

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2021 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*



‡ DIVINE SERVICE ‡

OPENING HYMN

"By Grace I'm Saved"

(LSB 566)

INVOCATION

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

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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 the 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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

T WORD T

INTROIT

Psalm 27:3-5 (antiphon: 27:1)

- P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**
- P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
- C **to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;**
- P he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
- 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 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, 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.
- C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT Numbers 21:4-9 (Moses lifts up the serpent in the wilderness)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"
Andrew Wulf, flute

(arr. Cadwell)

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

(God saves us completely)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

(The Son of Man must be lifted up)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third 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)

BIBLE STORY – EVERYONE IS HAPPY (PAGE 16)

SERMON HYMN

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

(LSB 571)

SERMON

"For God So Loved"
Pastor Cory Rajek

(John 3:14-21)

CREED

8:30 am

Apostles'

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11:00 am

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OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For us and all Christians, that God, who made us alive in Christ though we were dead in our sins, would cause His Spirit to be at work within us; that we would not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds but be His workmanship in Christ Jesus; and that we would walk in the good works He has prepared for us to do, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the authorities God has set over us for our good; that God would keep us from speaking against them and so against Him; and that God would bless and sustain them with all they need to govern us wisely and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**



- P For all who suffer in body, mind or soul especially _____; that they would be hid in the shelter of Christ, our light and salvation; and that God would keep them from falling into faithless fear in their day of trouble, but that He would uphold them in His peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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.**

The 8:30 am 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.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

11:00 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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



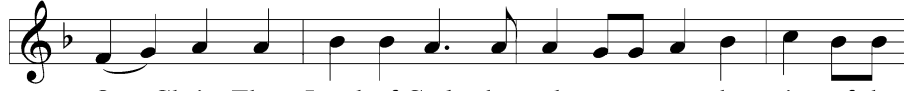
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Amazing Grace"

(LSB 744)



DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

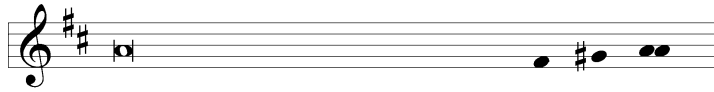
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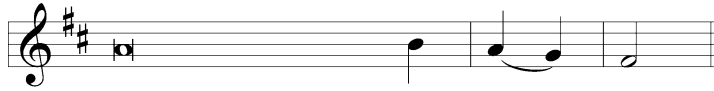


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks 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 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.
- C Amen.**

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.**

BENEDICAMUS

- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.**

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 ✠ give you peace.
- C Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“The Night Will Soon Be Ending”

(LSB 337)

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Midweek Lenten-Easter Schedule

March 17, 2021
Midweek Wednesday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
“Return from Denial”

"Return to the Table"

March 24, 2021

Midweek Wednesday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

"Return to the Kingdom of God"

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

April 2, 2021

Good Friday

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

"Return to Truth"

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

6:30am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am

"Return and See"

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 14 – THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with God's daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God's workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus.

*The LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."
Numbers 21:8*

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

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fourth 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.

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



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the

bulletin. Thank you.

Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Mar. 3, Att. 115; General \$2,470.00; **Sun., Feb. 28, Att. 2548;** General Fund \$12,380.97; Building Fund \$225.00; Love Fund \$125.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Baptismal Candles \$22.50; Mexico Mission \$140.00; Broadcasts \$30.00; Memorials (Mexico Mission) in memory of Karen Wolff \$60.00; Endowment Fund in Memory of Karen Wolff \$50.00; Facility Use Donation \$100.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for

multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Transit Rides Anyone wishing to attend any activities or church services at Faith Lutheran may get FREE transit rides to and from the activities. To be sure to arrive on time **PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE**. If you forgot please call several hours in advance as they are usually pretty busy on Sunday mornings getting others to church also. River Cities Public Transit phone number is 945-2360.

Prayer Circles Prayer is important as demonstrated throughout the Bible. Because Faith Lutheran Church is blessed with prayerful people, there are 6 organized Prayer Circles within our congregation. Now, adding on to those Circles, is an opportunity to pray for those in need while walking throughout the church building. This would be a chance to exercise your body while you lift those in need up in prayer to the Lord.

You are all invited to participate in this Walk-in-Prayer. We will plan to meet each Thursday morning at 10:00. For more details or if you have questions please contact Cindy Fiechtner (280-3513).

Daycare Fundraisers Faith Lutheran Daycare is having some fundraisers to help purchase curriculum, toys and other items needed in the daycare. The daycare will also be doing a Midland fundraiser in March. More information on this will be provided in the coming weeks.

Lenten Devotionals There are Lenten devotionals on the oak table in the blue plastic bin if you would like one. Our theme this year is Return to the Lord. No matter your sin. No matter your fear. He calls you to return.

Newsletters Future monthly newsletters are being sent electronically. Those wishing to continue having it mailed, can contact Helen in the office (224-2216) and we are happy to send them.

Portals of Prayer Large Print Each family in our Faith congregation receives a free copy of the Portals of Prayer booklet with the Faith Lutheran newsletter. Now, large print versions of Portals of Prayer are available by mail upon request - at no charge. The Faith LWML Mary-Martha Circle will prepare large print version of Portals of Prayer to be mailed to members of the congregation who choose to receive that version of the publication.

Portals of Prayer is a daily devotional booklet for personal and family devotions. Each daily devotion includes a Bible reading, meditation and prayer to apply to your daily life.

If you would like to receive the large print version by mail on a regular basis, **please call the church office at 224-2216**. Please indicate you are requesting the large print Portals of Prayer, and **provide your name and mailing address**.

Palm Cross Assembly The palm cross assembly is set for Saturday morning, March 27 at 8:30. We will be meeting in the original fellowship hall downstairs



under the Preschool room. Many hands make for quick work. If you have not done this before there will be people to help you and instruction sheets also.

Men's Softball Team Faith Lutheran is again having 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.

March 14, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-What is proper when Christians face adversity is discussed in this episode "Time Out for Bill."

10:30 AM-The message is based on John 6:1-15. Rev. Daniel Grimmer of Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD tells us that "Jesus is the Satisfier." The program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com

Main Street Living will be airing an actual tour of the Holy Land on **Palm Sunday**. The tour visits sites in the Holy Land that are significant in the life and ministry Jesus Christ. This tour will be an hour long program and will replace both the "This is the Life" segment and the worship service. It is the hope of Main Street Living that this tour will bring everyone a new understanding of Jesus and where He taught.

John leaped for joy in his mother's womb when Mary visited Elizabeth. Experience that joy for yourself on **The Eternal Rock Tour – Palm Sunday March 28, 2021**. The program will also be available on the Main Street Living web site: www.mailstreetliving.com as of Saturday evening, March 27.

Life Quotes "Christ does not refuse our sense of tragedy or awareness of pain. He bears it in love, affirming our condition, carrying our sorrows to the end, all the way to the heart of God." *Jill Carattini, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 14 Daylight Savings Begins	1:00-5:00 pm Fast Pitch
8:30 am Worship	2:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	5:00 pm Board of Education
11:00 am Communion	5:00 pm Board of Stewardship

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Mon: Mar. 15

5:00-7:00 pm Predators BB

6:30 pm Christ Care

7:00-8:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

Tues: Mar. 16

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:00 am Women's Bible Study

6:30-8:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

Wed: Mar. 17

11:00 am Lenten Worship

5:30-6:30 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Midweek

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 18

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5:00-6:00 pm 4th grade girls BB

6:00 pm Rebekah Circle

6:00-9:00 pm Fast Pitch

Fri: Mar. 19

5:00-7:00 pm Predators BB

Sat: Mar. 20

6:30-8:30 pm 4th grade girls BB

Sun: Mar. 21

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

11:00 am Worship

1:00-5:00 pm Fast Pitch

5:00-9:00 pm Capitol Cheer

Faith Lutheran Prayer Circles

Faith Lutheran Prayer Circles are a vehicle our congregation uses to support and lift up our members in times of need through personal prayer.

Myrna Hartmann, Captain 224-7039

Carolyn Kropuenske 280-0568

Fred & Anita Marso 224-2769

Tim & Jan Larson 224-6574

280-0862

Dale & Donna Gohl 224-4373

Sandy Peterson 224-4991

Sandy Bales 224-4245

Nancy Shoup, Captain 280-2091

Cindy Fiechtner 280-3513

Darlene Hallem 295-4690

Jill Burger 224-9377

Daleen Gore 222-8968

Rick & Marlys Doud 605-685-3341

James & Phyllis Douglas 280-7008

Lila Houck, Captain 223-2550

222-1539

Gail Ferris 222-8282

Jeanne Schweigert 224-5133

220-2586

Doreen Miller 224-9955

Rena Ortbahn 224-8110

Luann Zuercher 224-5216

April Hodges 222-7087

Freda Peters, Captain 224-7654

Lois Erbe 224-9115

Pat Huisman	224-4835
Mary Buxcel	945-0710
Loni Shoup	280-5688
Vera Henderson	224-1393
Harlan & Verna Fransen	224-1245
	220-1823

Janice Dockter, Captain	222-9055
Mary Hiller	222-8775
Charlotte Hiller	222-4400
Barb Joy	224-8493
Dawn Koch	224-8399
Bill & Liz Markley	280-3868
Sheila Ingram	222-9518

TEXT ONLY CIRCLE

Beth King, Captain	222-0356
Jan Johnson	280-3215
Jennifer Kelly	222-0304
Jodi Hartmann	222-8675
Carol Harrmann	222-5250
Lavonn Peters	280-7108
Kathleen Monfore	280-5945
Betty Leidholt	280-2705