



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 9, 2025
10:00 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME STATEMENT

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God's beloved child, "for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide as we strive to serve our world.

For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

PRELUDE

"Slane"

arr. Albin Whitworth

VERSE OF THE DAY

"You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty – You will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.'"

-Psalm 91:1-2

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING HYMN- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (ELW 611)



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.
The assembly may be seated.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.

We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate for baptism:

I present *Stella Jane Most* for baptism.

The pastor addresses parents:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Stella baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Stella to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
to bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
to teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
to place in *her* hands the holy scriptures, and
to nurture *her* in faith and prayer, so that *she* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Stella grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The pastor addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Stella in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The pastor addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Stella and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the parents and sponsors, and the full assembly

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Water is poured over the child's head while the pastor says:

Stella, I baptize you in the name of the Father

...and of the Son

...and of the holy Spirit

Amen.

The pastor continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the pastor prays:

Sustain Stella with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, and the spirit of joy in your
presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and says:

Stella, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the
cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to one of the sponsors as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Please join in welcoming Stella by singing this simple call-and-response song:

Pastor:

Response:

Come, let us worship God...

Come, let us worship God...

Come, let us worship God...

Come, let us worship God...

Welcome everyone...

Welcome everyone...

To the love of God...

To the love of God...

Hope for the children...

Hope for the children...

Hope for the children...

Hope for the children...

Welcome Stella...

Welcome Stella...

To the love of God...

To the love of God...

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

A round of applause to celebrate Stella.

The gathered may return to their seats.

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.

Please stand as you are able

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



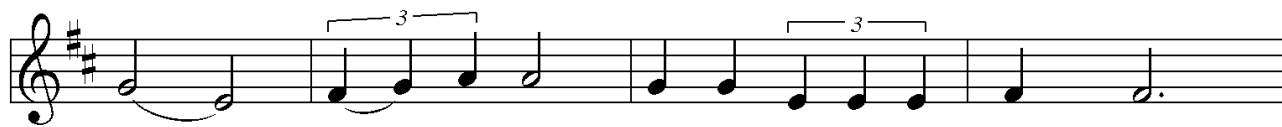
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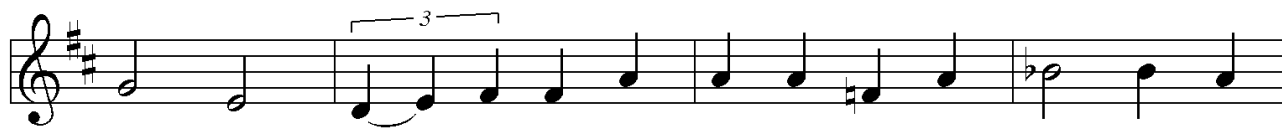
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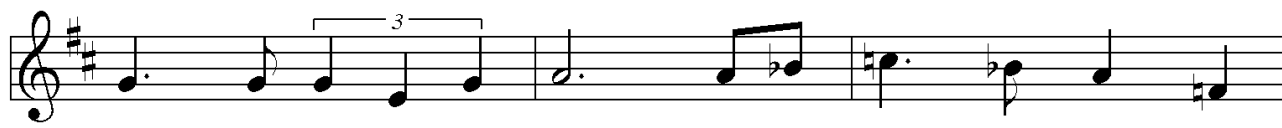
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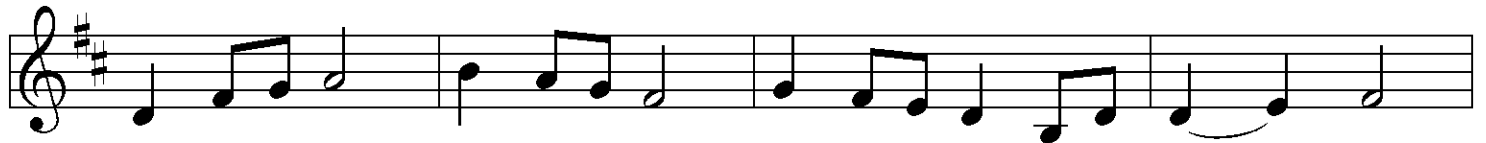
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



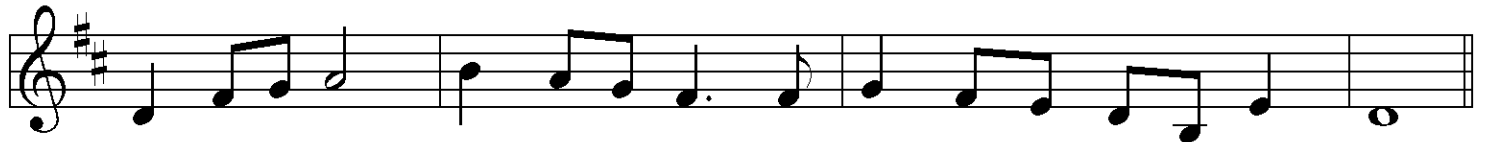
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right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.



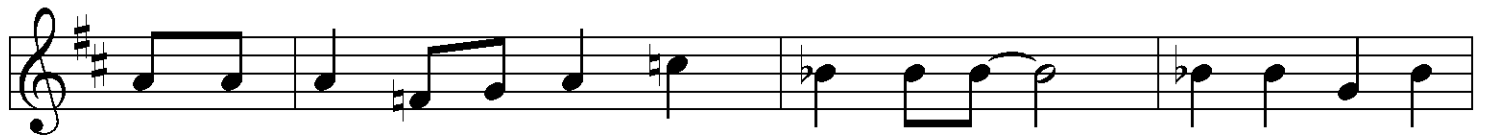
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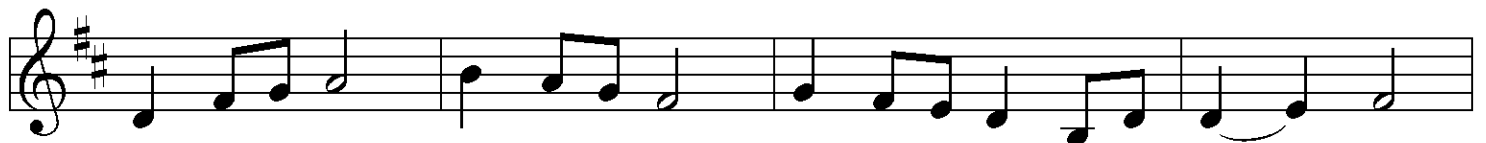
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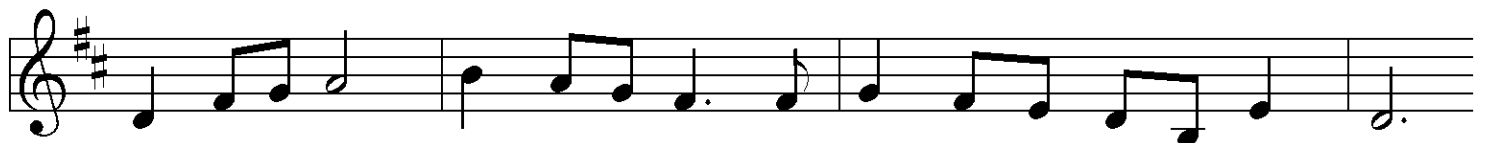
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(No noisy offering today. During Lent, we invite you to participate in the envelope fundraiser for Michigan Refugee Hope!)



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

The image shows two lines of musical notation on a treble clef staff. The first line contains the lyrics "Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful," with notes corresponding to the words. The second line contains the lyrics "slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love." with notes corresponding to the words. The music is in a simple, melodic style.

GOSPEL.: Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to St. Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Megan Floyd

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY –As the Winter Days Grow Longer (ACS 924)



1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Let us now sing our way into our prayers of intercession.

The prayer, Dona nobis pacem, is Latin, and it means, "Give us peace."

PRAYER RESPONSE (Repeat after Prayers)

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

Repeat the Prayer Response Song

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING

“My Jesus Walked”

Lyn Holley Doucet/arr. Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

OFFERING RESPONSE- Vineyards (WOV 35)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands

"I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds." – Psalm 26:6-7

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of five staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and". The second staff continues: "might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.". The third staff: "Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who". The fourth staff: "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff: "high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together and others having slurs or ties.

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

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If, however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come to the altar rail to receive communion.

Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer.

If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Suo Gan”

arr. John Carter

Please stand as 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 Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

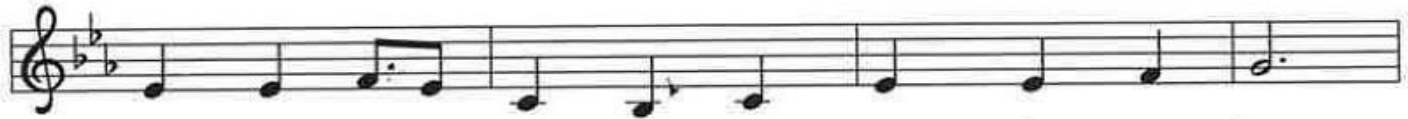
Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG – When We Are Tested (ACS 922)



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Cornet Voluntary”

George Berg

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FLC SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 9

- Sunday School @9am in Sunday School/Youth Room
- Worship Service @10:00am: **First Sunday in Lent**
- Private Rental in Fellowship Hall @11am

Monday, March 10

- Council Meeting on Zoom @7pm
- Scouting America @7pm in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 11

- Worship Committee Meeting @11am in Library
- Bible Study @12pm in Library – Hybrid
- Girl Scouts Meeting @5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

Wednesday, March 12

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Faith Bells @6:15pm
- Holden Evening Prayer @7:15pm
- Chancel Choir @7:45pm

Thursday, March 13

- Book Discussion @7pm in Sanctuary

Sunday, March 16

- Sunday School @9am in Sunday School/Youth Room
- Worship Service @10:00am: **Second Sunday in Lent**
- CAMTA @1pm in Sanctuary

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

March 9

Greeter(s): Nick Hirschenberger
Reader: Heidi Nussdorfer
Lay Assistant: Brenda Kopf
Ushers: Ken Milne/John Backman
Altar Care: Heidi Bowers
Sunday School: Kalea Sanford
Coffee Hour: Rich Weingartner
Counters: Ramona Backman/Jamie Royalty
Acolyte:

March 16

Greeter(s): Harold & Jan Sollenberger
Reader: Megan Nyquist
Lay Assistant: Mike Eschelbach
Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt
Altar Care: Elaine Harrison
Sunday School: Kalea Sanford
Coffee Hour: Hereza Family
Counters: Kay Hillberg/Matt Schnizlein
Acolyte:

Faith Lutheran Church Prayer List

We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.

We pray that your healing and life will be with all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially Tom, Linda, Samantha, Chad, Susan, Helen, Marla, Gene, Trudy, Harry, Lois, Mara, Helen, Marilyn, Todd, Eric, Allyson, Rex, Katy, Ledith, Grant, Rick, Stella and Joyce.

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Lani, Jon, Landon, Hannah, Melody and Adam, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially our synod prayer partner Christ United Church in Dewitt and their pastor, Reverend Alex Aivars.

****New additions to our prayers are listed in bold type; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to be added to the prayer list.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU!

This year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper raised nearly twice the amount of money compared to last year!! The proceeds will be used to help support this year's confirmation retreat. The retreat will be held on the weekend of April 4-6 at Stony Lake Camp. At present, five FLC youth plan to attend the retreat and we have invited youth from University Lutheran as well. We appreciate everyone's help! The generosity of our FLC congregation is amazing!

LOOKING AHEAD: SUNDAY SCHOOL NO CLASS DATES

March 23 (Spring Break)

March 30 (Spring Break)

April 20 (Easter Sunday)

LUNCH BUNCH

The quilters will be hosting on **March 19th**.

If you would like to host a Lunch Bunch, please contact Tammy Heilman.

BIBLE STUDY

ALL ARE INVITED Tuesday, March 11 @ 12:00 noon. You can join in person or online! We hope to see you there.

WONDERING ABOUT ALL THE ENVELOPES?

It's a special fundraiser during Lent to support Michigan Refugee Hope – the nonprofit that supports our boys in the Parish House. MRH will be without a major funding grant for at least the next two years, and is in need, and so we are encouraging Faith Lutheran, and our partner congregations, to give support. Our goal is \$10,000 – and we have matching funds up to \$7,000!

The fundraiser is simple – select an envelope (or 5) with the number that corresponds to the amount you would like to donate.

And because the need is not only local, but national, all funds raised from FLC will be tithed to Samaritas, which serves those in need on a national level.