FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025 A.D.

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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

"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

(LSB 648)

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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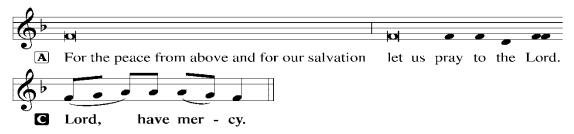
Psalm 51:2-6 (antiphon: Psalm 51:1)

- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgement.
- P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- **Behold**, you delight in truth and the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 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 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.





SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- 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 28:10-22 (Jacob's Dream)

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. 12 And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder a set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! 13 And behold, the Lord stood above it [b] and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel, ^[C] but the name of the city was Luz at the first. ²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" (arr. Lloyd Larson) Mixed Ensemble

EPISTLE *Ephesians 2: 11-22* (One in Christ) 11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ, 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,[a] but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being

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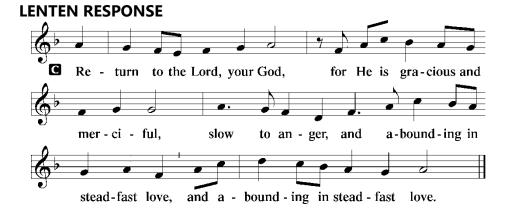
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built together into a dwelling place for God by[b] the Spirit.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)





HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

(Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael)

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you,[a] you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435)

SERMON "The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place" (Gen. 22:1-18)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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OFFERING We gather our tithes and gifts of love

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

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

The Lord is near

toAll who

- C hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, You delight in truth in the inward being and teach us wisdom in the secret heart. Give to our pastors every good gift as Your ambassadors, that we may grow in faith and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Pather of mercy, remember Your baptized children who have left Your household and departed from the faith. Call them to repentance according to Your gracious will. Remember parents, grandparents and all who mourn their departure. Sustain them in faithful patience to wait and pray. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, in Christ You reconciled the world to Yourself. Watch over our nation and all whom You have placed in authority. Give them wisdom and prudence, that Your people might live in peace and freely make known the message of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Everlasting Father, although this world is passing away due to sin, we pray that You would preserve Your creation for our provision until You usher in Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for all who cry out to You for mercy, healing and help <code>[including_____]</code>. Deliver them according to Your will and, as You have made them a new creation in Christ, keep them mindful of the day when sorrow and sickness will be no more. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, who visits us this day with His body and blood! Give to all who partake of this Holy Communion penitent hearts to receive Christ Jesus as our strength and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Decord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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

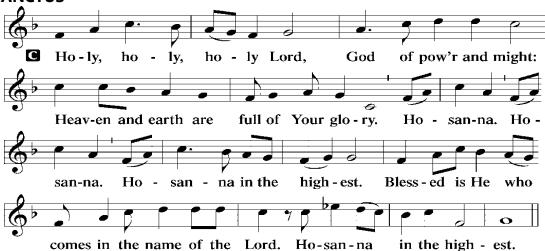
meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Both Services B

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.
- 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



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 allavailing 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.

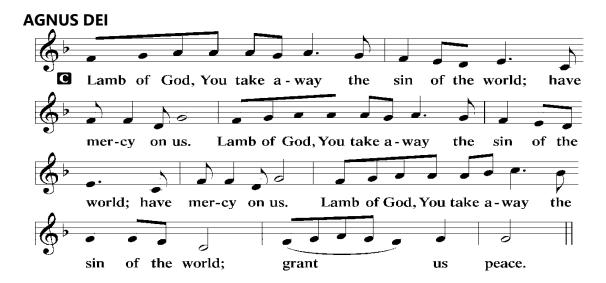
C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.



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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

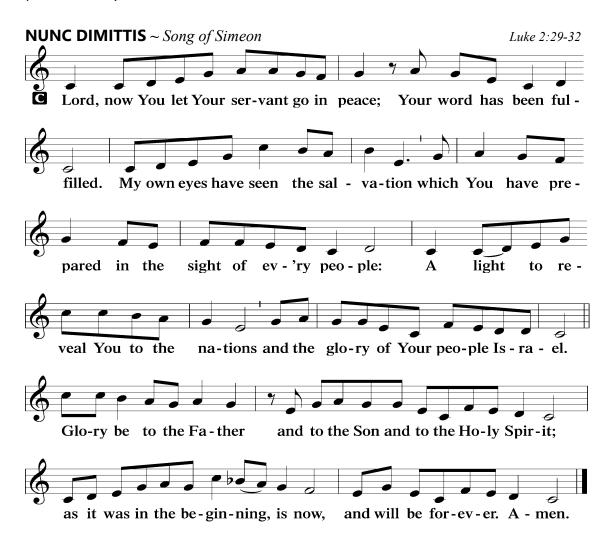
"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" (LSB 673)

(LSB 651)



(Please stand)



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- 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.

BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24–26

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.





CLOSING HYMN

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

(LSB 658)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin Introit *Laetare Jerusalem*: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her" (Isaiah 66:10). Though still in the penitential season of Lent, this Sunday is a relaxation from normal Lenten discipline. Flowers may appear, and ministers may wear rose-colored vestments as a lighter shade of violet.

Today's service is inspired by the Old Testament Reading of Isaiah, the First Song of

Isaiah: "Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth" (Isaiah 12:5). Today we take that admonition literally as not only the liturgy is sung but also the Readings are expanded with hymn stanzas. "Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 12:6). In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

For the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation. Isaiah 12:26

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. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services 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. 19, Att. 179, Offering \$1,469.00; **Sun., Mar. 23, Att. 268;** General Fund \$7,597.62; Sunday School \$13.00; Building Fund \$5.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Broadcasts \$130.00; Mexico Mission \$3,395.00; Flowers \$75.00; Memorials in memory of Walt Heien \$550.00; Organ Fund \$250.00.

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!

Education attendance: 3/19 Midweek -52 + 7th grade

3/23 Sunday School – (pre-K to 8th): 33

3/23 "Preparing for Eternity" Bible Study/HS SS:11

3/23 Adult Bible Study – 12

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. We will collect items through April 6th.

ATTENTION SEWERS! The work sessions for Little Dresses are as follows:



| Monday Evening |
|-----------------------|
| 6:30-8:00 pm |
| April 7 |
| April 21 |
| May 5 |

| Thursday Afternoon |
|--------------------|
| 1:30-3:00 pm |
| April 3 |
| April 17 |
| May 1 |

We would appreciate all helpful people who would be willing to help prepare the packets for sewers to take home, and all those who would be willing to take the packets home and sew the little dresses.

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!



Easter Breakfast If you are willing to help provide an egg bake for our Easter Breakfast, please sign-up in the Narthex so we have an idea how many extras we will need.

Breakfast Fundraiser Today This morning, between services, our Men's Club is hosting a breakfast fundraiser. The proceeds will go toward helping our youth who are planning to attend Camp Minneboji in June. Prices have increased and we would like all our youth who would like to attend to be able to attend. Come hungry, eat heartily and donate





generously.

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 - "Point of No Return" - God's limitless grace.

10:30 AM - Rev. Dr. Chris Ascher, pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD presents a message titled "Reconciled." The sermon is based on 2 Cor. 5:16-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Our Lord dwelt among us for quite some time without anyone seeing or meeting Him. Yet in this span, He consecrated and sanctified every human life from its very beginning at the moment of fertilization. And He demonstrated that neither age nor appearance nor ability—nor any lack thereof—improves or impairs anyone's worth. God creates, redeems, and calls each one as His own to start with." *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

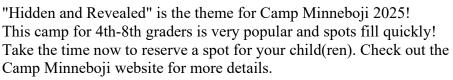




It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS**Youth Gathering! The LCMS Youth Gathering will be
July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS
youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme
Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years,
LCMS Youth Gatherings provide 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.





This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 23

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study

9:45 am Preparing for Eternity Study

11:00 am Communion

2-5:00 pm Softball

Tues: Mar. 25

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Wed: Mar. 26

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. 27

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6:30 pm Church Council

6-9 pm Softball

Sat: Mar. 29

10 am-4 pm Bible Bowl

Sun: Mar. 30

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study

11:00 am Communion

2-5:00 pm Softball



Midweek "Savior, Servant, Friend"

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"

LOOKING FORWARD TO HOLY WEEK



Passover Seder Meal
Monday, April 14 @ 6pm
Please sign up as soon as possible so we can
have some idea of numbers of attendants.
Our confirmands are encouraged to attend
with at least one parent present also.



Good Friday Baked Potato Dinner
April 17 @ 5:30pm-6:30pm
Free-will offering for our youth who will attend our National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Easter Sunday Breakfast
April 20 Between Services
Join our fellow church members for a
wonderful meal as we celebrate the
Resurrection of our Lord.