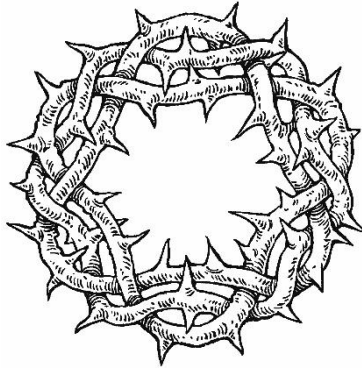


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## § A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

### *Holy Communion Announcement*

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

### *How Can We Help You?*

We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### Those Serving March 18<sup>th</sup> at Faith

<b>Organist</b>	Ben Schumacher	<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Ron Hinchman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Anthony Cortesini and Eden Perling	<b>Greeters</b>	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Elders	<b>Refreshments</b>	
<b>Ushers</b>		<b>Sermon Title</b>	

The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.

## Confession and Absolution

Please rise. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Parishioners observe a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination, perhaps using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

### Psalm

Psalm 38



<sup>1</sup>O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,\*  
nor discipline me | in your wrath!

<sup>2</sup>For your arrows have sunk | into me,\*  
and your hand has come | down on me.

<sup>3</sup>There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indig- | nation;\*  
there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.

<sup>4</sup>For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head;\*  
like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.

<sup>5</sup>My wounds stink and | fester\*  
because of my | foolishness,

<sup>6</sup>I am utterly bowed down and | prostrate,\*  
all the day I go about | mourning.

<sup>7</sup>For my sides are filled with | burning,\*  
and there is no soundness | in my flesh.

<sup>8</sup>I am feeble | and crushed;\*  
I groan because of the tumult | of my heart.

<sup>9</sup>O Lord, all my longing is be- | fore you;\*  
my sighing is not hid- | den from you.

- <sup>10</sup>My heart throbs; my strength | fails me,\*  
and the light of my eyes—it also has | gone from me.
- <sup>11</sup>My friends and companions stand aloof | from my plague,\*  
and my nearest kin stand | far off.
- <sup>12</sup>Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of | ruin\*  
and meditate treachery | all day long.
- <sup>13</sup>But I am like a deaf man; I | do not hear,\*  
like a mute man who does not o- | pen his mouth.
- <sup>14</sup>I have become like a man who | does not hear,\*  
and in whose mouth are | no rebukes.
- <sup>15</sup>But for you, O LORD, | do I wait,\*  
it is you, O Lord my God, who will | answer.
- <sup>16</sup>For I said, “Only let them not rejoice | over me,\*  
who boast against me when my | foot slips!”
- <sup>17</sup>For I am read- | y to fall,\*  
and my pain is ever be- | fore me.
- <sup>18</sup>I confess my in- | iquity;\*  
I am sorry | for my sin.
- <sup>19</sup>But my foes are vigorous, they are | mighty,\*  
and many are those who hate me | wrongfully.
- <sup>20</sup>Those who render me e- | vil for good\*  
accuse me because I follow | after good.
- <sup>21</sup>Do not forsake me, | O LORD!\*
- O my God, be not | far from me!
- <sup>22</sup>Make haste to | help me,\*  
O Lord, my sal- | vation!

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

## God's Faithfulness to Israel

**A** A reading from Deuteronomy, chapter 31.

“Now therefore write this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel. For when I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to give to their fathers, and they have eaten and are full and grown fat, they will turn to other gods and serve them, and despise me and break my covenant. And when many evils and troubles have come upon them, this song shall confront them as a witness (for it will live unforgotten in the mouths of their offspring). For I know what they are inclined to do even today, before I have brought them into the land that I swore to give.” So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel.

And the LORD commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you.”

When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end, Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, “Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against you. For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against the LORD. How much more after my death! Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, the exaltation of the humble and the strength of the righteous, You taught Your people through Your holy servant Moses to sing Your sacred songs and delivered to them the Law that still directs us. Display in all nations the fullness of Your power that, as You blot out all sins through Your forgiveness, terror may turn to joy and fear of punishment may be transformed into the hope of salvation; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James,  
To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

<sup>3</sup>Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. <sup>4</sup>For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

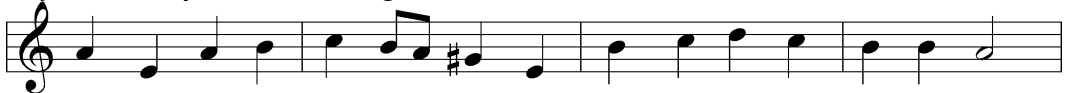
<sup>5</sup>Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup>And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— <sup>7</sup>just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please rise*

**422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image**



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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## Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:57–75

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

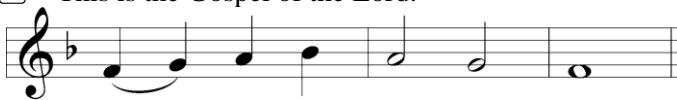


**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>57</sup>Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. <sup>58</sup>And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. <sup>59</sup>Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, <sup>60</sup>but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward <sup>61</sup>and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” <sup>62</sup>And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>63</sup>But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” <sup>64</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” <sup>65</sup>Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. <sup>66</sup>What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” <sup>67</sup>Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, <sup>68</sup>saying, “Prophecy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

<sup>69</sup>Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.” <sup>70</sup>But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you mean.” <sup>71</sup>And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>72</sup>And again he denied it with an oath: “I do not know the man.” <sup>73</sup>After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.” <sup>74</sup>Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, “I do not know the man.” And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup>And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Please be seated*

### 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
 5 "Through-out all their life-time My people will prove



Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
 My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
 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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## Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

## *Please rise* Offertory

LSB 192

**C** 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 be seated*

## Offering

*Please rise*

## Prayer of the Church

- L** O Lord, **C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ, **C** have mercy.
- L** O Lord, **C** have mercy.
- L** O Christ, **C** hear us.
- L** God the Father in heaven, **C** have mercy.
- L** God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **C** have mercy.
- L** God the Holy Spirit, **C** have mercy.
- L** Be gracious to us. **C** Spare us, good Lord.
- L** Be gracious to us. **C** Help us, good Lord.
- L** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;  
From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;  
From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;  
From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:
- C** **Good Lord, deliver us.**
- L** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;  
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;  
By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C** **Help us, good Lord.**
- L** We poor sinners implore You
- C** **to hear us, O Lord.**
- L** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;  
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;  
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- L** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- C** **We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

- L** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;  
To direct and defend all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;  
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;  
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;  
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

- L** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C we implore You to hear us.**

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

- L** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

- L** O Christ,

**C hear us.**

- L** O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

- L** O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

- L** O Lord,

**C have mercy. 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.**

## Salutation

LSB 201



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

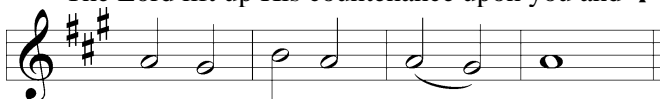


**A** Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## 424 O Christ, You Walked the Road



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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