

THE FIFTH 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: It's easy to get stuck in a hole. Look at Aaron and the Israelites. *Better yet, look at us.* Best of all, look to Jesus who alone gets us out of our huge hole!

OPENING HYMN

"When I Behold Jesus Christ"

(LSB 542)

INVOCATION

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

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! Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations.

All: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise!

P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 106

[During the sermon Series on Exodus we are using Psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 106.]

P The LORD commanded the Red Sea to dry up. He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert.

C He rescued them from their enemies and redeemed them from their foes.

P The water returned and covered their enemies; not one of them survived.

C Then his people believed his promises. Then they sang his praise.

P Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done! They wouldn't wait for his counsel!

C The people made a calf at Mount Sinai; they bowed before an image made of

gold.

P They forgot God, their Savior, who had done such great things in Egypt.

C So he declared he would destroy them.

P But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people.

C He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them.

All: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

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. Lord God, merciful Father, you are the God who made heaven and earth. Forgive us when we clamor for a different god and set our feet on the path that trusts you above all things; 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 32:1-14

(The Golden Calf)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"All Depends on Our Possessing" (*Numberg, setting by Wayne Wold*)

Mike Vasilie, soloist

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:5-8

(Warnings from Israel's History)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

St. Matthew 5:27-30

(Adultery)

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

“I Bind Unto Myself Today”

(LSB 604)

SERMON

“Digging Ourselves into a Hole” (Exodus 32:1-14)

Pastor Brad Urbach

Weekly Suggested Reading: Exodus chapters 11, 12, 13

Remember your Daily Devotional Readings

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11:00am

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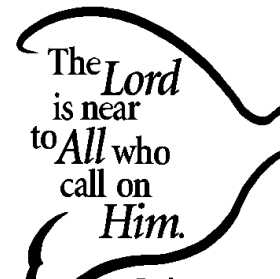
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OFFERING

(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.



Heavenly Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit and write Your Word on our hearts, that we may know You as the God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, bless and sustain _____, our Synod president; _____, our district president; _____, our circuit visitor; and our pastor(s), who like all flesh are beset with weakness. Grant that they would deal with us gently, and keep them faithful to proclaim Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. Help us not lord our authority over one another, but humbly serve one another in our homes, communities and congregation as Christ has so humbly served us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, look with mercy on _____ and all earthly authorities. Guard them from the temptation to wield earthly power improperly. Lead them to serve faithfully according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, as Your only begotten Son learned obedience though what He suffered, we pray that You would instruct, bless and relieve Your servants *[including _____]*. Sustain them as they walk the way of the cross with Your Son, that they may know the fullness of His eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son stands before You as our great High Priest. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to worthily receive the body and blood of our Savior, who was sacrificed for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. 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 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 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.

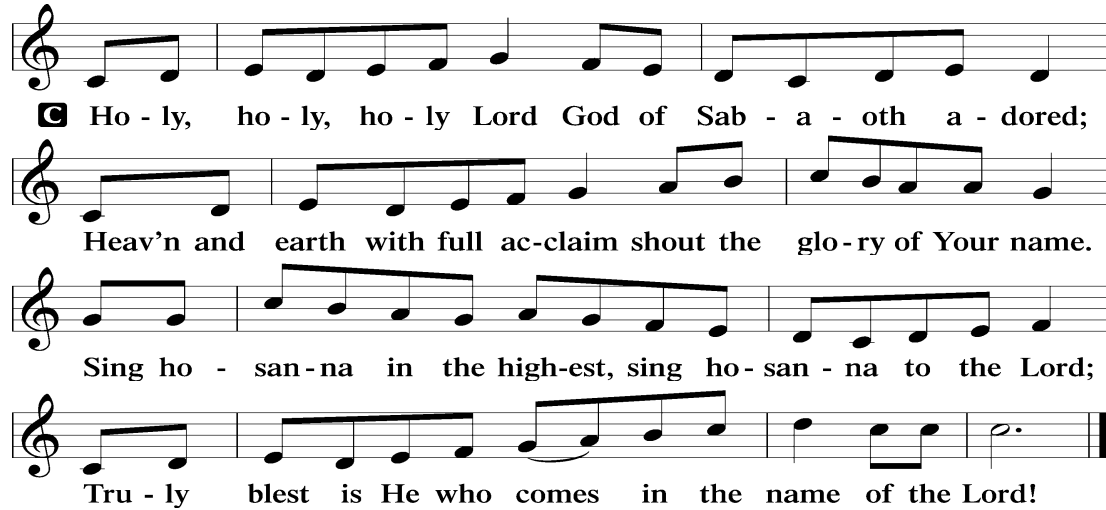
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, 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


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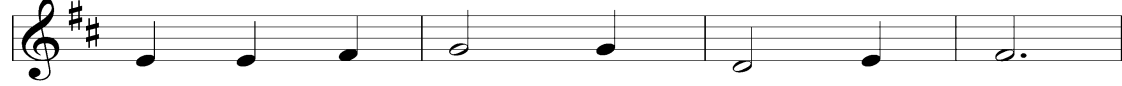
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

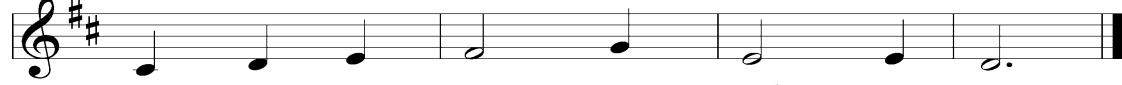
C And also with you.

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

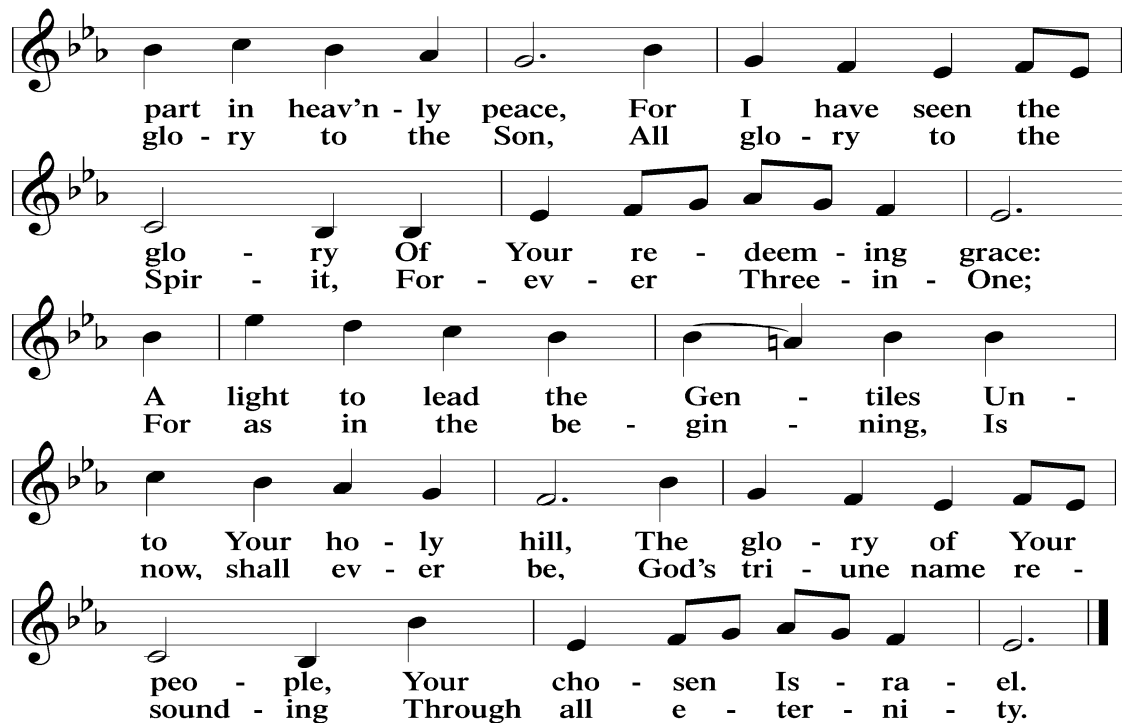
- "Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)
"The Lamb" (LSB 547)
"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious" (LSB 548)



(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

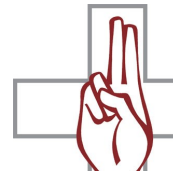
P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage 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.

BENEDICTION

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.

Numbers 6:24-26





C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Silent Prayer: Jesus, when I’m stuck in a hole, empower me to claim your covenant—you covenant of blood! Amen.

Remember your weekly reading about Moses – Exodus 1-2. Be sure to share your daily devotion “Guided to the Cross.”

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

AS WE GATHER Today’s Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the

people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

Come in sorrow and contrition, Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission, Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore; They that drink shall thirst no more. *LSB 435:3*

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifth 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 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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Mar. 6, Att. 63, Offering \$2,916.00; **Sun., Mar. 10, Att. 305;** General Fund \$10,869.70; Sunday School \$2.00; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; HVAC \$800.00; Flowers (in memory of Jerry Erbe) \$100.00; Lenten Meal (Security System) \$282.00; Men's Breakfast Fundraiser (Security System) \$1,465.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Clara Shelbourn (Organ Fund) \$240.00, (Blessings) \$40.00, (Foundations) \$20.00.

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!

Pastor Installation Rev. Robert M. Hinckley Jr., son of the Faith Lutheran Church congregation has accepted a call to Grace, Deadwood/Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis, SD. He is being installed today, March 17, 2024 at 3:30 pm at Deadwood, SD with Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer preaching.



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 this Wednesday for our last Lenten meal before Catechism and our Lenten worship. Beginning at 5:15 (to accommodate children who wish to eat before Catechism begins at 6pm) through 6:30, some entity within the church will host a simple meal to anyone wishing to have a meal before worship. Please join us!

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal TODAY, 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 once again be 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.



Forever Young We will be having our Forever Young Potluck this Wednesday after our 11:00 Lenten worship service. It will be a regular potluck so bring whatever you choose to share. Beverage will be provided. We never leave hungry. Always a time of good food and great fellowship. Hope to see you there!

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 Anyone willing to help make the charoses for our Seder meal please contact Helen (224-2216). She will need help peeling and chopping apples, walnuts and raisins on Saturday afternoon, March 23, beginning at 1:00. The more people willing to help, the faster it goes.

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 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).

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. There are 6 volunteers available to provide services. 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. You will need to obtain an information packet, which contains instructions and forms to be completed prior to your appointment. Self-employment income, some rental income, Out-of-State returns and other situations are Out-of-Scope.

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 - “Holy Land Tour pt. 1” - A video tour of locations in Jesus’ earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

10:30 AM - Rev. Matthew Bless, pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church in Vermillion, presents a message titled “Not To Be Served, But To Serve.” This sermon is based on Mark 10:35-45. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, ‘For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand’ (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us.” *Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome* – *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. 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
3:30 mt Hinckley Installation Deadwood

Mon: Mar. 18

6-9 pm Pickleball
6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Mar. 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm Board of Early Education
6-9 pm Softball

Wed: Mar. 20

11:00 am Lenten Worship
12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

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. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sat: Mar. 23

8:30 am Palm Cross Assembly –
downstairs in Great Room
Bible Bowl-Sanctuary & gym
1:00 pm Charoses preparation

Sun: Mar. 24 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Communion



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 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!



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| Passover Seder Meal | March 25 at 6:00 pm in the CFLC |
| Maundy Thursday | March 28 Worship 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 |



