

THE FOURTH 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*



T DIVINE SERVICE T

OPENING HYMN

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

(LSB 915)

INVOCATION

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

T WORD T

INTROIT

Ps 27:3-5 (antiphon: Ps. 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, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- C **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up on 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; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Isaiah 12:1–6

(Surely God is my Savior.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"First Song of Isaiah"

(Jack Noble White)

Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

(If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32* (My son was dead and now he is alive again.)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "God Loved the World So That He Gave" (LSB 571)

SERMON *"The Whole Family"* (Luke 15:11-32)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30am Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00am Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

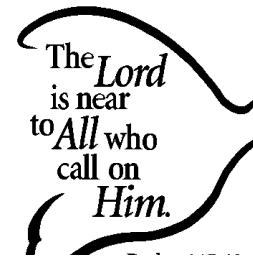
OFFERING *Several opportunities are available for you to support your church and its ministry. You can simply place your tithe/offering in the collection plate at the door as you leave the service this morning, drop your offering off at the church office during the week, or log onto our website (www.faihluth.com) and click on the "electronic giving" link for giving electronically. Thank you for your support!*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love.
Give us a proper knowledge of the evil we have done in
Your sight, move us to confess our offenses against You,
and justify us by Your holy absolution. Lord, in Your
mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**



P Father in heaven, You welcome us into Your family for the sake of Your Son. Call us to repentance when we wander from Your ways or believe we have earned a place in Your household by our works, and return us to the confident joy that in Christ alone we are found and alive. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have made Your deeds known among us. Bless pastors, teachers, musicians and all church workers in their daily labors to make known Your deeds among the peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, we are brought forth in iniquity and conceived in sin. Make us ever grateful that in Holy Baptism You forgive and enliven even the smallest child, and that for Jesus' sake You wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, in Christ You were reconciling the world to Yourself. Watch over our nation and all whom You have placed in authority. Give them wisdom and prudence, that Your people might live in peace and freely make known the message of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for all who cry out to You for mercy, healing and help [including _____]. Deliver them according to Your will and, as You have made them a new creation in Christ, keep them mindful of the day when sorrow and sickness will be no more. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, fill the hearts of Your people in all their various callings with the joy of Your salvation, that they may make it known in all the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through 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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and 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 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 also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

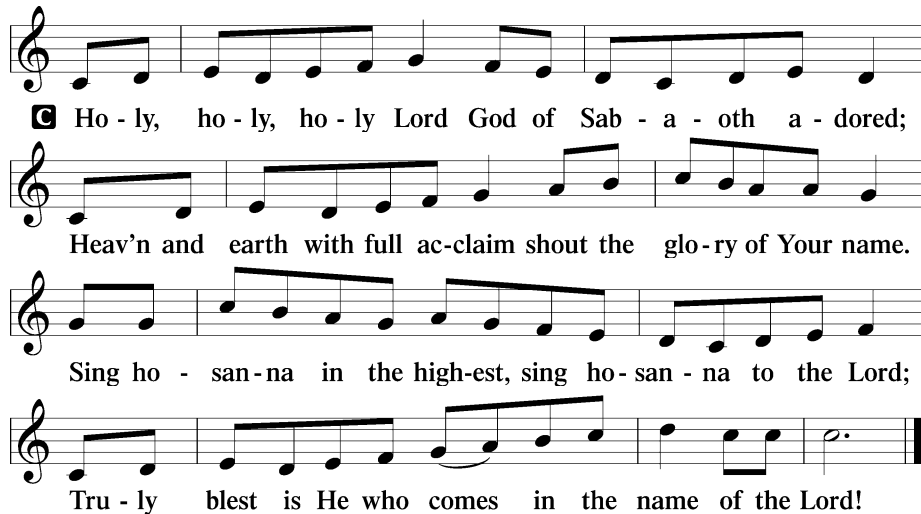
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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



C 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.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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

"What Wondrous Love is This" (LSB 543)

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 422)



(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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

(LSB 528)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER No parable more fully describes the profound character of God’s mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father’s kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ’s holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and

feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. *Luke 15:21–24*

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 Pastor Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday and at our 7:00 pm service on Wednesday. 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.



Holy Baptism After our late service today River Daniel Reiman becomes a son of God through water and the Word of God. River's parents are Daniel Reiman and Kelsey (Dykstra) Reiman. Sponsors for River are Jamie & Tanner Fitzke and Allison & Adam Engbrecht. May God continue to bless River and his family.

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.

If you have envelope number 312 please contact Helen in the office at 605-224-2216.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed., Mar. 16; Att. Not recorded; Offering \$921.00; **Sun., Mar. 20, Att. 283;** General Fund \$11,816.44; **Sunday School Att. 37;** S.S. Offering \$0.00; Building Fund \$70.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$834.00; Bible Study \$40.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) Eileen Klein \$30.00; Endowment Fund in

memory of Pauline Votteler (Generations) \$140.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$25.00.

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.

Little Dresses update: We will be finishing up with our kit assembling sessions the end of March on **March 31 from 1:30-3:30**. All dresses need to be returned by **May 8** to be sorted and packed for the mission trip later in May. Thank you to everyone who is helping make this a wonderful project for the little girls of Mexico!



Rent-A-Worker The Mexico Mission Team would like to help you with all your projects this spring. Yard work, mowing, tilling gardens, garage cleaning, tree trimming, windows, painting, grocery shopping, planting, cooking, animal care, snow removal. These are just a few of the things they would help you with. *No project too big, no donation too small.* Give them a call @ 605-280-6347 or fill out a form found in the Narthex and turn in to the office.

Wednesday Lenten Meals Beginning March 2, Ash Wednesday, throughout Lent meals will be served from 5:15 pm until 6:45 pm. This will accommodate the youth coming to Midweek. The Board of Missions will serve the Ash Wednesday meal and the Mexico Mission team will be serving the meal on March 9 to help fund their Mexico Mission. Free-will offering. Any entity within the church that is willing to serve a meal may do so the next four Wednesdays.

Palm Cross Assembly We will be making palm crosses on Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 am. Anyone interested in helping please meet downstairs in the old fellowship hall. Bring a scissors. If you have never made them before, there are many that are quite proficient at folding and are always willing to help you learn. There are also diagrams to help you learn. Many hands make light work!





You are invited to attend an open house on Saturday, April 9th to celebrate Marvin Schweigert's 90th birthday. The party will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Faith Lutheran Church from 2:00-4:00 PM with a brief program at 3:00. All are welcome!

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31 Be sure to designate your Choice Dollars today before they are gone forever. Go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation. You can designate Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Preschool or whatever other entity you should choose. Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran.

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 27, 2022

10:00 AM - "Awake with a Stranger" - A guilt-ridden man is confronted and haunted by a lapse in judgment.

10:30 AM - (TBA - will be recorded on Feb 26th)

Life Quotes "I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension." *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

FAITH LUTHERAN YOUTH

National Youth Gathering in July 2022 All 8th grade through high school students are invited to come to the LCMS National Youth Gathering – In All Things. This is a 5-day event delivering Jesus to you. Concerts, games, and breakout sessions covering all kinds of topics, as well as impactful worship, make this a milestone event in your life. The event runs from July 9-13, 2022 in Houston, TX. We will be raising funds throughout the

spring and early summer to help with costs. See Pastor Sam or Michael Shoup if you are interested in joining us.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 27

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
2:00-6:00 pm Fast Pitch
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:30 pm Creation/New Creation Study

Mon: Mar. 28

5:30-7:00 pm 6th grade BB
7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Mar. 29

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Mar. 30

11:00 am Lenten Worship

5:15-6:45 pm Lenten Meal
6:00 pm Midweek
6:00 Bible Study
7:00 Lenten Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 31

8:00 am Staff Devotions
6-9 pm Fast Pitch

Sun: Apr. 3

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Worship
2:00-6:00 pm Fast Pitch
6:30 pm Creation/New Creation Study
7:00 pm Board of Elders

MIDWEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 30, 2022

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
"Barabbas"—

April 6, 2022

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
"Pontius Pilate"—

April 14, 2022

Maundy Thursday
11:00 am & 7:00 pm
"Judas Iscariot"—

April 10, 2020

Good Friday
7:00 pm
"Apostle John"—