

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 ✠

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing” (LSB 686)

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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† WORD †

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. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and 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 *Ezekiel 37:1–14* (Ezekiel prophesies over the bones, and the Lord brings them to life.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Healer of Our Every Ill" (*Marty Haugen, arr. Daniel Kallman*)
Andrew Wulf, alto saxophone soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 8:1–11* (The Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to you.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:1–45* (Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh 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 "My Song Is Love Unknown" (*LSB 430*)

Verses 1-4 before sermon, Verses 5-7 after sermon

SERMON

*"For the Glory of God"
Pastor Sam Handschke*

(John 11:4)

CREED

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

OFFERING *We gather our tithes and gifts of love*

OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

(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, in Baptism You have given the new birth of water and the Spirit. Make Your children strong in Your Spirit, that they may shun the works of the flesh and live in this world expecting the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, bless Matthew, our Synod president; Randy, our district president; David, our circuit visitor; and Sam, our pastor(s) whom You have sent to prophesy Your Word to us, that Your Spirit's breath would enter us and we may live forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, soften the hearts of Your people in every home. Turn parents and children toward each other in love and patience. Banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all. Sanctify us in Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, You are the true source of life, which You give through the power of Your Spirit. Humble those who are given authority over the lives of our people, that they would discharge this duty honorably in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O great Redeemer, we hope in You, for with You there is steadfast love and redemption. We cry to You on behalf of those suffering affliction [*including _____*]. Assure them that their iniquities have been washed away in Christ and their sins forgiven in His blood. Grant them healing and relief from their burdens, according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Mighty God, You have shown us Your great mercy through the death of Your Son. May all who partake of His Supper come with repentant and

humble hearts to taste the body and blood of Christ, which was given and shed for our life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, Your Son is the resurrection and the life, in whom all the dead will rise and through whom Your elect will live eternally in Your presence. Give comfort to all who mourn, that they might not grieve as those who have no hope but as those whose hope is the crucified and risen One. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, God almighty, through Your Son You have kept the promise of the ages and rescued us from sin. You have raised up the dry bones of a people captive to death and made us alive in Christ forever. Sustain us in this hope, that we may endure the tests, trials and troubles of this life and be ready when our Savior comes again in His glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 11 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** ✠
11:00 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.**

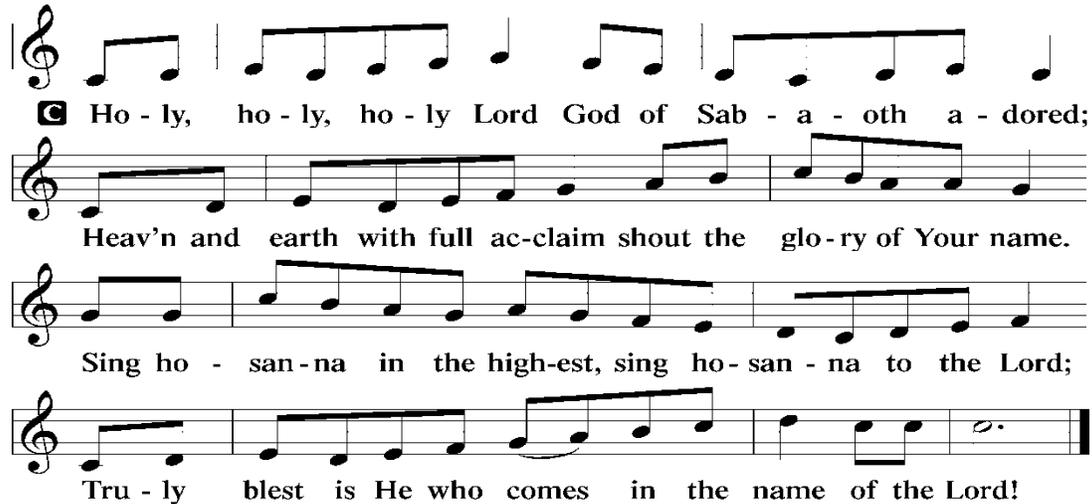
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

C 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

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" (LSB 576)

"Glory Be to Jesus" (LSB 433)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 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.

BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

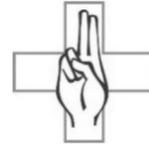
C Thanks be to God.

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 Amen.



CLOSING HYMN "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

(LSB 594)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER Lent is a time when God prepares His people to celebrate the Paschal Feast, the resurrection of Jesus, with sincerity and truth. In the Reading from Ezekiel 37, we see the power of the Word that transforms dry bones into living flesh with the breath of the Spirit. This same Spirit lives in us and will raise us at the Last Day, which is exactly what we hear from Paul in the Reading from Romans 8. The Spirit who raised Christ will also give life to us. Having received the Spirit in Baptism, we join with Martha in confessing boldly that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who comes to us today in His Word and Sacrament and will come again to call us out of our graves.

Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” Ezekiel 37:4–6

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this 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. Sam Handschke. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

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.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Mar. 11, Att. 172; Offering \$3,435.00, Sun., Mar. 15, Att. 159;

General Fund \$14,831.44; Sunday School \$3.00; Building Fund \$260.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Easter Flowers \$80.00; Workman's Comp. Refund \$4,893.25; Trinity Feb. Services \$250.00; LWML copies \$50.00; Concordia Refund \$664.18; Mexico Mission Corned Beef Meal \$2,180.10; Mexico Mission Kuchen Sales \$450.00; Mexico Mission \$75.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Ronald Wilson (Blessings) \$25.00.

****If you have envelope #225 please contact Helen in the office 224-2216.**

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!

Palm Cross Assembly If anyone would like to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday our assembly day is Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. Many hands will make the large job go much quicker. It is a fun time of fellowship for the many who come each year.



There will be some veteran folders on hand to help show everyone how to fold the crosses. **Please bring a pair of scissors with you.**



Looking for volunteers to help make the Charoses for the Seder meal. Helen will start this on **March 28th** as soon as we are done folding Palm Crosses. Any help would be

appreciated by at least 1:00 pm. We need to peel, core, and chop the apples and chop the raisins and walnuts and then mix in batches. Any help is appreciated.



GLORY CROSS This year for Easter the Altar Guild requests that each family or member bring a flower or flowers to insert in the wire surrounding the cross. What a beautiful expression of thanks to Jesus for His sacrifice.

Passover Seder Meal Monday, March 30, at 6:00 pm the Elders will host our Seder Meal. Passover is the oldest of the Jewish festivals and is specifically commanded by God to be observed by the Jewish people in Exodus 12. The festival has its roots in the Exodus, God's act of deliverance of His chosen people Israel from the bondage of the Egyptians.



Seder Meal

As we celebrate the Passover Supper, we want to remember that in the East a meal also has a special significance which it does not have for us in the West. In the East, eating together is in itself a pledge of friendship and loyalty, and so in the eating of this meal we are binding ourselves in fellowship by sharing together the common meal in commemoration of the Last Supper which Jesus ate with His disciples. Please be thinking of this meal as an expression of your love and loyalty to Jesus and of the special Christian family we share.

We are limited to 70 participants. The Midweek 5-8 grades are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by a parent. Please sign up so we know how much to prepare. **A sign-up sheet is on the information desk in the Narthex by the Grand Avenue door.**

FOOD DRIVE During the month of March, Faith Lutheran will collect items for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry. A handy shopping list can be found on the donation tables in the Narthex. Current highest-need food items include: cooking oil and spray, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta (dry) and sugar. Other items currently in high need include cleaning



Food Donations

supplies (such as dusting spray, floor cleaner, and tub and tile cleaner), deodorant, dish soap, facial tissue, garbage bags, paper towels, and toilet paper. The Food Pantry is in ongoing need of all types of nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper products. **FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.** Make checks payable to PARS (Pierre Area Referral Service); leave in the church office or place in an offering plate. Write Townsend Challenge on the memo line. During March and April, local financial institutions will provide matching funds for donations made to the Ardis Townsend Challenge for the Food Pantry.

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you

would like to volunteer.



Building Healthy Families: “Wrinkles merely indicate where smiles have been,” suggested Mark Twain in a nod to the prestige of old age. Yet today we spend millions of dollars trying to look and feel younger than our years. As Christians, we understand our value is not found in how we look or in what we can do. We’re valuable – even as the number of our limitations (or wrinkles) increase with each passing year – because Jesus says we are and demonstrated it by giving His life as a ransom for ours. If you’re experiencing concerns with aging, chronic illness, disability, or any life transition or limitation and would like to talk to a confidential, experienced counselor who shares your Lutheran faith and world-view, please reach out – it’s why we’re here! Call today to schedule an appointment in person or via confidential telehealth link. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081**

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.

Mar 22, 2026 8 a.m. (KEVN/FOX) and 10 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Money for Marriage” A woman’s decisions at work put a strain on the new couple’s marriage.

8:30 a.m. (KEVN/FOX) and 10:30 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Main Street Living” Rev. Tim Rynearson, pastor at Peace, Brookings, SD, presents a message based on Psalm 130.

Life Quotes “Grief is a road no one chooses, yet in this fallen world, it is a path we must all tread. There are no words that can fully capture the sorrow of losing someone we love—no explanations that can make death seem natural or right. It wasn’t meant to be this way. Death is the great intruder, a bitter consequence of sin’s curse. And yet, even in the depths of sorrow, the Lord gives us this promise: He is near.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year’s camp theme is “Lifted Up”. The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor’s Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Mar. 22 LENT 5

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

Tues: Mar. 24

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 10:30 am Women's Study '*Joshua*'
 12:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle
 6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

Wed: Mar. 25 Midweek Lent 5

11:00 am Lenten Worship
 5:15-6:30 pm Lenten Meal
 5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
 6:30 pm *Galatians* Study in homes
 7:00 pm Lenten Worship
 8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Mar. 26

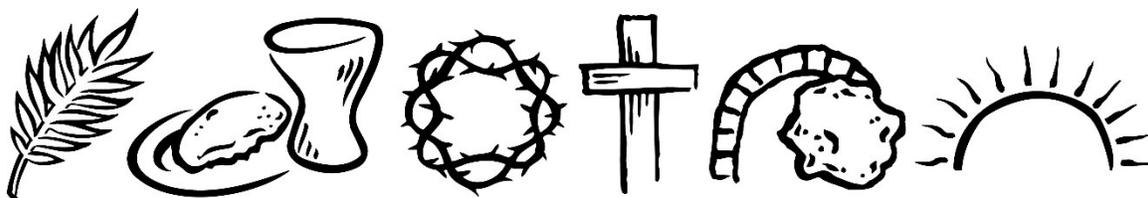
8:00 am Staff Devotions
 6-9 pm Softball

Sat: Mar. 28

8:30 am Palm Cross Assembly
 12:00 pm Charoses Preparation

Sun: Mar. 29 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Communion
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
 11:00 am Communion



Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 30, 2026

Passover Seder Meal 6:00 PM

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday Worship 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday Baked Potato Meal 5:30-6:30 PM

Good Friday Worship 7:00 PM