

THIRD 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

"The Law of God is Good and Wise"

(LSB 579)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament in the fellowship of this altar let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
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.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps 69:14-16 (antiphon: Ps 69:9)

- P For zeal for your house has consumed me,
C **and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**
P Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies
and from the deep waters.
C **Let not the flood sweep over me,
or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.**
P Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.
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 For zeal for your house has consumed me,
C **and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

KYRIE

- C **Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 20:1-17

(The Ten Commandments)

After the reading:

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Thy Word" (Grant/Smith, arr. Lloyd Larson)
Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(Christ the Wisdom and Power of God)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

RESPONSE FOR LENT

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

(Jesus Cleanses the Temple)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

(LSB 850)

SERMON

*"The Words of Grace"
Pastor Sam Handschke*

(Exodus 20:1-17)

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(8:30am)
(11:00am)

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OFFERING

Several opportunities are available for you to support your church and its ministry. Simply place your offering in the collection plate at the door as you leave the service this morning, drop your offering off at the church office, or log onto our website (www.faithluth.com) and click on the "electronic giving" link. Thank you for your support!

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P O Lord, in these Lenten days set our minds on Your things rather than the things of man, that we may deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Your Son through this life into the joys of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, keep us from being ashamed of the Son of Man when we face persecution for His name in this world, that He may not be ashamed of us when He comes in Your glory with the angels. Be near to all those who are facing martyrdom for Christ and sustain them unto the end, that they may be crowned with life before You. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, You have given Your Church the joy of proclaiming the truth that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us so that we might be justified by His blood and saved from Your wrath over our sins. Grant all pastors the gifts of Your Spirit to preach and teach this truth boldly and faithfully, and help us to confess it in word and deed in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, since all kingship belongs to You and You rule over the nations, we pray that You would bless Joe, our president; Kristi, our governor; and all those who govern us in Your stead, that we may be ruled wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P O Lord, through Your Holy Spirit pour Your love into the hearts of _____ and all those who suffer in our midst, that their sufferings may produce endurance, endurance

character and character a hope that will not put them to shame. Grant them health and healing in accord with Your perfect will, and sustain them in all their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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 11:00 am service continues on page 9 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 ✠

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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and you justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

This we ask in the name of Jesus.

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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(LSB 425)

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

(LSB 427)

DISMISSAL OF COMMUNICANTS

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

“How Firm a Foundation”

(LSB 728)

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Midweek Lenten-Easter Schedule

March 10, 2021

Midweek Wednesday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

“Return from False Witness”

April 1, 2021

Maundy Thursday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

“Return to the Table”

March 17, 2021

Midweek Wednesday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

“Return from Denial”

April 2, 2021

Good Friday

2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

“Return to Truth”

March 24, 2021

Midweek Wednesday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

“Return to the Kingdom of God”

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

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

“Return and See”

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 7 – THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER When the Israelites were encamped by Mount Sinai, just out of slavery in Egypt and far from the Promised Land, God wisely gave them the Ten Commandments. They are engraved in our historic churches and capitol buildings. Their perfect demands require a Savior for us. Jesus was so jealous for God's Law that He cleansed the temple before cleansing us of our sin by giving the temple of His body. In His wisdom, God did what we could not: He kept His own Law for us and then chose us to be the Body of Christ today. None of us has kept the commandments; we and our spiritual ancestors reflect our weaknesses in faith and action. But in the process,

God's wisdom shows forth: When we are weak, He is strong. Today is a day to boast about God's grace and His Son, Christ crucified, the power and wisdom of God.

In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. John 2:14-15

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



Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 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. Feb. 24, Att. 129; General \$1,539.00; **Sun., Feb. 28, Att. 168;** General Fund \$9,928.30; Ash Wed. \$125.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Flowers \$115.00; Mexico Mission \$360.00; Broadcasts \$65.00; Love Fund in memory of Carol Merrill \$100.00; Children's Bible \$15.00; Facility Use \$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).

LWML will be hosting their Prayer Partner exchange tomorrow night at our regular meeting. This year we will be exchanging mugs. If you want to participate and cannot attend in person, please call Jan Larson (224-6574) or Anita Marso (224-27690) and let them know. We will get you connected with a partner. This is a fun way to get acquainted with another member!

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**.

Life Quotes “Whether you are five or 35 or 65, there will be days when it seems to you that God has dropped it. When that happens, when the darkness threatens to close in on you, just go back to the simple truth that God taught you in your youth. Go back to the Word of Light, the Word that is Christ. ‘Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.’ That will lighten the way for you, for us all.” *Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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 7, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life-“Man Adrift” is a Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship of Faith and Works.

10:30 AM-Rev. Tim Koch of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD brings the message “The Ten Commandments.” The message is based on Exodus 20:1-17. The program is interpreted and

closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information go to the web site above. **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.

The angels appeared to the shepherds (Luke 2:8-14) in Boaz’s field (Ruth 2:3) declaring Jesus’ birth. Come along and see where this happened on **The Eternal Rock Tour**, at the time Main Street Living airs on your local station on **Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**.

This week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 7

8:30 am Communion
 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
 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
 7:00 pm Board of Elders
 7:30 pm Board of Missions

Mon: Mar. 8

7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Mar. 9

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 9:30 am Circuit Pastors Conference
 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study
 6:15 pm Board of Property Management
 6:30-8:30 pm 5th grade girls BB

Wed: Mar. 10

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. 11

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 11:30 am Ministerium
 5:00-6:00 pm 4th grade girls BB
 6:00-9:00 pm Fast Pitch
 7:00 pm Faith Circle

Fri: Mar. 12

5:00-7:00 pm Predators BB

Sat: Mar. 13 Set clocks ahead 1 hour

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

Sun: Mar. 14 Daylight Savings Begins

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 11:00 am Communion
 1:00-5:00 pm Fast Pitch
 2:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
 5:00 pm Board of Education
 5:00 pm Board of Stewardship
 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
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 Sandy Peterson 224-4991
 Sandy Bales 224-4245

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 220-2586
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 Harlan & Verna Fransen 224-1245
 220-1823

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 Barb Joy 224-8493
 Dawn Koch 224-8399
 Bill & Liz Markley 280-3868
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