

faith

Worship, News & Notes

February 28, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the many servants who have worked and volunteered to make this service possible.

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Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

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Today's Readers 8:30 – Patti Larzelere 11:00 – Tim Mars

Psalm for the Day - Psalm 22:23-31

Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary

NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!-Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399 Direct TV—channel 37 Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

Call to Worship - Announcements - Sharing of the Peace

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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 body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

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.**

Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 204



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 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.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 22:23-31

L ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
C **and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!**

L ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,

C **but has heard, when he cried to him.**

L²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

C my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

L²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!

C May your hearts live forever!

L²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

L²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,

C and he rules over the nations.

L²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

C before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

L³⁰Posterity shall serve him;

C it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

L³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,

C that he has done it.

Epistle: Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse for Lent



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." ²⁹And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

The
Apostles'
† Creed †

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Sermon

The offerings are collected at the entryway table as you come in.

Born of the cross, Christian love does not seek something good to enjoy;
rather, it seeks to provide for those in need.

" . . . remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said,
'It is more blessed to give than to receive'" (Acts 20:35).

Faith Legacy Blessing Event (11:00 service)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

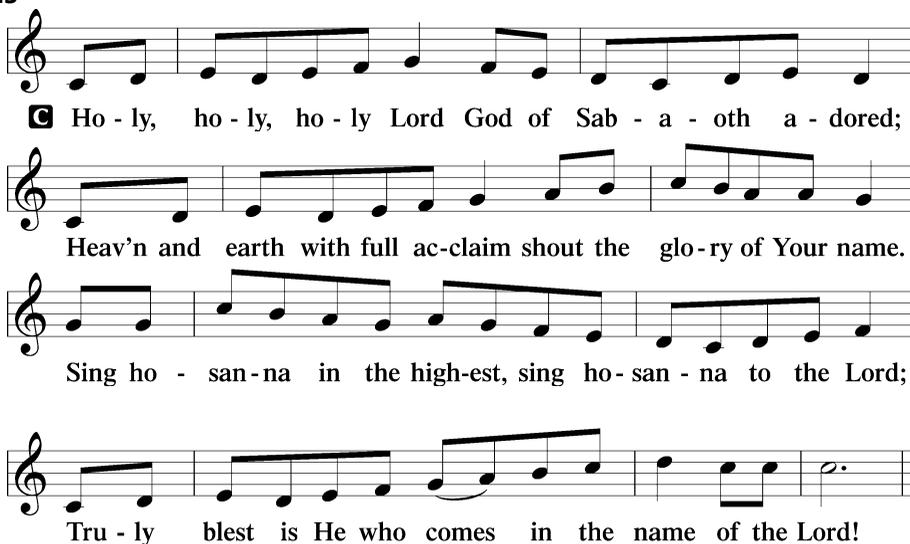
Preface

LSB 208

- 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

LSB 208



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...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

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.

Distribution

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

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 lead 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 Collect

A 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 in 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.
- C** Amen.

935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of His might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of His Word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings, give my spir - it voice;
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is His prom - ise, and His mer - cy sure.



Ten - der to me the prom - ise of His Word;
His mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



In God my Sav - ior shall my heart re - joice.
His ho - ly name, the Lord, the Might - y One.
The hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
To chil - dren's chil - dren and for - ev - er - more!

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Lent

Please Join Us as we continue our midweek services each Wednesday during Lent: **March 3, 10, 17 & 24** at 5:30pm for dinner followed by our service at 7:00pm. Our theme this year is **“Return to the Lord”**.

As in the past we are making available **daily devotions** to guide and accompany your family through this year’s Lenten theme, *Return to the Lord*. Devotion books are available on the table as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

This year we also have **Lenten Calendars** that go along with the devotionals. Much like an advent calendar, these work particularly well with younger disciples of Jesus. If you have children around during the week, these are a great way to include them in Lenten preparations. Take one to share!



Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to **Bill & Theresa Erfourth** at the passing of **Ron Carr** this past week. May you both find comfort in knowing Ron is with his Lord in a beautiful heaven.

The 2021 Flower Calendar is up in the Narthex above the drinking fountain. If you would like to have flowers placed in the chancel area in celebration of an event or in memory of a loved one, please sign your name on the date of your choice. Please specify what you are celebrating or who you are remembering. Place a slash (/) next to your info if you only want one vase. The price of each vase is \$22.50. **Make sure to use the erasable marker provided. Thanks so much!**



Birthdays

2/28 Patrycja Krzok
3/01 Marge Cannon
3/01 Barb Steele
3/02 Charlie Prater
3/05 Mike Hannewald

3/05 Frank Redman
3/05 Dan Reich
3/06 Tyler Acree
3/06 Andrea Reich
3/06 Sandy Searcy



Stephen Ministry

For the past 4 months these messages have offered support to those of you who are faced with the opportunity or challenge (point of view dependent) of listening to friends or loved ones who are hurting. Thank you for making those phone calls or visits. There are many people within our congregation experiencing stressful challenges such as divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness. Lending an ear to listen to their concerns is so very Christ-like. Some folks can manage these conditions, some suffer silently and don't request or receive a level of care that they need. As individuals we can and should provide some comfort.

Some situations need a structured program of help. Please prayerfully consider how our Stephen Ministry program at Faith (SM-F) can be of help to you in either of the following two very important ways. First – contact SM-F if you know someone who needs regular visits by a trained care giver. Second – contact SM-F if you sense the Lord leading you in the direction of becoming a trained Stephen Minister. Please, reach out to Pastor Moyer or Guy York to discuss our Stephen Ministry program. We would like to share with you the bountiful joys that are yours when you have the opportunity to use your gifts to care for others through this mission. As you pray for guidance in considering how the Faith Stephen Ministry program fits in your life, whether a resource or a calling to serve, pray for our Stephen Ministry Program at Faith.

During communion we do have available non-alcoholic Sacrament (white grape juice) in center of tray.
Large Print Services are available. Ask Elder on duty.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday	Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Confirmation & Adult Bible Study	9:45am
	Faith Legacy Dedication for 4 & 5 year-olds during late svc	
Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
Wednesday	Dinner	5:30pm
	Lenten Midweek Service	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:15pm

Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis, Doris Maxwell, Vince Rhodes, Mike Genson, Claire Tesolin, John Dickson & Virginia McDonnell.

As well as our family, friends & neighbors—John Carlton, Vic Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, Stephanie Edmonds, John Koke, Marvin Petsch, Madeline McGrath, Laurie Karaska, Tim Nolan, Rev. Rich Tino, Gregg Steigerwalt, Margie Erfourth, Doug Storts, Trevor Young, Mike Kramb, Erik Currado (nephew of Guy & Diane York – in need of liver transplant), Stephanie & Jackie.

We appreciate your patience as we all adapt to these new circumstances.

For the latest updates with regards to Faith Lutheran Church visit

<http://www.faithhighland.com/covid-19>

ON-LINE RESOURCES—Over the past few months we've been sharing online resources in the bulletin for you to use with your household while sheltering at home. Those resources remain available at <http://www.faithhighland.com/athome>

For livestreaming and recorded services visit

<https://www.faithhighland.com/home-worship> or subscribe to [Faith's YouTube channel](#)

	<u>Thru</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$0.00	\$22,426.00	\$22,426.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$21,886.11	\$21,886.11
Surplus/Deficit (-)	\$0.00	\$ 539.89	\$ 539.89
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$0.00	\$23,021.00	\$23,021.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Sunday	\$4,271.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 959.00)

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