

faith

Worship, News & Notes

March 7, 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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Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2021

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Today's Readers 8:30 – Karen Cowart 11:00 – Nancy Lombardo

Psalm for the Day – Psalm 19

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.

Stand

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

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, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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: Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³"You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³"You shall not murder.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵"You shall not steal.

¹⁶"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

P¹The heavens declare the glory of God,

C and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

P²Day to day pours out speech,

C and night to night reveals knowledge.

P³There is no speech, nor are there words,

C whose voice is not heard.

P⁴Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

C In them he has set a tent for the sun,

P⁵which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

C and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

P⁶Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,

C and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

P⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

C the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

P⁸the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

C the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

P⁹the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

C the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

P¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

C sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

P¹¹Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

C in keeping them there is great reward.

P¹²Who can discern his errors?

C Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

P¹³Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!

C Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

P¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

C O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

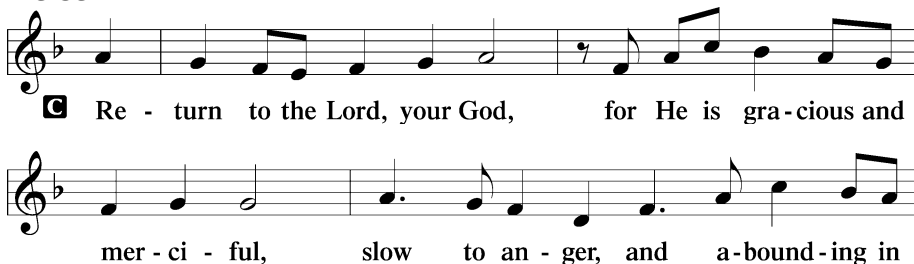
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Lenten Verse

LSB 157



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



Holy Gospel: John 2:13–22

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

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

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,**

begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
 dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - ues still!
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

Sermon

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

Our giving to God is to be sacrificial.

"And now, brothers, we want you to know
about the grace that God has given
the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial,
their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty
welled up in rich generosity" (2 Cor. 8:1-2).

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

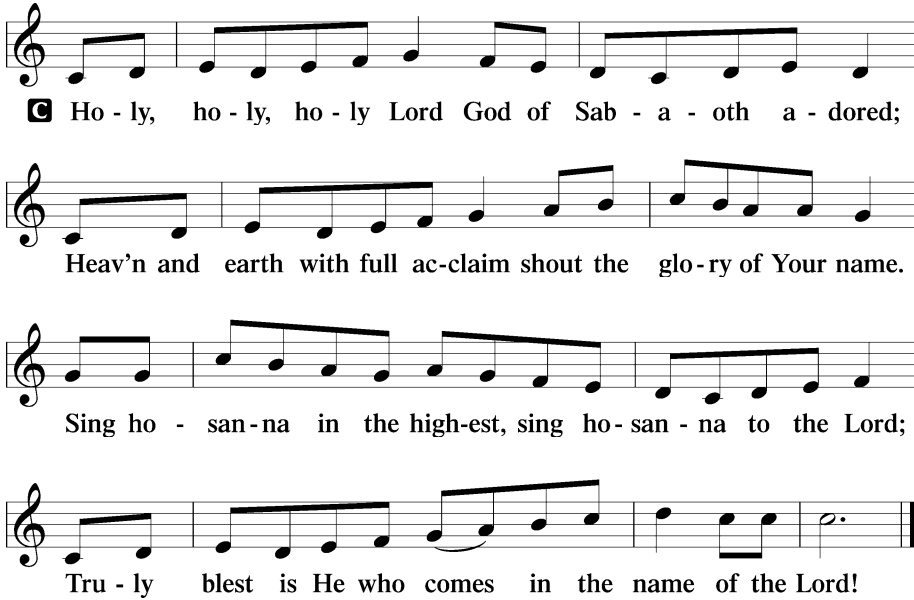
P Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

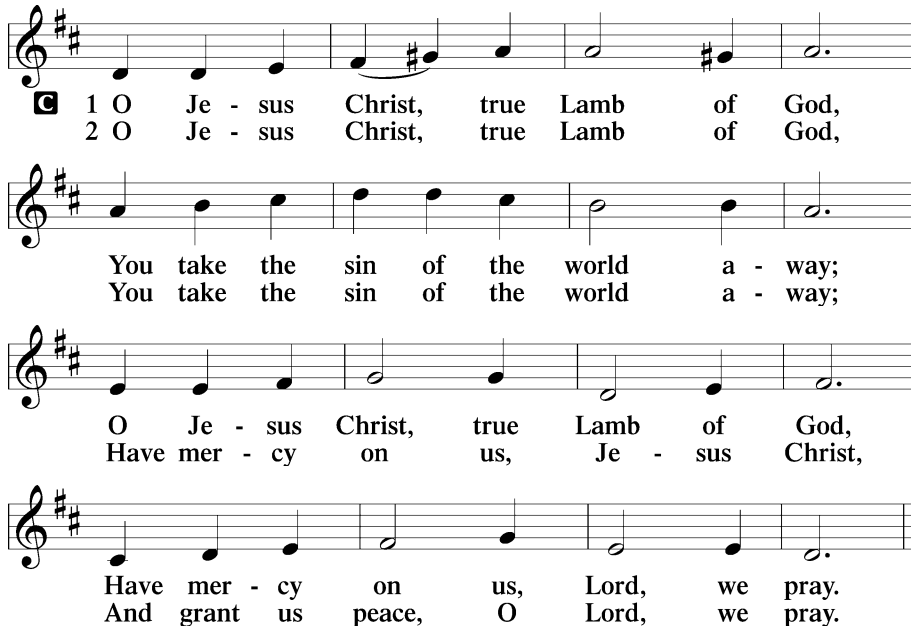
The Words of Our Lord

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 us, 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.

Sit

Distribution

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the
 o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no
 sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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.

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.

728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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

Please plan to join us for Holy Week at Faith Lutheran Church.

Service times are:

April 1 - Maundy Thursday with Communion – 7:00 pm

April 2 - Good Friday – 1:00 & 7:00 pm

April 4 - Easter Sunday – 7:00 & 11:00 am



During these Covid days, we are asking that you reserve your Easter breakfast time **before March 16th**. Space will be limited for your safety. Please choose one of the following times and email the church office (office@faithhighland.com) or call the office (248-887-5550) with your choice and how many in your family group will be attending.

8:00 – 9:20 am

OR

9:40 – 11:00 am

Thank you for your help in making our Easter Breakfast as safe and enjoyable as possible.



Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to Patti Larzelere & Pauline Baker at the sudden passing of their granddaughter, **Kylie Goodes**.

May you find comfort in knowing that your church family is praying for you and your family at this time.

Reminder – Don't forget to set your clocks **forward** one hour this **Saturday night, March 13.**



Birthdays

7 Connie Redman

7 Haley Russell

11 Steve Kirchner





Communion Instruction will once again be offered at Faith beginning **March 14th** at 1:00pm. This 3 week series is for **anyone** 4th grade and older who desires to be instructed in receiving the Lord's Supper. A parent is asked to attend with children. This is a great opportunity to learn the confession and biblical teaching of our church regarding Holy Communion. Contact Pastor Moyer with any questions or to sign up.

West Oakland Transportation Authority <http://www.notaride.org/>

WOTA, is looking for drivers right now. We start at \$14 for paid training. Usually after 90 days there is a \$1 raise. We have FT and PT positions available. Drivers will need to obtain a chauffer's license (this is very easy). The applicant must pass a drug test and background check. This is a great job for someone who is retired but wants to keep active. If interested, please contact:

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Stephen Ministry - If I ask for a Stephen Minister, what happens? First, a Stephen Leader will meet with you to discuss what is going on in your life and discuss how the program works. The Stephen Leader then evaluates which of our available, trained Stephen Ministers is best suited to become your Care Giver. A woman Stephen Minister is matched with a woman, a man with a man. The Stephen Leader will notify you of the assignment, then the Care Giver will contact you for your first in person visit. Generally, you will meet one day a week for about an hour, or as necessary to meet your needs within the structure of the program. These regularly scheduled meetings will continue until you and the Stephen Minister agree that healing is well underway and to stop meeting.

Faith Lutheran Church Stephen Ministers are trained to provide Distinctively Christian Care through a program called the Stephen Series, which is used by tens of thousands of Care Givers in thousands of Christian congregations across the country. Through Stephen Ministry over a million suffering souls have experienced the healing power of Christ since the program began over 40 years ago. As you prayerfully consider arranging for a Stephen Minister for yourself or a loved one, pray also for our Stephen Ministers at Faith and our Stephen Ministry Program.

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
Tuesday	AA AA & ALANON	12:00pm 8:00pm
Wednesday	Dinner Lenten Midweek Service	5:30pm 7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:15pm
Saturday	Outreach Meeting	8:30am

Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis, Doris Maxwell, Vince Rhodes, Mike Genson, 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), Karen DeLuca (sister of Linda Brown – heart issues), 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 Jan.</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$22,426.00	\$22,123.00	\$44,549.00
Expenses	\$21,886.11	\$18,164.96	\$40,051.07
Surplus/Deficit (-)	\$ 539.89	\$ 3,958.04	\$ 4,497.93
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$23,021.00	\$23,021.00	\$46,042.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Week	\$ 3,144.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 959.00)

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