

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*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

(LSB 842)

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8-9

- 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

John 20:19-23

- 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.

✘ WORD ✘

INTROIT

Psalm 27:4–6; (antiphon: Psalm 25:15)

- P** My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for He will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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 upon a rock.
- C** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will
offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**
- P** **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** My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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 mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- 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 Genesis 45:1-15 (Joseph Provides for His Brothers and Family)

45 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Steal Away" (African-American Spiritual, arr. Hal Hopson)
Andrew Wulf, alto saxophone soloist

EPISTLE Ephesians 4:25-32 (Living as Children of Light)
²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he

may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

LENTEN RESPONSE

Joel 2:13



C 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:34-35

(A New Commandment)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

"As the Deer"

by Martin Nystrom

a beautiful melody and words of petition. Verses 1 and 2:

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

**Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.**

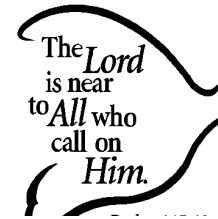
*You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. **Chorus***

SERMON "Mercy in Relationships" (Ephesians 4:25-32)
Pastor Brad Urbach

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

OFFERING *We gather our tithes and gifts of love*

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially _____*,] that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. 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

Matthew 6:9-13

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 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** ✘

8:30 am 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son 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

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

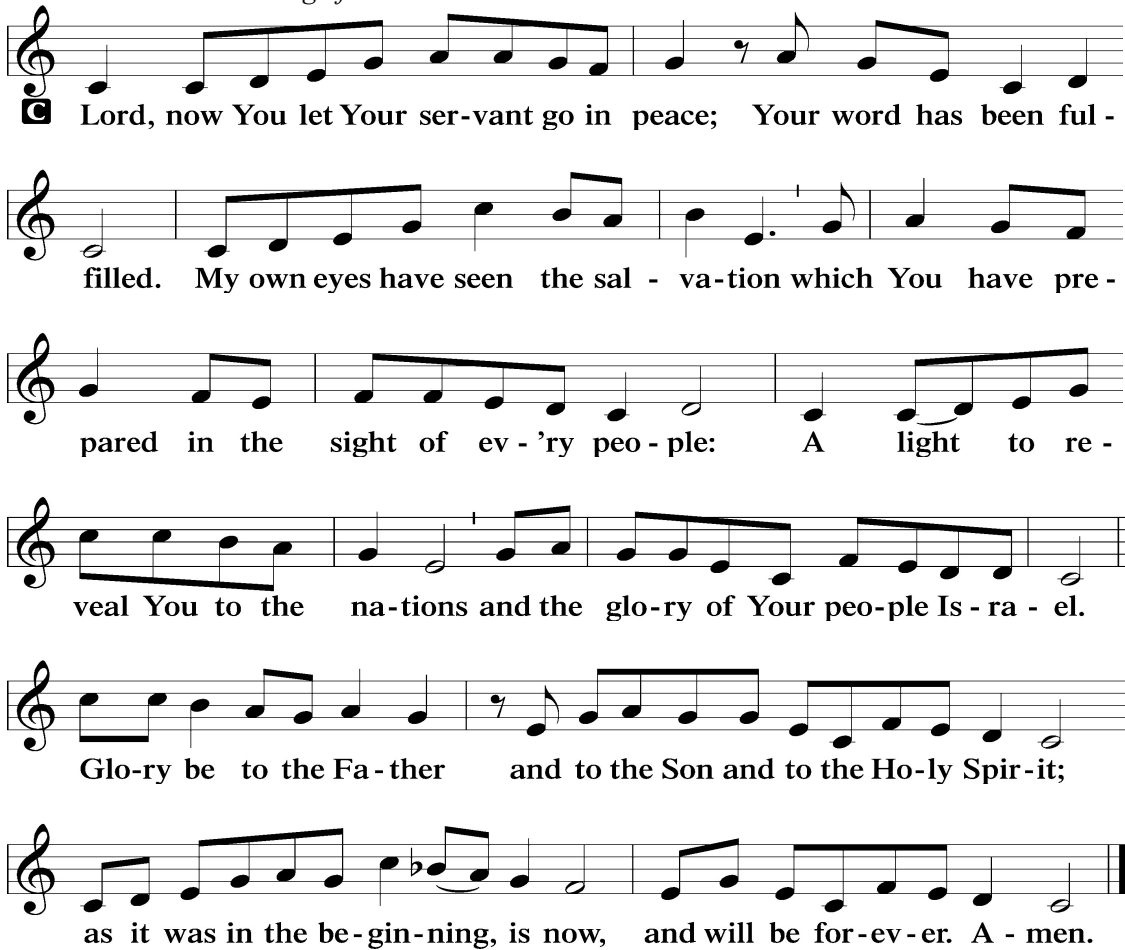
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (LSB 623)

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" (LSB 617)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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.

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.

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER In this service for Week 4 of Lent in our In View of God's Mercy series, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we will come to understand that within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy.

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Brad Urbach. Reverend Sam Handschke 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Mar. 8, Lenten, Att. 152; \$1,550.00; **Sun., Mar. 12, Att. 248;** General Fund \$11,135.04; Sunday School Offering \$25.05; Building Fund \$50.00; HVAC System \$820.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$2,192.00; Endowment Fund (Undesignated) in memory of Bev Parrott \$265.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) in memory of Erin Bourk \$50.00; Memorial in memory of Bev Parrott-HVAC \$5,000.00.

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.

Interested in the Mexico Mission Trip? Are you interested in going on the Mexico Mission trip in 2023? If so, we need to hear from you soon. There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 29 at 7:00pm to share information. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman (605-280-6347) for more information.



March is Faith Lutheran Church's month to collect items for the Pierre/Fort Pierre Food Pantry. Pick up an extra item or two while shopping for your own groceries. Nonperishable food items, paper products, hygiene items, and cash donations are welcome.

Checks may be made payable to PARS. Write Food Pantry or Townsend Challenge on the memo line.

Butter Braids Fundraiser Estimated delivery date for the Butter Braids is March 30th. A perfect treat for Easter Sunday!"

RISEN! The Board of Missions will be showing the movie "Risen" on Saturday, April 1, at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come get an early start on Holy Week with a good movie that will give you a clearer vision of what Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection means for us.



Palm Cross Assembly If anyone would like to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday our assembly day is **Saturday, April 1 at 8:30 a.m.** Many hands will make the large job go much quicker. It is a fun time of fellowship for the many who come each year.

Good Friday Baked Potato Supper Our youth group will be hosting a baked potato supper on April 7th, Good Friday evening, before worship. Baked potatoes with several toppings. Always an enjoyable meal. Serving will begin at 5:30.

Easter Sunday Brunch Between services Easter morning. If anyone is willing to contribute an egg bake for our Easter brunch the youth group would appreciate the help. Whatever type you make will be enjoyed. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Faith Lutheran Youth

High School Girls Bible Study – All High School girls are invited to join in on this Bible Study. Come and bring friends! This study will began Monday, February 6, 2023. The study will be every Monday at 7:00 PM. Please contact Cassandra Ryckman for details - 222-4895.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 19

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser
9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
2-6 pm Fastpitch
5:00 pm Board of Education
6:30 pm 1, 2, 3, John Bible Study

Mon: Mar. 20

6-9 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Mar. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Board of Early Education
6-9 pm Fastpitch
6:30 pm Choir (Living Last Supper)

Wed: Mar. 22

11:00 am Lenten Worship
5:15-6:45 pm Lenten Meal
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm Hebrews Study
6:00 pm Ephesians Bible Study
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 23

8:00 am Staff Devotions
1:30-3:00 pm Little Dresses
5-8 pm MOPS in Gym
7:00 pm Psalms Bible Study in Sanct.

Sat: Mar. 18

1-3 pm JYM

Sun: Mar. 26

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study
11:00 am Communion
1:00 pm Boards of Stewardship/Endow
2-6 pm Fastpitch

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3, John Bible Study

THE WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Wednesday, March 22
Grace for Those Ashamed”

Wednesday, March 29
“Grace for the Wretched”

LOOKING AHEAD TO PALM SUNDAY



LIVING LAST SUPPER

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Invite your friends and neighbors for this moving portrayal of Jesus' last evening with the disciples before His crucifixion.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, April 5 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

“Grace for the Loveless”

Good Friday, April 6 7:00 pm only

Grace for the Guilty”

Easter, April 9

“Grace for Those Who Lament”