

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" (LSB 729)

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8-9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

John 20:19-23

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 105

P Israel arrived in Egypt;

Jacob lived as a foreigner in the land of Ham.

C **The LORD multiplied the people of Israel.**

P The LORD sent his servant Moses, along with Aaron, whom he had chosen.

C **The LORD blanketed Egypt in darkness.**

P They had defied his commands to let his people go.

C **He turned their water into blood, poisoning all the fish.**

P Then frogs overran the land and even invaded the king's bedrooms.

C **When the LORD spoke, flies descended on the Egyptians.**

P He sent them hail instead of rain, and lightning flashed over the land.

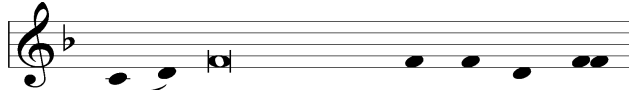
C **He spoke, and hordes of locusts came.**

P The LORD brought his people out of Egypt, loaded with silver and gold.

All: Not one among the tribes of Israel stumbled!

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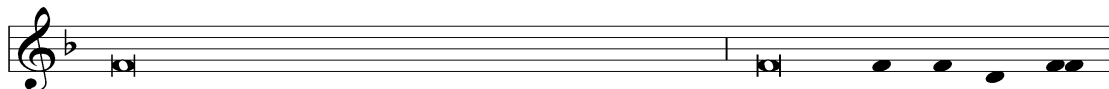
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



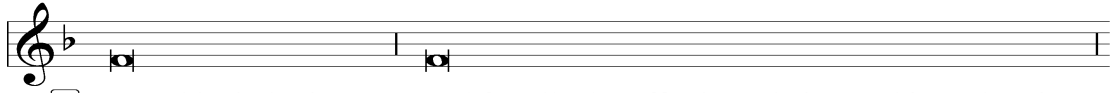
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



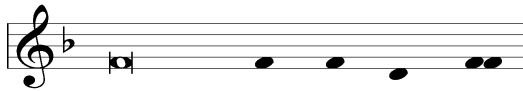
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



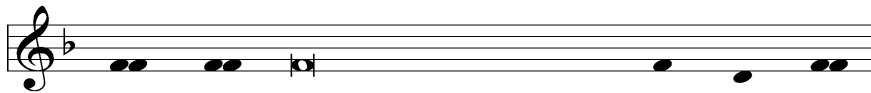
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



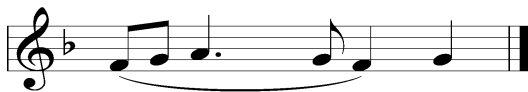
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Father in heaven, although you graciously and daily provide for all that we need, we frequently fail to trust your love and mercy. Awaken our faith so that, all the more, we trust you in every test and temptation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 14:1–29

(Crossing the Sea)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“In Christ Alone” (Getty, Townend, arr. Harlan)
Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

(Please stand)

LENTEN RESPONSE

Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25–30

(Rest for the Weary)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

THEME HYMN "How Firm a Foundation" (LSB 728)

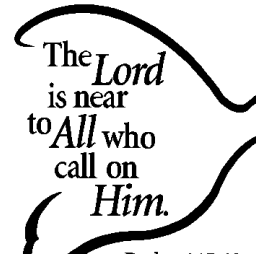
SERMON "Stop Trying and Start Trusting" (Exodus 14:1-29)
Pastor Sam Handschke

Weekly Suggested Reading: Exodus chapter 3
Be sure to read your Daily Devotions

CREED (8:30) Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
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Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit, that we might deny ourselves, take up the crosses You give and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare us to give up our lives, knowing that Christ has already saved them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, teach us to shun neither our Lord's suffering nor our own. When we endure persecution or ridicule for being Your children, give us faith and

perseverance. As You have promised, deliver us out of the hand of the wicked and redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, all kingship belongs to You, and You rule over the nations. Bless Joseph, our president, and those who govern, that they may rule wisely and in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Great Physician, heal and restore. [*We especially remember _____.*] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, at Your table the afflicted eat the body and blood of Your Son and are satisfied. Through our afflictions, deepen our hunger for this table, that we may eat and drink and be satisfied by Christ's saving life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with one of our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
11:00 am service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

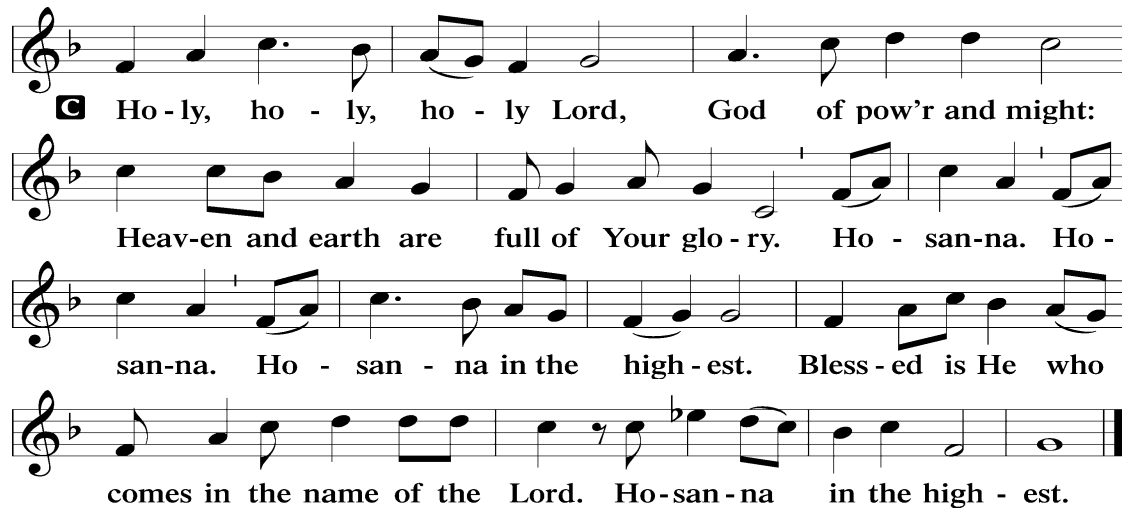
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

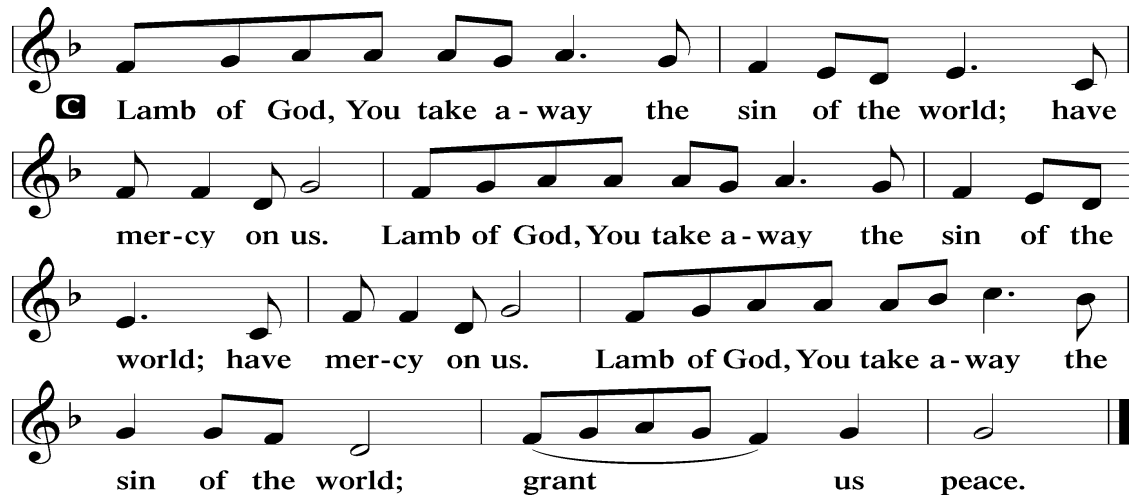
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

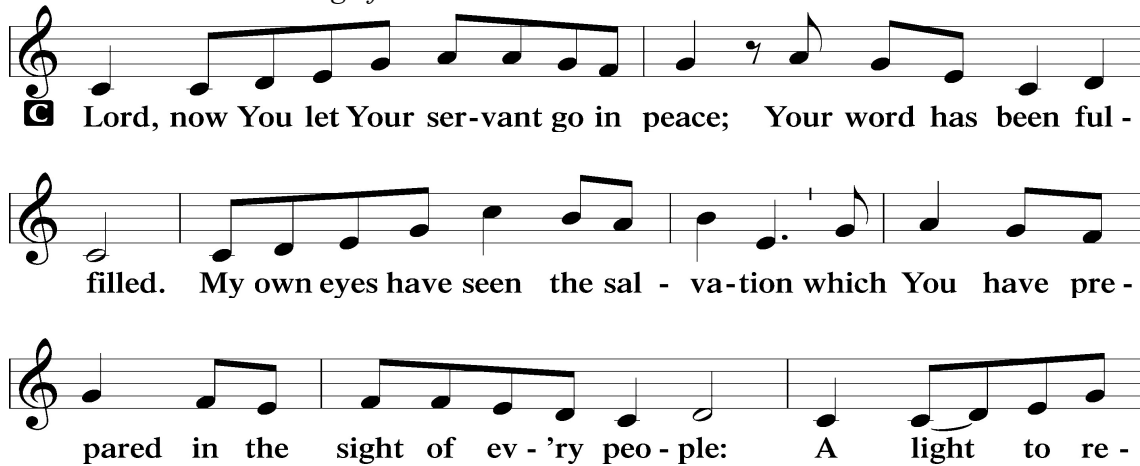
"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" (LSB 625)

"All Depends on Our Possessing" (LSB 732)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre-
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

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

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

(LSB 861)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because—as he tells us—suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3–5

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Second Sunday in Lent! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Ash Wed. Feb. 14, Att. 222, Offering \$2,691.25; Sun., Feb. 18, Att. 261; General Fund \$8,456.75; Sunday School \$4.00; Building Fund \$240.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Friendship Sunday Meal \$360.00; Mexico Mission \$200.00; Forever Young \$86.00; HVAC \$550.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Endowment Fund in

memory of Paul Denke's brother (Future) \$400.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. *Please use a separate check for your donation.* Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



Lenten Suppers Join us the Wednesdays in Lent for a simple meal before Catechism and our Lenten worship. Beginning at 5:15 (to accommodate children who wish to eat before Catechism begins at 6pm) through 6:45, some entity within the church will host a simple meal to anyone wishing to have a meal before worship. Please join us!

Men's Club will meet each Monday evening to practice for the Dartball tournament coming up the first weekend in March (March 2) in Sioux Falls (at Faith Lutheran) 601 N Cliff Avenue. We will meet in Jon's Place upstairs above the Preschool room, for practice, at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested please feel free to join us. High school youth and women are welcome.



Pancake Breakfast

Men's Club Breakfast Fundraiser March 10 Between services
The funds from this fundraiser will go to help finance the new security system that is being installed.

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Meal Sunday, March 17 Noon meal following the late service. It is back again this year! The K-A family is organizing the Corned Beef N Cabbage meal as we have done in the past. **Menu:** Corned Beef N Cabbage, Red Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Dark Rye Bread, Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce. This meal will be once again served family style. Please sign up in the Narthex so that we know you are coming. This is a free-will offering meal with the proceeds going to fund the Lutheran Witness subscription.

Palm Cross Assembly We will be assembling palm crosses for Palm Sunday on **Saturday, March 23rd at 8:30 am.** There will be veteran folders there to help you learn if you haven't done this



before, as well as written directions. This is a fun project. All are welcome to help. Please bring a pair of scissors.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31 Be sure to designate your Choice Dollars today before they are gone forever. Go to www.thriventchoice.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation. You can designate Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Preschool or whatever other entity you should choose. Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran.

The LWML is taking a break from assembling Little Dresses kits this year. We will be doing it again, so please continue to donate your items for this project. Instead, we are assembling **Health Kits** for **Missouri Shores Domestic Violence Shelter** here in Pierre. We are starting with several items that were already donated for other health kits but were not used. We have added a few things to our list of needed items so we can complete 50 kits. **The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex – please list what you are donating and be mindful of what is needed. Only donate those things listed.** We will be collecting these items through April. If we fill this request, we will add more kits. Thank you for your help with this. If you have questions, please call Jan Larson 650-280-0862. PS We do not need any soap for the kits – they already have plenty of these!

Join us for a Faith Lutheran Trip to Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum July 28-Aug. 3, 2024 Sign up in the Narthex by April 1. See the latest details at

www.faithluth.com/ArkTrip. You will be

amazed at how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter!

Travel via the Faith Motor Coach. Travel cost per person, \$225, deposit required. Lodging and Meals on your own. Tentative Itinerary:

Day 1/2: Travel to Lawrenceburg, IN

Day 3: Tour Creation Museum

Day 4: Tour Creation Museum or Ark Encounter

Day 5: Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY

Day 6/7: Travel to Pierre, SD

Again, sign up by April 1. We need 30 people to go. Contact church office @ 605-224-2216 or Dennis Ryckman @ 605-222-7713 for more information.



LWML SD District 63rd Convention will be held June 7-8, 2024 at the Best Western

Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center in Aberdeen, SD. Registration is open.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Get your taxes done for free. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre/AARP Foundation tax-Aid Program will be accepting appointments for the upcoming season. There are 6 volunteers available to provide services. To obtain an appointment, please contact the Pierre Senior Center @ 605-224-7730 or in person from 1-3 PM. Monday thru Friday, except holidays. You will need to obtain an information packet, which contains instructions and forms to be completed prior to your appointment. Self-employment income, some rental income, Out-of-State returns and other situations are Out-of-Scope.

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Who will tell Lauria?” - A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident.

10:30 AM - Rev. Paul Sajban, pastor at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, MN presents a message titled “The Blessing of Your Denial and Cross.” This sermon is based on Mark 8:27-38. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Our Heavenly Father remains active and almighty, especially in the difficult circumstances that life issues involve. In joining Himself to us with His incarnation, wisdom, power, atonement, and resurrection, Jesus makes every human life blessed—and a blessing! He lovingly and ably handles decisions about welfare and affliction, life and death, so that we don’t have to do it on our own.” *Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth 

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH! Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Brookings invites youth from throughout South Dakota to join their youth June 2-7, 2024, for a very special trip. They will be traveling to the Ark



Encounter....Join us June 2-7, 2024 for a Youth Trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum in Kentucky (staying 2 nights at nearby Potter's Ranch), with additional overnight stops at Concordia University Wisconsin, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The trip is intended for youth who will have completed 7th grade through those who have completed 12th grade in 2024 & their chaperones. The cost is \$850 per person (everything included except 5 meals). The trip will leave/return from Sioux Falls. More information can be found online at <https://www.mountcalvary1.org/kentuckytrip>.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Feb. 25 Lent 2

8:30 am Worship
 9:30 am Rebekah Circle in Young Rm.
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
 11:00 am Communion
 2-5:30 pm Softball

Mon: Feb. 26

5:30-6:45 pm Soccer
 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle
 7:00 pm Men's Club Dartball Practice
 7:00-10:00 pm Pickleball

Tues: Feb. 27

8:00 am Staff Devotions

9:30 am *Truth Project*

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

5:30-6:45 pm Soccer

6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

7-9:30 pm Softball

Wed: Feb. 28

11:00 am Lenten Worship

5:15-6:30 pm Lenten Supper

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study

6:00 pm *Connected to Christ* Study

6:30 pm *John* (in homes)
7:00 pm Lenten Worship
8:00 pm LYF
Thurs: Feb. 29
8:00 am Staff Devotions
6:00 pm Psalms Study
Sun: Mar. 3 Lent 3

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Worship
2-5:30 pm Softball
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders



Services for Lent

Join us each Wednesday in Lent. Throughout this holy time, we are drawn to Calvary to live in forgiveness, hope, love, peace, trust and perseverance. Each week, the services in this series reveal how Christ and his cross serve as examples for us of how to live our lives for and through our crucified Lord and Savior.

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 14)

Guided to Forgiveness • Colossians 1:13-14 • When we confess our sins, we find forgiveness in the cross of Christ and are empowered to forgive others.

WEEK ONE (February 21)

Guided to Hope • 2 Corinthians 1:10 • When we are uncertain about what the future holds, we discover in the cross the sure hope of heaven.

WEEK TWO (February 28)

Guided to Love • 1 Timothy 1:13-14 • When we are separated from others and from God by our sin, the cross brings us together through its love.

WEEK THREE (March 6)

Guided to Peace • Colossians 1:19-20 • With wars waging within and without, the cross settles them all with peace to body, mind and soul.

WEEK FOUR (March 13)

Guided to Trust • 1 Timothy 1:15 • Plagued by doubt and competing voices, we turn to the cross to put our trust fully in the salvation won for us there.

WEEK FIVE (March 20)

Guided to Perseverance • Ephesians 6:18 • When we are faced with hardship, we look to Christ on the cross who endured to the end so that we might carry on.