

# LENT 5

**March 17, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4515 Dobie Road  
Okemos, MI 48864  
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To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .

- . . . we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer, study and fellowship
- . . . we **Equip** the people of God with a faith that works in real life
- . . . we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

Pastor ..... Bruce Thorsen  
Music Director ..... Deb Borton-McDonough  
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## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

## PRELUDE

“What Wondrous Love is This”

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Faith Bells*

**“Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths.” Psalm 25:4**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*[All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.]*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*[Silence is kept for reflection.]*

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

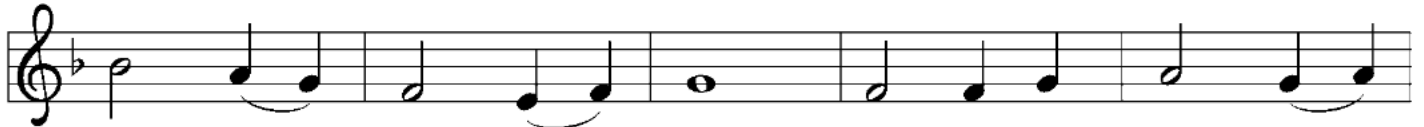
Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN – WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS (ELW 803)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## GREETING

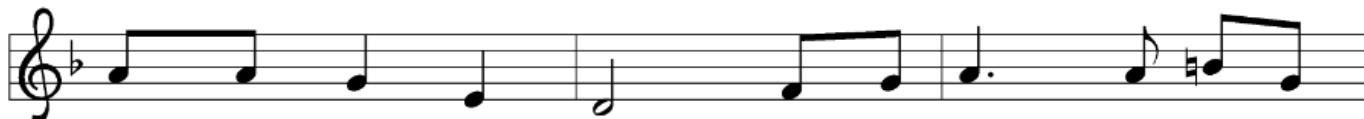
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE – Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery – (ELW 334)



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

### *Lent 3*

Living Water of salvation,  
 be the fountain of each soul;  
 springing up in new creation,  
 flow in us and make us whole.

### *Lent 1*

From the dawning of creation  
 you have loved us as your own;  
 stay with us through all temptation,  
 make us turn to you alone.

### *Lent 4*

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
 make us children of your light.  
 Give us hearts to live more nearly  
 as your gospel shining bright.

### *Lent 2*

In our call to be a blessing,  
 may we be a blessing true;  
 may we live and die confessing  
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

### *Lent 5*

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
 God who lives beyond our death,  
 hold us close through each tomorrow,  
 love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from Jeremiah.

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

A reading from Hebrews.

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# CHILDREN'S SERMON

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – I Love You, Lord Words and Music by Laurie Klein

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear." The guitar chords are: F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, Bb, F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/A, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C, Bb/D, C/E, F<sup>2</sup>, Gm/F, F, F<sup>7</sup>, Bb, F/A, F<sub>sus</sub>/G, C<sup>7</sup>, Bb<sup>2</sup>/F, F<sup>2</sup>.

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## **GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.*

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** – The Rev. David Sprang, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission



# HYMN OF THE DAY – THY WORD IS A LAMP (W&P 144)

*Refrain*

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path,

1 When I feel a-fraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-

side me, and noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

I will love you to the end.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas  
 Music: Any Grant  
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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

## PRAYER SONG – Open Our Eyes (W&P 113)

D G<sup>2</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup>/A A<sup>7</sup>  
O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

G/D D A/C# Bm D/A GM<sup>9</sup>  
Je - sus, to reach out and touch

Em A<sup>7</sup> G/D D<sup>2</sup> D  
him, and say that we love him.

DM<sup>7</sup> A/G G Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

G/D D A Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A GM<sup>9</sup>  
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D  
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Text and music: Bob Cull

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## PRAYERS

Response: **Your mercy is great.**

**Sing PRAYER SONG again (repeat above)**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

“Mercy”

Craig Courtney

*Chancel Choir*

*[Please stand if you are able.]*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered so that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - (ELW 190)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797–1828; adapt. Richard Proulx, b. 1937  
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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kin[g]-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

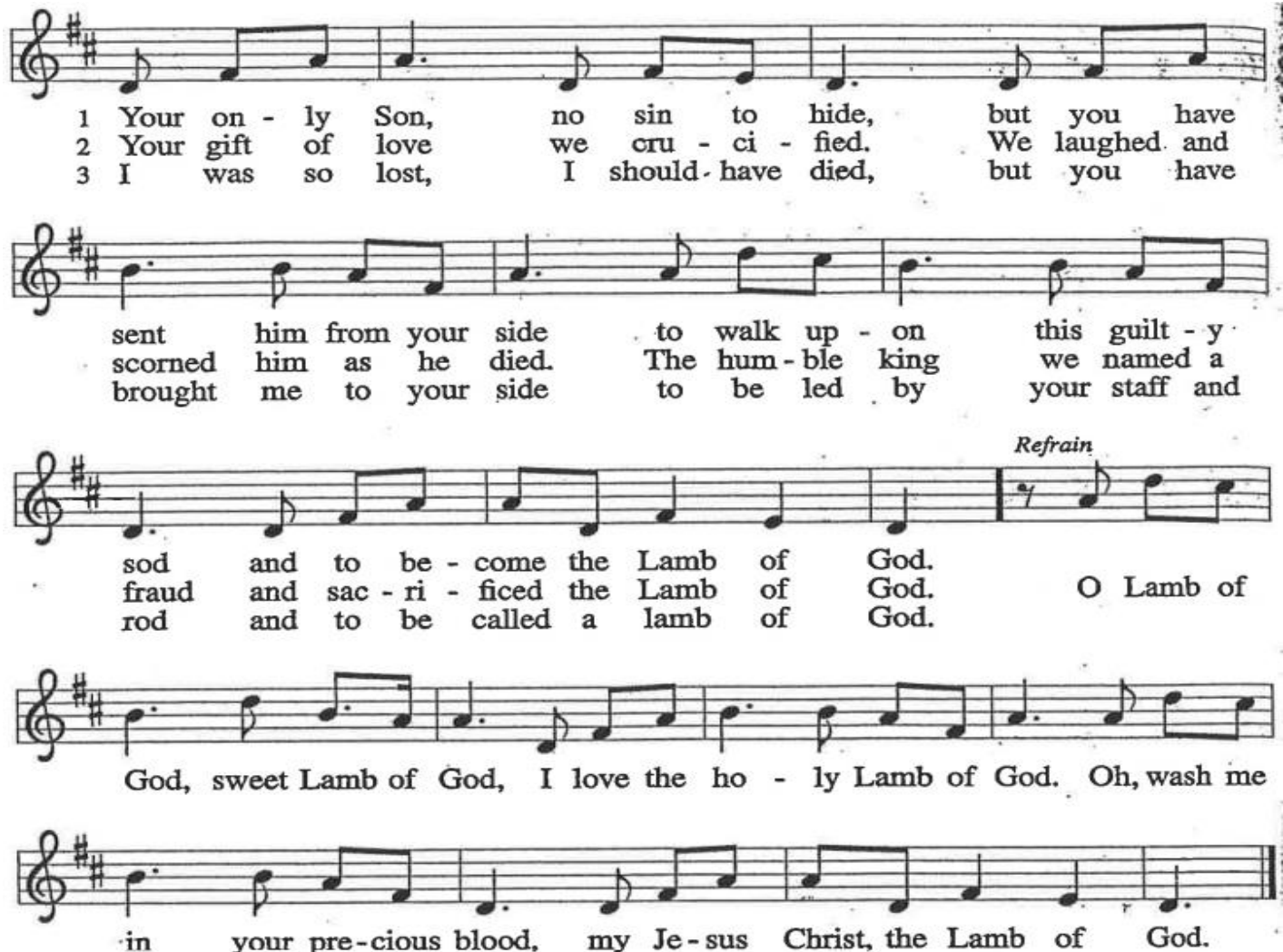
Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG: LAMB OF GOD (Your Only Son) – (ELW 336)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should - have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me

in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

arr. Flor Peeters

*[Please stand if you are able.]*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING (ELW 339)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share God's grace.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in D Minor"

Johann Jacob Froberger



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**FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

Reader: Megan Nyquist  
Lay Assistant: Ray Herek  
Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt  
Acolyte: Isaak Nyquist

Greeter(s): Doug & Linda Hirt  
Altar Care: Jamie Royalty  
Coffee Hour: The Boyan's

**WEEKLY OFFERING REPORTS**

**March 3, 2024**

General Fund	\$ 9,032.00
Easter Flowers	\$
80.00	
Memorial	\$ 325.00
Worship	\$ 50.00
Youth-Transition Team	\$ 265.05
Pantry Fund	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 9,802.05</b>

**TOTAL** **\$ 9,802.05**

# FLC SCHEDULE

## Sunday, March 17:

- 9:00 am – Sunday School
- 10:00 am – Worship Service: **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**
- 11:00 am – Worship Committee Meeting – LIBRARY
- 11:30 am – Confirmation – FELLOWSHIP HALL
- 1:30 pm – Pastor David Sprang-Demographics Presentation - SANCTUARY

## Monday, March 18:

- Girl Scouts Meeting @ 6:15 pm – Old Fellowship Hall
- Boy Scouts Meeting @ 7:00 pm – Fellowship Hall
- Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm – LIBRARY

## Tuesday, March 19:

- Bible Study @ 12:00 pm – Zoom Call

## Wednesday, March 20:

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- FLC Staff Meeting @ 10:15 am
- LUNCH BUNCH @ 11:45 am
- Faith Bells Rehearsal @ 6:15 pm
- Holden Evening Prayer @ 7:15 pm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 pm

## Thursday, March 21:

- Sanctuary Piano Tuning @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

## Sunday, March 24:

- 10:00 am – Worship Service: **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

## **Silent Auction for Two Beautiful Quilts! – DUE SUNDAY**

To raise money to continue their work, the quilting team here at Faith has completed two beautiful queen/king size quilts for silent auction. The quilts will be on display in the Narthex from Sunday, February 18 **through Sunday, March 17**, so place your bids! Bidding sheets are located next to the quilts. (If you don't need a quilt, there's also a donation can, and all amounts are welcome!)

The quilting team meets at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday mornings in the church basement. We work for an hour, break for coffee and snacks, and then continue working until 11:30 a.m. or so. Come join in when you have time. You don't need to know how to sew, and we'd love to have more people. More hands can make more quilts, and we know there's a need.

### **HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE**

#### **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

**Worship @ 10:00 am**

**Blessings of the Palms & Processional**

**The Reading of the Passion According to Mark**

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00 pm**

**Washing of Feet, Holy Communion, & Stripping of the altar**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Friday, March 29 @ 7:00 pm**

**Community Service here at Faith**

**A Tenebrae Service with the Reading of the Passion according to John and the Procession of the Cross**

#### **EASTER DAY**

**Sunday, March 31**

**Easter Brunch @ 8:45 am**

**Festival Worship @ 10:00 am**

**Music by Brass Quartet and Chancel Choir**

## Property Committee News

Our annual yard Spring Cleanup will be on Sunday, May 5th after the morning service. We will do the usual trimming, weed pulling, clean the stairwells, etc. The rain date will be May 19th. Please put it on your calendar and help us if you can.

Thank you,  
Property Committee

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