

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*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Theme of the Day: When we don't conquer coveting, coveting conquers us. Every time! Coveting drives a stake into every relationship we have. But don't despair!
There is hope for us today in God's Word.

THE OPENING HYMN

"Drawn to the Cross"

(LSB 560)

THE INVOCATION

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

THE 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 [From selected verses in Romans 7]

P Hear me. Merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

P That is, in my sinful nature.

C **I have the desire to do good.**

P But I cannot carry it out.

C **What I do is not the good I want to do.**

P No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C **I find this law at work –**

P When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C **In my inner being I delight in your law.**

P But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.]

P Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness.

All: His faithful love endures forever!

THE THEME HYMN "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LSB 707)
Verses 1, 2, & 4

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

Order my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Make me to walk in Thy commands—'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

✠ WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

Psalm 136

[During the sermon Series on Exodus we are using Psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 136.]

- P** The LORD brought Israel out of Egypt.
C **His steadfast love endures forever.**
P He acted with a strong hand and outstretched arm.
C **His steadfast love endures forever.**
P Give thanks to him who parted the Red Sea.
C **His steadfast love endures forever.**
P He led Israel safely through.
C **His steadfast love endures forever!**
P He hurled Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea!
C **His steadfast love endures forever!**
P Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness!
All: **His steadfast love endures forever!**

KYRIE



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

THE SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit so that we affirm with St. Paul, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." (Philippians 4:12); 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)

THE 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 "Christ Be My Leader" Irish Melody (arr. Joel Fettke)
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

THE EPISTLE Philippians 4:11-13 *(God's Provision)*

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:20-28 *(A Mother's Request)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth 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

THE SERMON HYMN "Just As I Am" *(LSB 570)*

THE SERMON "Mine!" *(Exodus 20:1-17)*

Pastor Brad Urbach

Weekly Suggested Reading: Exodus chapters 7-10

Don't forget your daily devotional reading

falling into faithless fear, and uphold them with Your peace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever, we lift up our voices in thanksgiving. You have redeemed us out of trouble and gathered us here to feed us, that our souls may not faint within us. Satisfy the longing of our hearts with Your Son's good things, His body and blood, that we may abide in Your eternal peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, You have made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses and sins. Cause Your Spirit to be at work in us, that we may not carry out the sinful desires of our bodies and minds, but be Your workmanship in Christ Jesus, walking in the good works He has prepared for us. 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.

THE 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 8 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.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
11:00 am Service

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

(Please be seated)

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

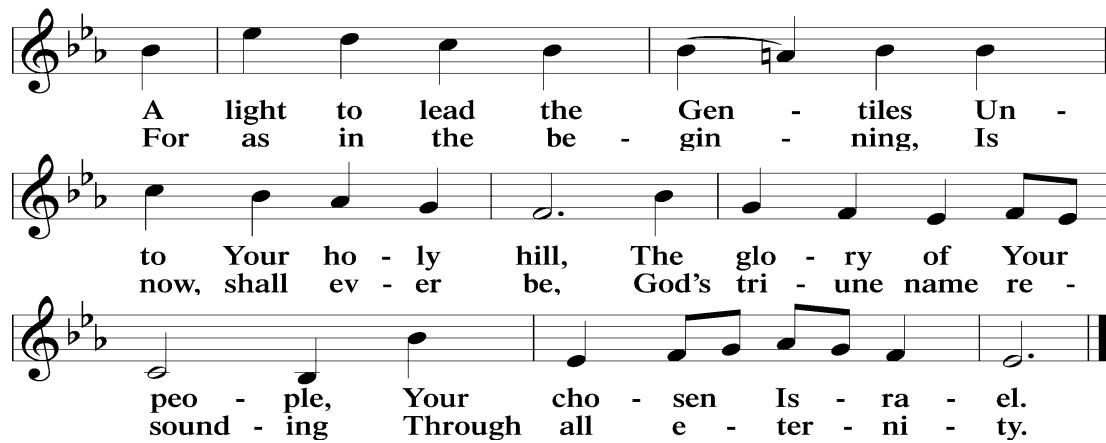
- "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB 618)
- "Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783)
- "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (LSB 525)



(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.

THE 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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (LSB 918)

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Silent Prayer: Thank you Jesus for Your loving desire to acquire me, now and forevermore! Amen.



Remember your weekly reading about Moses – Exodus 7-10. Be sure to share your daily devotion “Guided to the Cross” and your “Portals of Prayer.”

New Stoles You will note the new Lenten stoles. They were created and made by Jan Larson. Thank you Jan for the new fresh, colorful stoles. The Lenten paraments were originally designed by Jeannette Pfeiffer and made by Jan Larson.

Lenten Notes

 **Lenten Notes** – The season of Lent is 40 days long excluding the Sundays “in” Lent... This parallels the 40 days of temptation of Jesus in the wilderness... During Lent the joyful alleluias and the cheerful Hymn of Praise is not generally sung... the cross is draped to commemorate Christ’s death... we generally do not place flowers on the Altar during Lent, which helps us appreciate the bright fragrant blooms of the Easter morning spring flowers... Lent is a time to devote more time to our devotions... Lent is a good time to give something up if it helps us focus on Christ’s passion, suffering and death for our sins... Lent is also a good time to take something up, a new discipline, more prayer, a project to help others... the Hymns tend to be minor key Hymns which reflect the soberness of the Season... The three nail sculptures in front of us were created and welded by Kevin Axtell. Thanks Kevin... May God richly bless your Lenten journey.

Midweek Lenten Worship is on Wednesdays at 11:00 or 7:00 where our theme will be “Guided to the Cross.”

Lenten Coin We desire everyone to have a pocket coin to carry during Lent. We have extras – share one with a friend.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God’s great love for us, shown to us in

perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God's genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus' death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God's love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God's love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die? *LSB 430:1*

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 this morning is Rev. Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Rev. Sam Handschke 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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Feb. 28, Att. 183, Offering \$1,131.00; Sun., Mar. 3, Att. 264; General Fund \$11,428.50; Sunday School \$5.00; Building Fund \$430.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Lenten Meal \$151.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; 642 Rent \$400.00; Mexico Mission \$0.00; Higher Things \$40.00; Endowment Fund (Future) \$10.00; Endowment in memory of Clara Shelbourn (Undesignated) \$75.00, (Blessings) \$25.00, (Generations) \$150.00,

(Foundations) \$50.00, (Future) \$25.00; Memorial in memory of Clara Shelbourn \$50.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. *Please use a separate check for your donation.* Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



Mexico Mission The Mexico Mission team thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2024 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the

church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.



Also, there will be a Mexico mission trip fundraiser rummage sale at the church Friday and Saturday, April 5th-6th. If you wish to contribute rummage, please have your items at the church by Wednesday, April 3rd.



Lenten Suppers Join us the Wednesdays in Lent for a simple meal before Catechism and our Lenten worship. Beginning at 5:15 (to accommodate children who wish to eat before Catechism begins at 6pm) through 6:45, some entity within the church will host a simple meal to anyone wishing to have a meal before worship. Please join us!

Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser TODAY, March 10 Between services The funds from this fundraiser will go to help finance the new security system that is being installed.



St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal Sunday, March 17 Noon meal following the late service. It is back again this year! The K-A family is organizing the Corned Beef N Cabbage meal as we have done in the past. **Menu:** Corned Beef N Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Dark Rye Bread, Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce. This meal will be once again served family style. **Please sign up in the**

Narthex so that we know you are coming. This is a free-will offering meal with the proceeds going to fund the Lutheran Witness subscription.



Palm Cross Assembly We will be assembling palm crosses for Palm Sunday on **Saturday, March 23rd at 8:30 am.** There will be veteran folders there to help you learn if you haven't done this before, as well as written directions. This is a fun project. All are welcome to help. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Passover Seder Meal Our Passover Seder meal will take place on the Monday of Holy Week, **March 25 at 6:00 p.m.** We limit the participation to 80 people. While middle school and youth are also encouraged to attend, they must have a parent attend with them. There is a sign-up sheet on the information table in the Narthex. Sign up today!



The LWML is taking a break from assembling Little Dresses kits this year. We will be doing it again, so please continue to donate your items for this project. Instead, we are assembling **Health Kits** for **Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter** here in Pierre. We are starting with several items that were already donated for other health kits but were not used. We have added a few things to our list of needed items so we can complete 50 kits. **The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex – please list what you are donating and be mindful of what is needed. Only donate those things listed.** We will be collecting these items through April. If we fill this request, we will add more kits. Thank you for your help with this. If you have questions, please call Jan Larson 650-280-0862. **PS** We do not need any soap for the kits – they already have plenty of these! **Items needed:** New large bath towels (50), wash cloths (18), new, sealed toothbrushes (43), small or travel size toothpaste (30), lip balm (50), small or travel size shampoo (23), small or travel size conditioner (34), small or travel size lotion (28), fingernail clippers (31), small or travel size deodorant (50).

Join us for a Faith Lutheran Trip to Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum July 28-Aug. 3, 2024 Sign up in the Narthex by April 1. See the latest details at www.faithluth.com/ArkTrip. You will be amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! Travel via the Faith Motor Coach. Travel cost per person, \$225, deposit required. Lodging (details yet to be determined) and Meals on your own. Tentative Itinerary:
Day 1/2: Travel to Lawrenceburg, IN
Day 3: Tour Creation Museum



Day 4: Tour Creation Museum or Ark

Encounter

Day 5: Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY

Day 6/7: Travel to Pierre, SD

Again, sign up by April 1. We need 30 people to go. Contact church office @ 605-224-2216 or Dennis Ryckman @ 605-222-7713 for more information.

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.

The family of Clara Shelbourn would like to thank the members of Faith congregation for their prayers and kindness extended to us over the past several weeks and following her passing. We especially thank the members of Faith Circle and those who contributed food for the meal after the funeral. And to Pastor Handschke and Pastor Urbach for their loving kindness and spiritual support to us all. May God's blessings come to you all.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Get your taxes done for free. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre/AARP Foundation tax-Aid Program will be accepting appointments for the upcoming season. To obtain an appointment, please contact the Pierre Senior Center @ 605-224-7730 or in person from 1-3 PM. Monday thru Friday, except holidays.

Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **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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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Aftermath" - A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.

10:30 AM - Rev. Adam Welton, pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Wentworth, presents a message titled "You Don't Have Enough But Jesus Does." This sermon is based on John 6:1-15. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and

hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would ‘hear and grant our fervent plea.’ Come, Lord Jesus!” *Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 10 Lent 4

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Men’s Club Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
9:45 am Board of Missions
11:00 am Communion
2-5:30 pm Softball
Mon: Mar. 11
7:00 pm LWML
Tues: Mar. 12
8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am Women’s Bible Study
6:15 pm Bd. of Property Management
7-9:30 pm Softball

Wed: Mar. 13

11:00 am Lenten Worship
5:15-6:45 pm Lenten Supper
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
6:00 pm *Connected to Christ* Study
6:30 pm *John* (in homes)
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 14

8:00 am Staff Devotions
5:30-7:30 pm MOPS in gym
7:00 pm Faith Circle

Fri.: Mar. 15

5-9 pm Corned Beef Meal prep in kitchen

Sat: Mar. 16

All day-Corned Beef Meal prep in kitchen

Sun: Mar. 17 Lent 5

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal

2-5:30 pm Softball

3:00 pm Board of Education



Services for Lent

Join us each Wednesday in Lent. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

WEEK FOUR (March 13)

Guided to Trust • 1 Timothy 1:15 • Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

WEEK FIVE (March 20)

Guided to Perseverance • Ephesians 6:18 • When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.

Join Us!

Passover Seder Meal March 25 at 6:00 pm in the CFLC

Maundy Thursday March 28 at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Good Friday

March 29 Baked Potato Meal at 5:30 pm
Worship Service at 7:00 pm only

Easter Sunday

March 31 Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 am
Easter Brunch between services