

THE SECOND 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 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

C **O God, why do You cast us off forever?
Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

P Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.

C **Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

KYRIE



C 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. O Lord God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 3:14-15* (God curses the serpent)

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[a] and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "I Lift My Eyes" (arr. Hans Peterson)
Tim Larson, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *Hebrews 2:11-15* (Jesus Made Like His Brothers so He Might Restore the Holiness Man Had Lost)

¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.^[a] That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,^[b] ¹² saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and

deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

(Jesus Predicts His Death)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

²⁷ “Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

“O Sacred Head”

(LSB 450)

Verses 1-4 before the Sermon and Verses 5-7 after the Sermon

SERMON *"The Good News of a Savior Who conquers Evil "* (Genesis 3:14-15)
Elder Justin Bell

CREED Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING *We give 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.



Remember the congregations of Your Church, O Lord, which You have purchased with the holy blood of Your Son. Strengthen and defend all pastors and church workers, giving them every good gift as they attend to Your people. Cause us rightly to fear Your anger and rejoice in Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember us in a world convulsed by the wages of sin. As we watch nations falter, remind us that our eternal citizenship is in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ, who will subject all things to Himself. As we watch our own bodies fail, remind us that Christ will transform our lowly bodies to be like His glorious body. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember the households of this congregation, O Lord. Provide help and companionship to those who live alone, and foster love between husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes would not be places to worship our bellies, glory in shame or set our minds on earthly things, but a refuge while here and a foretaste of our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember our nation and those You have placed in authority, O Lord. Give them wisdom and integrity, and grant that neither they nor the citizens of our land would hinder Your Church or despise Your call to repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember the sick and afflicted, O Lord [*especially _____*]. Deliver them for the sake of Christ, who cast out demons and performed cures on His way to the cross. Strengthen their faith to hold fast to Him, who rose again to raise them also. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember this household of faith, O Lord, and gather us together at Your altar as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Unite us in true confession of Your Word, sincere repentance for our sins, and joyful confidence in Your Son's body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember us, O Lord, for the sake of Your Son, who suffered the reproach of mankind as He bore our sins to the cross. Strengthen us gladly to bear reproach in Your name and declare Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

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.**



CLOSING HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

(LSB 433)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER How's your faith? Is it firm, steadfast, and strong? Or do you find that it seems to be growing weak, uncertain, or even in danger of disappearing at times? As we follow our Lord in this Lenten season, leading up to the distressing events of Holy Week, we are warned today that the same opposition, rejection, and betrayal faced by prophets like Jeremiah, and even Jesus, will also face us as His followers. What did He mean when He said, "You will be hated by all for My name's sake"? (Luke 21:17). But rather than a dire prediction, Jesus said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Matthew 5:11–12). When challenges arise and temptations overwhelm, we are reminded to remember and observe examples of faith, such as the apostle Paul in his many struggles and even our Lord Himself whose faith and confidence in His Father's gracious design made Him endure "the cross, despising the shame" with the prospect of His certain victory and eternal placement at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). That certainty is ours. Faith hangs on to the promise "I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown" (Revelation 3:11). Or as Paul says, "Therefore, my brothers, . . . my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord" (Philippians 4:1).

Stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. Philippians 4:1

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 Second 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 Elder Justin Bell. Elder Matt King is our Liturgist. Pastor Urbach is having some health issues. Rev. Sam Handschke is returning from vacation in Mexico.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service on Sunday, March 23. 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. 5, Att. 294, Offering \$3,647.50; **Sun., Mar. 9, Att. 225;** General Fund \$10,812.17; Sunday School \$5.00; Building Fund \$210.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$170.00; Mexico Mission \$75.00; Kitchen Upgrades \$184.00; Forever Young \$201.00.

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!

Food Drive March is the month for Faith Lutheran to collect items for the food pantry. The tables are set up and the boxes ready to put in your donations. The boxes on the tables are alphabetized and labeled for ease of separation. There are lists on the tables as to the most needed items. Pick one up and do some shopping with the pantry in mind as you do your own shopping.



New Bible Study "Preparing for Eternity-Should we trust God's word or religious traditions?" This study started last Sunday, between services in the office conference room. Everyone welcome!! Please join us!



Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal TODAY, Sunday, March 16, 2025. It is back again this year! The Kenefick-Aschoff family is organizing the Corned Beef ‘N’ Cabbage meal as we have done in the past. Noon meal following the late service. Freewill offering proceeds will go toward the Mexico Mission Trip.

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. Take-out or eat in. **Please sign up in the Narthex so that we prepare enough to fill as many orders as possible.**

LWML Pierre Zone Spring Rally The LWML Pierre Zone Spring Rally will be held On Monday, March 17th at Faith Lutheran. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Ryckman. She will do a presentation on the Mission Trip to Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX/Juarez, Mexico.

The LWML South Dakota is planning a retreat for women across the state entitled “Living God’s Praise” on April 25 and 26th at the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain. The retreat will start Friday evening at 7:00 and conclude Saturday afternoon around 3:00. The LWML councilors for the South Dakota District will be conducting the Bible studies based on Psalm 119: 175. If you are interested, please contact Jan Larson (605-280-0862) for information or check out the website at sdlwml.org. I hope you can come to this fun event close to home!



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 2025 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.

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve.

Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31. Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.

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 - “Adrift” - A child’s Christian witness.

10:30 AM - Rev. Christopher McCarthy, pastor at First and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Wall and Creighton, SD presents a message titled “The Word More Fully Confirmed.” The sermon is based on Luke 13:31-35. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes On St. Joseph: “Though Mary’s husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoption, and every human life.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



It's time to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their

Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Camp Minneboji It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15–21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025! This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 16

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
9:45 am *Preparing for Eternity* Study
11:00 am Worship
12:00 Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal

1:00 pm Be. Stewardship/Endow.

2-5:30 pm Softball
3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Mar. 17

LWML Retreat in gym
6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Mar. 18

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

Wed: Mar. 19

11:00 am Lenten Worship
5:30 pm Lenten Meal
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
6:00 pm *Jeremiah/Lamentations* Study
6:30 pm *Jesus* (in homes)
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 20

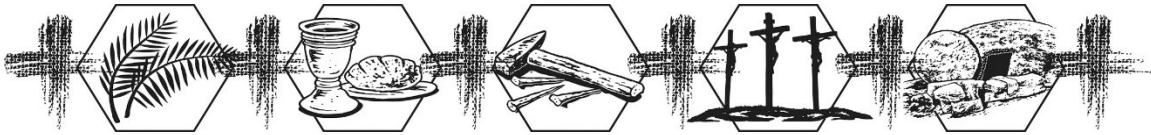
8:00 am Staff Devotions
6-9 pm Softball

Fri: Mar. 21

1:30 pm Lincoln Apts. Chapel

Sun: Mar. 23

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am Rebekah Circle
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Communion
2-5:00 pm Softball



Midweek “Savior, Servant, Friend”

March 19, 2025

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
“Listener”

March 26, 2025

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
“Encourager”

April 2, 2025

7:00 pm
“Protector”

April 9, 2025

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
“Comforter”

April 17, 2025

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday
“Servant”

April 18, 2025

7:00 pm only
Good Friday
“Savior”