

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent,

bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 78

[During the sermon Series on Exodus we are using Psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 78.]

P God did miracles for our ancestors on the plain of Zoan in the land of Egypt.

C **He divided the sea and led them through.**

P Making the water stand up like walls!

C **He led them by a cloud, and all night by a pillar of fire.**

P He split open the rocks in the wilderness to give them water, as from a gushing spring.

C **He made streams pour from the rock.**

P Making the waters flow like a river!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and merciful Father, through Moses you provided water for the people to drink. Quench our spiritual thirst through the one who is greater than

Moses, Jesus Christ our Rock and our Redeemer. In his name we pray,

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1–7

(Water from the Rock)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Do You Thirst?”

(Mark Shepperd)

Laura Streich, vocal soloist

Andrew Wulf, flute

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1–4

(Warnings from Israel’s History)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:3–10

(Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth 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)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THEME HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

(LSB 656)

SERMON

“Strike the Rock!”

(Exodus 17:1-7)

Pastor Sam Handschke
Weekly Suggested Reading: Exodus chapters 4-6

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11:00 am Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

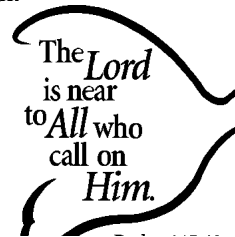
OFFERTORY



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING *We gather our tithes and gifts of love*

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P O Lord, You are a jealous God. Save the third and fourth generations that will come after us from Your punishment. Fill us with Your Son's zeal for Your house, that we may cast every idol from our hearts and be devoted to You and Your commandments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continually receive Your faith-preserving gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of the perfect Law, You have called us to honor our parents and all other authorities that it may go well with us in our land. Bless _____ and all who govern us. Make them wise in Your ways, that Your justice may be upheld among us. Help us to serve and obey them in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, Your steadfast love in Christ is good. Turn in Your abundant mercy toward all who suffer in our midst [*especially* _____]. Do not let the flood sweep over them nor the pit close its mouth on them. Deliver them and grant them healing, comfort and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, though we cannot even discern all our errors, declare us innocent in Christ of all hidden faults, and by Your Holy Spirit keep us back from presumptuous sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You bless this day and make it holy with Your Word and the gifts of Your altar. Grant that we may come before Your presence to eat Your Son's body and blood, not boasting of ourselves, but of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, three days after the temple of Your Son's body was destroyed by wicked men He raised it up again. Grant that on the Last Day we and all the saints who now rest in Your presence may share in the glory of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The 11:00 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 ✠ **8:30 am**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

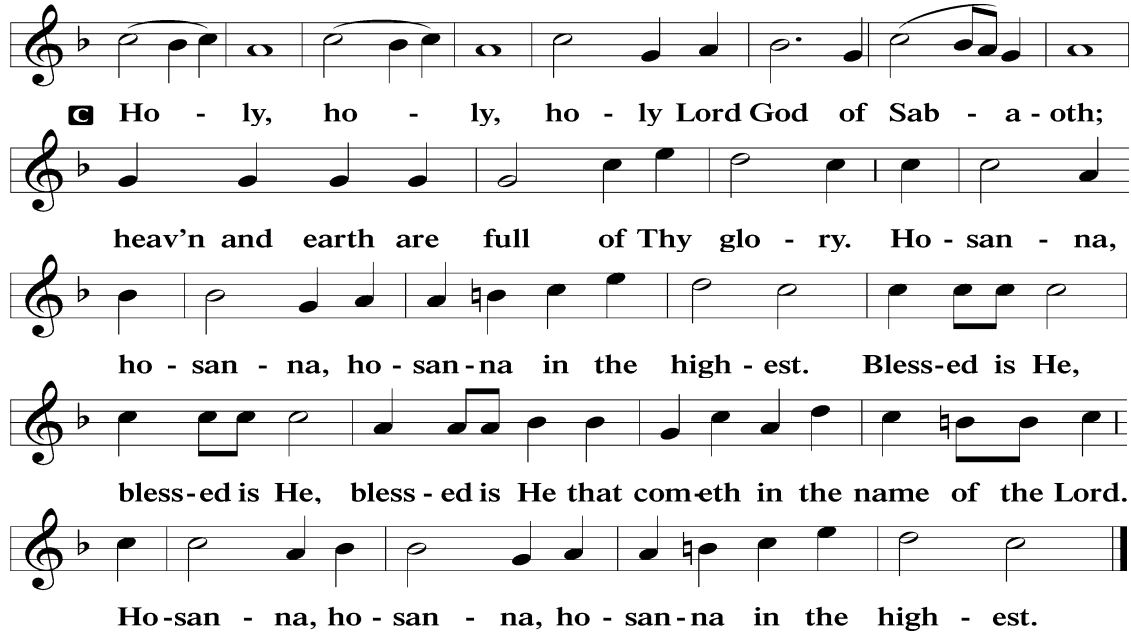
C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "As the Deer" by Martin Nystrom (see insert)
- "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" (LSB 560)
- "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" (LSB 594)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

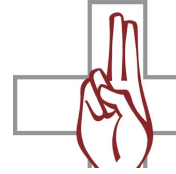
BENEDICAMUS

- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- 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.

Numbers 6:24–26



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

CLOSING HYMN “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” (LSB 918)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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 Third 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 8:30 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

Wed. Feb. 21, Att. 175, Offering \$1,776.00; Sun., Feb. 25, Att. 247; General Fund \$7,087.56; Sunday School \$2.00; Building Fund \$220.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Men's Club \$200.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; District Extra Missions \$200.00; Mexico Mission \$77.18; Security System \$270.00; HVAC \$550.00; Higher Things Retreat \$680.00; Bible Study \$20.00; 642 Rent \$3,360.00.

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 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 (details yet to be determined) 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 - “Betrayed” - A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

10:30 AM - Rev. Matthew Nix, pastor at Christ Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran of the Deaf in Sioux Falls, presents a message titled “Let Nothing Divide You From Christ.” This sermon is based on Luke 11:14-28. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “[W]e were made for light and life. God’s Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – 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: 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

Mon: Mar. 4

6-9 pm Pickleball
7:00 pm Men's Club

Tues: Mar. 5

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:30-6:45 pm Soccer

7-9:30 pm Softball

Wed: Mar. 6

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: Mar. 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions
11:30 am Ministerium

Sun: Mar. 10 Lent 4

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am Communion
1:00 pm Boards of Stewardship/Endow.

2-5:30 pm Softball



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.

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.

Showing at the State Theater: The CHOSEN – Season Four

Episodes 7-8.....Showing **Feb. 29-Mar. 6**

Call 605-224-5858 for Show Times

More information at: www.thechosenriseup.com