

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 8, 2026 10:00 AM

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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.

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*For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.*

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## PRELUDE

"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"

arr. Dale Wood

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs  
of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Pastor: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**All: Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (ELW 777)



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

### *Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;<br>I would be your trusted friend.<br>Come and seek the gift I offer,<br>come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i> | 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br>lonely ways no longer roam.<br>Come and take the gift I offer,<br>let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i> |
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## GREETING

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

All: **And also with you.**

# KYRIE

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Asst:** Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 95

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup> **"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces

hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN’S SERMON (Noisy offering for Partner Synod Honduras)



*Please stand as you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Return to the Lord

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.

## **GOSPEL: John 4:1-42**

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” <sup>2</sup> (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), <sup>3</sup> he left Judea and started back to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> But he had to go through Samaria.<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.  
All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Megan Floyd

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: For All the Faithful Women (ELW 419)**



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom our Lord con-versed:  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep - est thirst.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
Like hers, our hearts are yearn-ing; Christ of - fers us his word.  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.  
Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

## APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Joining the saints from every time and place, let us confess our faith.

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Sing the alternate verse: The Lord is my song...*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
*OR The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Asst: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs. *A brief silence.*

...God of Grace,

**All: your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**All: Amen.**

*Repeat "The Lord is my song."*

### **PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **OFFERING**

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

arr. Zebulon M. Highben

Chancel Choir

Ariella VanderLaan, oboe

*The congregation is invited to sing on vs. 2 and 4*



Choir 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I  
 All 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I  
 Choir 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your  
 All 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my



jour - ney; I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a -  
 jour - ney. May all of my joy be a  
 ser - vant, to car - ry your cross and to  
 jour - ney; but cour - age will come with the



bout you wher - ev - er I go: you a -  
 faith - ful re - flec - tion of you. May the  
 share all your bur - dens and tears. For you  
 sound of your steps by my side. And with



lone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord  
 earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord  
 saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood. As  
 all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love, we'll



Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

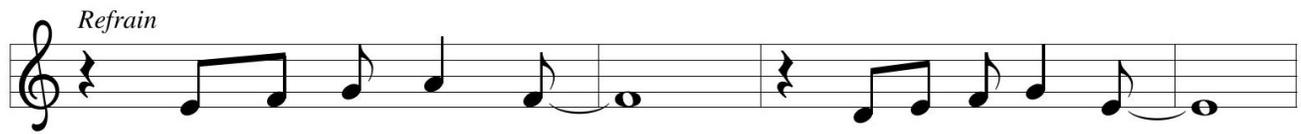
## LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

*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*

Please stand as you are able.

## OFFERING RESPONSE: Change My Heart, O God (ELW 801)



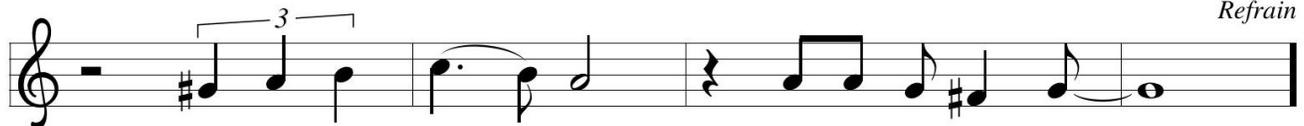
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.  
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.  
Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

Pastor: 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: Santo, Santo, Santo (ELW 473)

*Sing in Spanish, then English*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.*  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Pastor: 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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Praying now in whatever language or translation is the language of  
your heart, we pray as children of God:

**All: 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

Pastor: Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*The assembly may be seated.*

*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 still come to the table for a blessing.*

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

*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. Drop your empty cup in one of the baskets on the stands.*

*If it would be easier for you to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we will be happy to serve you at your seat.*

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

## LAMB OF GOD: 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.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
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.

## COMMUNION

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

Lani Smith

Chancel Choir

Ariella VanderLaan, oboe

*Please stand as you are able.*

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Asst: God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ’s body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## BLESSING

Pastor: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**All: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: 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.

### DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Believe the good news!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

### POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in A minor"

J. S. Bach

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# CHURCH CALENDAR

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## **Sunday, March 8**

Worship Service@10am: **Third Sunday in Lent**

## **Monday, March 9**

Scouts @7pm in Sunday School/Room

## **Tuesday, March 10**

Bible Study @12pm in Library and on Zoom

## **Wednesday, March 11**

Quilters@9:30am

Girl Scouts @5:30pm in Sunday School/Youth Room

Elementary & M.S. Faith Formation Community Meal@5:30-6pm in Fellowship Hall

Faith Formation Class @6pm-7pm in Fellowship Hall

Faith Bells @6:15pm

Evening Prayer Service @7:15pm

Chancel Choir @7:45pm

## **Thursday, March 12**

Synod Youth & Young Adult Team Retreat @10am in Fellowship Hall

## **Sunday, March 15**

Worship Service@10am: **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

CAMTA @1pm in Sanctuary

H.S. Youth Group @5pm in Fellowship Hall

## FAITH VOLUNTEERS

### March 8

Greeter(s): Herek Family  
Usher(s): John McCracken/John Backman  
Coffee Hour: Randy & Jamie Royalty  
Counters: Randy Royalty/Jack Dingledine  
Noisy Offering:  
Acolyte: Andrew Herek  
Reader: Tabitha Richardson  
Lay Assistant: Brenda Kopf  
Altar Care: Heidi Bowers

### March 15

Greeter(s): Doug & Linda Hirt  
Usher(s): Jon & Elaine Harrison  
Coffee Hour: Addie Thompson  
Counters: Jamie Royalty/Ramona Backman  
Noisy Offering: N/A  
Acolyte: Tabitha Richardson  
Reader: Jamie Royalty  
Lay Assistant: Randy Royalty  
Altar Care: Heidi Bowers



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

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially the **Volz Family**, Joe, Barb, Sue, Troy, Krista, Eric, Beth, Logan, Garrett, Melinda, Rick, Kathy, Grace, and Marj.

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

We pray for the larger church, especially Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas, our synod prayer partner Lord of Life Lutheran in Portage, their pastor Rev. Martha Porter-Reid and our companion synods in Papua New Guinea and Honduras.

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

### Prayer Partners Letter

We are participating in this activity and would love you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."



### **Pastor Megan will be in Minnesota**

Pastor Megan is flying to Minnesota on Sunday afternoon, March 8, for an ELCA Network meeting and will return on Wednesday, March 11, before our Faith Formation Night. She can still be reached during this time in the event of an emergency

### **Mid-Week Evening Prayer, Wednesdays at 7:15 PM through March**

Lent is a beautiful time to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, study, and worship, as we move together toward the cross and the resurrection. We are gathering at 7:15 PM to sing together, Holden Evening Prayer. Please join us for this beautiful service!

### **Palm Sunday Path, March 29, 3 PM**

This year, on Palm Sunday, Christians from at least eight different states are marching with their palms to their state capitol buildings to proclaim the message of Christ that unites us. In Michigan, we'll process with our palms, and then join in a community worship service on the lawn of the state capitol. The Palm Sunday Path is a growing movement anchored by the Matthew 25 values of feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming the stranger. To learn more about the entire movement, visit: [www.palmsunday2026.com](http://www.palmsunday2026.com) The organizers are asking people to register so they can plan the program appropriately for the size of the crowd we'll draw. We will also have a sign-up here at FLC, so we can coordinate rides. Given the lack of downtown parking, I anticipate we might need volunteers to shuttle people to and from downtown. We'll know more once we know who wants to go!

**Global Mission Team** – Honduras The Global Mission team traveling to Honduras will bring simple medical supplies to give to the communities they visit. We can help them gather these items! If you would like to donate items for them to bring, please deliver them to Faith before April 12. Here is the list of things they are collecting for Honduras:

- Thermometers
- Self adhesive medical tape / bandages
- Large gauze pads (think 2x2 or 4x4)
- Blunt medical scissors
- Blood Pressure Cuffs (<https://a.co/d/05DXoJcA>)

Items ordered online can be shipped directly to: Peace Lutheran Church, Pr. Megan Crouch, 3703 Old 27 South, Gaylord, MI 49735