your scissors, a yard stick if possible, and willing hands.



The Altar Guild would like to thank Pastor Urbach for providing some of the palms

for this purpose.

Food Drive Tomorrow, April 3rd is the date for taking all our food donations to the Food Pantry. Please be here at the church by 8:30 am if you are available to help load the trailer, and help unload and stock shelves once there.



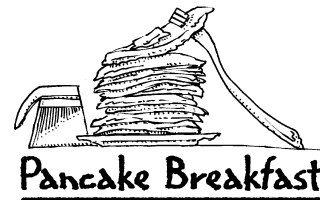
Little Dresses for Africa Deadline for completion is April 30th.

LWML Please come to our April 10th LWML meeting and hear about Nick and Annette Hill's mission work at Cherry Creek in South Dakota. Some of the Country Fair funds went to help fund this mission work. Annette Hill will be our speaker for the evening. We will be having a Silent Auction that evening too with the proceeds going to the Cherry Creek mission work. Baked goods, new or slightly used items are very welcome for our auction. We meet at 7:00 in the St. Paul room. Bring a friend and join us for some fun fellowship and Gospel spreading news here in central South Dakota!

Daycare Needs Our Daycare is in need of part-time substitutes. If you enjoy children and have a bit of time, they would appreciate your help. You would be paid hourly. Check with Jen at Daycare (224-4748) if you would be willing to help.

Church Photo Directories Our Photo Directories have arrived! Please pick yours up today. They are on the table in the Living Room and are labeled for each family.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast The Men's Network at Faith Lutheran will be serving breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 9th between services, to help raise funds for the Hong Kong Mission Trip. Nick Hill is making plans to go again this year and we would like to help support this outreach program. This will be a free-will offering event.



Forever Young Forever Young will have our noon meal this Wednesday, April 5th, after our Lenten service. So come for the early Lenten service and stay for lunch. It is a regular potluck. Always good food and great fellowship! Hope to see you there!

Softball League Faith Lutheran hopes to again play in the Men's Friday night softball league during the summer months starting in May. We have a great core group of guys but we need more players. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Ryckman soon at 222-7713 to be added to the roster.



Contributions If you are using your offering envelopes, it would be helpful to Helen if you would also put your name on each envelope as you use them. We are going to be using a new program and have found that a few envelope numbers did not get posted to their **new** owners. In these cases I need to know who now has that number so I can get the contributions posted to the correct persons. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Also, **please** make sure you are using **your own envelopes** and not those of your children. If there is no name on the envelope, I will assume the contribution belongs to the envelope number. If your name is on the envelope and your child's name comes up I can look up your number and make the change. Otherwise it will be posted to the envelope number. Once posted, very difficult to change. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Helen

Items to be included in the bulletin for any Sunday need to be submitted to the office no later than the Tuesday morning **before** that Sunday. Anything needing to go into the newsletter needs to be submitted by the end of the second week of the month **prior** to the month of the newsletter.

Preschool Director Position If you are aware of anyone who would be interested in applying for the position of Preschool Director, please let the church office (224-2216) or Shelley Larson, chairperson of the Board of Early Childhood Education, know. Her number is 605-280-6245. The position requires a four year degree in Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. Thank you!

Preschool Registration Registration continues for the 2017-2018 year at preschool. You may find a form on the information table in the Narthex. Please return to the church office as soon as possible. Questions? Call Jan Larson at 224-6574.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Life Quotes “What do we tell you young people as you struggle with temptations and tough choices, mood swings, and confused feelings about your identity? We want you to know whose you are and that you can make good choices because you are created, redeemed, and called.” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Faith Lutheran Youth - F.L.Y.

Here's what happening with the youth of Faith Lutheran....



Acolytes for March/April

April 2

Early: Damon Hoftiezer, Brady Hoftiezer

Late: Melissa Hedglin, Jesse Jares

+April 5 LENT 7:00-7:45 p.m.

7:00: Trevor Hayes, Lane Pope

April 9 Palm Sunday

Early: Hannah Lingle, Caiden Jost

Late: Tucker Berens, Trevor Penrod

April 13 Maundy Thursday

7:00: Maria Noyes, Deni Zeeb

April 14 Good Friday

7:00 (Need 4) Kaycee Carter, Kamden

Carter, Nate Hill, Ethan Hill

April 16 EASTER!

Early: (Need 5) Ladd Kramme, Lane

Kramme, Nathan Shoup, Jordan Thompson,

Sammie Axtell

Late: (Need 5) Britney Hicks, Joseph King,

Melissa Hedglin, Daniel Voita, Cassandra

VanDeWiele

April 23

Early: Ethan Hill, Bailey Nelson

Late: Brady Hofteizer, Damon Hofteizer

April 30 Confirmation Sunday

Early: Cassandra Ryckman,

Adam Schochenmaier

* If acolytes are not able to be present for their assigned day, it is their responsibility to call someone else to find a replacement and then notify the church office. Thank you so very much!

Verse(s) of the Week: (NIV)

Matthew 18:15 ESV “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”

→ **PRAYERS of all types and sorts:**

This day we bring before God in prayer all those family and friends of this church afflicted by terrible illness or long term suffering. We pray that God would grant healing according to His good and gracious will along with the grace to bear up under suffering. May the love of Christ Jesus be in us to share with those who are suffering.

Lord in Your mercy...Hear my prayer.

- Lent Worship - 7:00 to 7:45 on Wednesdays during the season of Lent
- Good Friday Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 pm on Friday, April 14th
- Easter Breakfast – Easter Sunday, April 16th in between the services

Please join us in the Lord's House for Lenten Worship Wednesdays at 11 am and 7 pm through the duration of Lent. The Sermon Series is entitled: The Sign of Jonah. This coming Wednesday the focus is: *The God of the Second Chance (Jonah 3:1-4)*.

→**Night of 8th Grade Questioning**—All are invited to attend the evening of questioning for our 8th grade confirmation students. The rite of questioning is a major moment for our 8th grade Midweek students and they would be so appreciative of your support. Join us Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary followed by refreshments.

→ **Sunday School Children Singing Dates for the Remainder of the Year:**

Here are the Sundays the N-4th grade Sunday School will be singing at the 11 a.m. service: **April 9th** (Palm Sunday); & **May 14th** (*Midweek Children Sing on May 14th*).



→ **The Theme for this year's Vacation Bible School will be: *A Mighty Fortress: In Jesus the Victory is Won!*** Our VBS dates for this year are: June 5-9. Sing-ups for adult volunteers, decorations, and helpers will be made available in April.

→**Attention High School Youth....** Faith Lutheran will be hosting a blood drive in the Christian Family Life Center this Tuesday, April 20th from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please consider donating blood!

TEACHERS of Faith Lutheran Church: (Midweek, Sunday School, Adult



Bible Studies—Men’s... Ladies...In-home etc. — along with our Daycare, & Pre-school Staff & Teachers)... Join us for a **NOON LUNCHEON** in the gym with your family Sunday, April 23rd after the 11 o’clock worship in your honor! Our way of saying thanks for all that you do! We will have lunch, door prizes, and a small program. We praise God for your all service

→ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP** meets every Wednesday @ 8:00 p.m. at faith. Open to anyone in high school and is intended to be a safe place where high school aged youth can come together to spend time and fellowship together as young Christians each week. Pastor Baumann and Michael Shoup co-lead the group and love to spend time with each person that comes. If you have an activity that you would like to do, please let either of us know! Creativity is welcome!

→ **Easter Sunday Egg Bakes**

The signup sheet for contributing to the assortment of Easter Sunday Egg Bakes is available on the back table in the Narthex. **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** for your generous contributions to our youth! **-Easter Breakfast is Sunday, April 16th in between the services.**

→ **Did you know?** We actually have two camp options for this summer. Camp Minneboji is June 25-July 1, and Circuit Bible Camp will be July 17-20 in Valentine, Nebraska for those heading into 5th grade through those heading into 9th grade and includes tubing on the Niobrara.

Pastor Baumann has received the booklet information on Camp Minneboji and those are located on the back table in the Narthex for potential campers to grab. There are also two online ways you can get information for camp as well. The first is the Camp Minneboji website which is: <http://www.angelfire.com/my/bojiblabber/>

The second is the Cam Minneboji Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/campminneboji> If you can, check out the website and Facebook page. And again this year, Faith Lutheran will scholarship each participant \$90 to attend Camp Minneboji and \$30 to cover part of the \$90 cost of Circuit Bible Camp. We would also work to coordinate transportation to and from the camp destinations for both camps. Please e-mail (faith@faithluth.com) or speak with Pastor Baumann concerning any questions. Please sign up early so we know correct numbers.

→ **Need to talk?** Need prayers and encouragement? Pastor Baumann would love to pray for you, and if possible even with you for anything big or small that may be on your heart or mind. Find him after worship, or in the office for a special opportunity for prayer and conversation.

→ **Got something to share in the youth announcement section?** Please e-mail it to: baumannj@csl.edu Thanks!

Upcoming Youth Dates to Keep in Mind:

Apr. 14th → Good Friday Baked Potato Meal from 5:00-6:15 pm

Apr. 16th → Easter Breakfast – Easter Sunday, April 16th between the services

Apr. 23rd → Teacher Appreciation Lunch at noon

Apr. 30th → Confirmation service at 11 am and reception in between services at 9:45

May 3rd → Last day of Midweek

May 14th → Last day of Sunday School

May 14th → Midweek students sing at the 11 o'clock service

June 5-9th → Vacation Bible School 6:00-8:30 pm - *A Mighty Fortress*

July 17-24th → Circuit Bible Camp

June 26-July 2nd → Camp Minneboji

On the Lighter Side:

Q: What do you call a cow that eats your grass?

A: A lawn moo-er.

Q: What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?

A: Lilly.

Q: How does a dog stop a video?

A: He presses the “paws” button.



Congregational Prayers

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| Dottie Bossman (Daria's daughter-in-law) | 10/23/16 |
| Martha Vance | Susan Bennett 10/31/16 |
| Ben Shoup | Ginger Niemann 11/10/16 |
| Richard Zoller | Jeffrey Neuberger (April Hodges) 1/9/17 |
| Julian Olson | Jean Carlson (Gail Eichstadt) 1/15/17 |
| Elaine Phillips (Daria Bossman's mom) | John Walker 2/19/17 |
| Gene Schlichenmayer | Aaron Zimmerman 2/26/17 |
| Mike Youngberg | Barbara Ranger (Norma Schilling) 3/1/17 |
| Zoe Jones | Bernice Huber 3/2/17 |
| Signe Gaasch (Urbach's) 5/2/16 | Jeanne Schweigert 3/3/17 |
| Elaine Wagner 6/30/16 | Loretta Goehring 3/7/17 |
| Jeannette Protexter 7/18/16 | George Schofield (Tina Haug) 3/14/17 |
| Ripley Olson (Alberta Olson) 8/4/16 | Jay Fredrich 3/17/17 |
| Doyle Charron (Jochim) 8/8/16 | David Knapp (Dale Knapp) 3/21/17 |
| Ron Lawrence 8/14/16 | Marla Fuller (Dale Knapp) 3/21/17 |
| Red Westall 8/21/16 | Gloria Lawrence 3/21/17 |
| Jennifer Moser (Darline Fuoss) 9/4/16 | Lauri Graves 3/24/17 |
| Logan Krause (Kenefick-Aschoff) 9/4/16 | Ruth Swartzenberger (Bob Green) 3/29/17 |
| Jody Williams 10/17/16 | |
| Betty Fuhrman (Sheri Adney's mom) | |

Missionaries

Pastor Andrew Utecht and Pastor Albert Sutton and their families on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations

Pastor Matthew Nix

Pastor Alan Ludwig – Siberia, Russia

Janet Borchard – Papua New Guinea

Pastor Daniel Jastram – Japan

Comfort *Deut. 34:8*
The family of Harlow Bales upon his death.
2/26/17

Jen Hovelson (Daycare Director) and family upon the death of her father. 3/7/17

Janet Kaiser and family upon the death of her mom Violet Kaiser. 3/13/17

Lurene Denke & family upon the death her sister-in-law Rose Mogler. 3/13/17

Gail Eichstadt and family upon the death of her mom Jean Carlson. 3/17/17

The Christian Church on Earth that it may grow and prosper and especially for the safety of Christians in China, North Korea, Syria and Madagascar.