

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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*



† DIVINE SERVICE †

OPENING HYMN “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” (LSB 819)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

T **WORD** T

INTROIT

Ps 116:1-4, 8 (antiphon: 116:15)

P Precious in the sight of the LORD,
is the death of his saints.

C **I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

P Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

C **The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.**

P Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”

C **For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Precious in the sight of the LORD,
is the death of his saints.

KYRIE

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 37:1-14* (Ezekiel raises the dry bones to life)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "My Song Is Love Unknown"...Samuel Crossman (*arr. Mark Schweizer*)
Helen Kiepke, vocal & Andrew Wulf, oboe

EPISTLE *Romans 8:1-11* (Christ freed us from death and gave us a spirit of life)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:1-45* (Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh 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 HYMN

“My Song is Love Unknown”

(LSB 430)

SERMON

“Live Like Lazarus”
Pastor Cory Rajek

(Romans 8:11-19)

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P We come, O Lord, with the dry bones of our broken hopes and disappointed dreams. Bind us up in Christ, that we may learn to pray with confidence, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all things needful to us and to our salvation.

P Almighty God, everlasting Father, You saw Israel in their despair and raised them up to hope by placing Your Spirit upon them. Join us together with the communion of saints in Christ, even though we must for a time stand apart. Raise us up from our weariness and grant us Your Spirit, that we may be strong in faith, bold in witness, holy in life and steadfast in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O merciful Lord, Your Son shed tears for Lazarus, whom He loved. Grant Your compassion, patience and endurance to all who suffer illness, who are troubled in mind or whose time on earth is short. Hear all our prayers, especially on behalf of _____ . Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O gracious God, You daily and richly grant us all things we need for this body and life. Bless our labors, and grant us wisdom to use the fruits of those labors wisely and well, for the care of our families, for the poor in their needs, and for the support of Your work in this congregation. Preserve us from fear and greed as we live and work alone, and turn us instead in love toward our neighbors however distant. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, God Almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain



us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

(LSB 685)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 29 – THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;

Change and decay in all around I see;

O Thou who changest not, abide with me. (LSB 878:4)

Echoing the words of this hymn, we realize this world is often filled with change and challenges, distress, despair, dying, and death. Yet Jesus came into this decaying world that we may have life, and have it to the full. Amid the changes and decay around us, through His Word and

Means of Grace we are given new life and the forgiveness of sins. By faith, we give thanks for His abiding with us daily with His mercy, grace, promise, and peace.

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. (LSB 878:6)*

*The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. . . . Then He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live." *Ezekiel 37:1, 4-5**

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth Sunday in Lent! We are

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request 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

delighted to have you in worship with us.

Preaching today is Reverend Cory Rajek, our Senior Pastor. Reverend Samuel Handschke, our Associate Pastor, is our Liturgist.

Holy Communion If you wish to have communion please contact the office and set up a time to come. Sunday: 9:30-11:30 am or Wednesday: 4:00-5:00 pm. If you are homebound the pastors will try to come to you. Call to set up a time.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed., Mar. 18 Att. 67, Offering \$1,030.00; **Sun., Mar. 22, Att. 108**; General Fund \$5,220.45; Building Fund \$30.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Food Pantry \$200.00.

Want to listen to our worship service on your phone? Call **1-888-502-3453** and follow the prompts. It will get you to the live streamed service or if we are not livestreaming it will guide you to the last service recorded. Please let everyone know of this service. For those without a

computer this is a way for you to stay up on Faith's worship services.



March is the month for Faith Lutheran's Food Drive to benefit the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry. Your donations are tremendously important! Tables and boxes will be set up in the Narthex throughout the month.

FOOD DRIVE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DELIVERY

March 31st is the final day for the food drive at Faith Lutheran, so if you have food donations, be sure to drop them off in the Narthex soon. You can either sort your donations in the boxes (they're alphabetical) or just leave your bag of items on the floor and we'll sort it. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to PARS (short for Pierre Area Referral Service); write Food Pantry on the memo line. In conjunction with the Ardis Townsend Challenge to Fight Hunger, for every pound of food and every dollar donated to the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Food Pantry in March and April, local banks and credit unions will provide a percentage matching fund.

The food will be delivered to the Food Pantry on Friday, April 3rd. Volunteers are needed to help load up the food, haul it to the Food Pantry, and unload it there. **If you're able to help, please meet in the church Narthex at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 3rd. Loading, hauling, and unloading should take about an hour.**



Thrivent Choice Dollars Please direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran Church or Faith Lutheran Preschool before they expire on Tuesday, March 31. It is simple and doesn't cost anything but your time.

YOU MUST RENEW THE DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS EVERY YEAR. Your choice from a prior year does not carry over. There are two ways to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars: Go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4346 and say "Choice Dollars" at the prompt.

LWML in April Learn about human trafficking and sexual violence issues in South Dakota, and how the Pathway Center in central South Dakota is helping victims recover. On **April 13 at 7:00 pm**, the LWML will host guest speaker Lisa Heth, executive director of the Pathway Center. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the presentation, with proceeds benefiting the Pathway Center. Baked and canned goods, gently used White Elephant items and crafts are welcome for the silent auction. (If donating a craft, please include a suggested price). This program is free and open to the

public.



the schedule. Will let you know of any change via bulletins or mass emails, etc.

Blood Drive We are once again looking for volunteers to check people in and bake cookies for the Blood Drive on Thursday, April 16th. If you are willing please call the office at 224-2216. Now more than ever blood is in great need. All precautions are taken and close contact is very limited. Please consider donating. As of this printing the blood drive is still on

Men's Softball Faith Lutheran is again planning to have a men's softball team. We need a few more players to fill the roster. *If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Dennis Ryckman as soon as possible. Must have parent's permission if under 18. The team plays on Friday nights during the summer months of May to early August. Also, if you would like to help co-sponsor the team registration fee, let Dennis know.*



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.

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10:00 AM-This is the Life- "The Sin of Roy Baxter" deals with a man who is overcome with guilt, after making a decision that goes terribly bad.

10:30 AM-The message "Behold There Was a Rattling" is based on Ezekiel 37:7 and is delivered by Rev. Ryan Drevlow, of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls.

Life Quotes "Only God could call death a nap. Only God could do something about Jairus's daughter. Only God can give you life after death. Soon, soon you will personally witness the Son of God's unlimited power over death as He forces graves all over the world to yield the bodies in them." *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 29

8:20 am Worship – Livestreamed

9:30-11:30 am Communion

Tues: Mar. 31

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Wed: Apr. 1

11:00 am Lenten Worship – Livestreamed

4:00-5:00 pm Communion

Thurs: Apr. 2

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sun: Apr. 5 PALM SUNDAY

8:20 am Worship - Livestreamed

Faith Lutheran Youth

The Acolyte Schedule is on hold until church services resume.



Camps Be planning ahead for this year's church camps (Minneboji and Circuit Bible Camp). Camp Minneboji is June 21-27 at Camp Okobojo in Milford, Iowa. Cost until May 1st is \$390 for 4th-8th grades and \$420 for Honors Camp (9th grade). After May 1st costs go up \$20. May 1st will be here before you know it. More information for both camps will be in the bulletins as it becomes available.

Preschool 2020-2021 pre-registration forms are in the basket on the information table in the Narthex.

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNION

Please come to church for a time of individual communion. We will allow groups of 9 (plus the pastor) at a time to receive Jesus' body and blood.

Join us on Sunday morning from 9:30-11:30AM, and on Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:00PM. You may come at any point during those times. If a group is already in the sanctuary, please wait in the narthex. Also be conscious of the suggested distance (six feet) from fellow worshippers.

