THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 6, 2025 A.D.

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A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament, Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions



+ DIVINE SERVICE +

OPENING HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(LSB 425)

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

₩ORD

KYRIE "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

(LSB 434)

Verse 3

Lamb of God, pure and ho-ly, Who on the cross didst suf-fer, Ev-er pa-tient and low-ly, Thy-self to scorn didst of-fer. All sins Thou bor-est for us, Else had de-spair reigned o'er us: Thy peace be with us, O Je-sus! O Je-sus!

LITANY Psalms 121, 127, 128, 134

- P I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
- He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- **G** Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- **P** The Lord himself watches over you.
- The Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, not the moon by night.
- The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
- The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore.
- P Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.
- Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- It is vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late;
- vain too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- P Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

- P Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them!
- **G** He shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate.
- P Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways!
- You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
- Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.
- The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.
- The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you live to see your children's children.
- May peace be upon Israel.
- P Behold, now! Bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that stand by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord.
- The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

SALUTATION and **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

Genesis 22:1-18

(The Sacrifice of Isaac)

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day

Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy[a] will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; ^[b] as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

¹⁵ And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his^[d] enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" (arr. Gordon Young)

Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE Philippians 3:8-14

(Righteousness through Faith)

⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the

righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Straining Toward the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

After the reading:

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:9-20 (The Parable of the Wicked Tenants)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant^[a] to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away emptyhanded. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away emptyhanded. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

"'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? [b]

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on

anyone, it will crush him."

Paying Taxes to Caesar

¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

After the reading:

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

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

SERMON "Mercy on Mount Moriah (Gen. 28:10-22)

Pastor Brad Urbach

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

toAll who

OFFERING We give our tithes and gifts of love

(Please stand)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem.

Go with us as we journey, God, as once you went with Abraham, our father in the faith. Grant that, like him, we hear your gracious promises and trust your holy Word.

P Everything that is written of the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished.

- O Lamb of God, you came to be our sacred Substitute, to take our place beneath the wrath that sin had brought upon our race. Give us the faith to trust in you when laughter is withdrawn.
- For he will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon.
- For us you bore the mocking and the shame, O Lord. Give us the grace to see your face even in the midst of things we must endure.
- **P** They will scourge him and kill him.
- Lord, by your stripes we are made whole, and by your death new life is promised to us all. Help us to put to death whatever in us is not of your will.
- **P** And on the third day he will rise.
- Lead us, O Lord, from testing to triumph, that we may share the life which you have given us, eternally. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 9 with the Benedicamus and 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 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 Service

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 Amen.

(Please be seated)

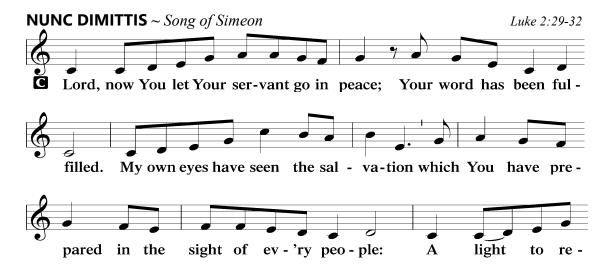
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)
"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (LSB 427)

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (LSB 641)



(Please stand)









POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and **BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.





CLOSING HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

(LSB 433)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



AS WE GATHER There is a hymn that refers to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, calling it an "old, old story" ("I Love to Tell the Story" by Arabella Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911). The fact that God's plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old" (Isaiah 43:18). But before you throw away your old Bible, your old catechism, or your old hymnal, listen up!

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?" (v. 19). In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, and as "the old rugged cross" of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the "new thing" of God's doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" (explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, Small Catechism); renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits, as that old hymn concludes,

And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:18–19a

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 Fifth 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 Pastor Brad Urbach, our Visitation Pastor. Pastor Sam Handschke is our Liturgist.

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. Mar. 26, Att. 171, Offering \$1715.00; **Sun., Mar. 30, Att. 223;** General Fund \$6,410.08; Sunday School \$.25; Building Fund \$300.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Flowers \$75.00; Facility Use \$200.00; Organ Fund \$500.00; Camp Minneboji \$1,053.11; Mexico Mission \$3,240.00.

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!

First Sunday Fellowship We thank the women of Berea Circle for hosting and providing goodies for our First Sunday Fellowship today. Thanks, gals, for all you do and for your loving service to our congregation.

Education attendance: 3/26 Midweek – not reported

3/30 Sunday School – not reported

3/30 Adult Bible Study – 7



Forever Young Potluck All retired and semi-retired members are encouraged to join us for our potluck this Wednesday at noon. Bring a dish to share. Good food and great fellowship. Hope to see you there!

Food Drive March is the month for Faith Lutheran to collect items for the food pantry. The tables are set up and the boxes ready to put in your donations. The boxes on the tables are alphabetized and labeled for ease of separation. There are lists on the tables as to the most needed items. Pick one up and do some shopping with the



pantry in mind as you do your own shopping. We will collect items through April 6th.

ATTENTION SEWERS! The work sessions for Little Dresses are as follows:

Monday Evening
6:30-8:00 pm
April 7
April 21
May 5

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1:30-3:00 pm
April 3
April 17
May 1

We would appreciate all helpful people who would be willing to help prepare the packets for sewers to take home, and all those who would be willing to take the packets home and sew the little dresses.

The LWML South Dakota is planning a retreat for women across the state entitled "Living God's Praise" on April 25 and 26th at the Cedar Shores Resort in Chamberlain. The retreat will start Friday evening at 7:00 and conclude Saturday afternoon around 3:00. The LWML councilors for the South Dakota District will be conducting the Bible studies based on Psalm 119:175. If you are interested, please contact Jan Larson (605-280-0862) for information or check out the website at sdlwml.org. I hope you can come to this fun event close to home!

Easter Breakfast If you are willing to help provide an egg bake for our Easter Breakfast, please sign up in the Narthex so we have an idea how many extra egg bakes we will need.





Mexico Mission The Mexico Mission team thank you for your kind support and prayers for the past trips and are welcoming families and individuals to sign up for the 2025 trip. Please contact Dennis Ryckman (605-222-7713) or the church office if you have any questions or are interested in being a part of the mission trip.

Mexico Mission Trip 2025/Ysleta Lutheran Mission El Paso

As members of the body of Christ, we all have gifts according to the grace given us. On

the Mexico Mission trip, we all have a purpose and contribute according to our own gifts. The mission trip is life-changing, both for you and for those on the border whom we serve.

Will you or you and your family join us this year on the Mission trip to Mexico? If so, we would like to hear from you soon. The trip is scheduled for May 24 through May 31. Soon we will be coordinating many spring projects to help with raising the funds needed. We have regular meetings to prepare our hearts and minds for this event. Please contact Dennis or Carolyn Ryckman for more information.

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.

April 6, 2025

KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Mr. Big" - Man from the big city learns humility and forgiveness in the county jail after an accident.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jason Rensner, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD presents a message titled "Called to Praise." The sermon is based on Isaiah 43:16-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Friend, you have a good word to speak to your neighbor. You have God's Word of life to share—with your spouse, your children or grandchildren, your co-worker or friend. You can tell them that their life is sacred, a gift of God, and that their life matters to you." Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada — A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Camp Minneboji It's freezing today - but a great time to think about summer and the upcoming 2025 Camp Minneboji. Camp Minneboji 2025 will take place from June 15—

21. It is a Lutheran camp for students in grades 4–9, primarily from South Dakota and southwestern Minnesota.

"Hidden and Revealed" is the theme for Camp Minneboji 2025! This camp for 4th-8th graders is very popular and spots fill quickly! Take the time now to reserve a spot for your child(ren). Check out the Camp Minneboji website for more details.





LCMS Youth Gathering The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an

opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Apr. 6

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study

9:45 am *Preparing for Eternity* Study

11:00 am Worship

2-5:30 pm Softball

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Apr. 7

7:00 pm Men's Club in gym

Tues: Apr. 8

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:15 pm Bd. of Property Management

6:30 pm Pierre SDRTL Mgt. Meeting

Wed: April 9

11:00 am Lenten Worship

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

5:30 pm Lenten Meal

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm Luke Bible Study

6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study

6:30 pm *Jesus* (in homes)

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Apr. 10

8:00 am Staff Devotions

11:30 am Ministerium

1:30 pm Peaceful Pines Chapel

6-9 pm Softball

7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sat: Apr. 12

9:00 am Palm Cross Assembly in gym

10:00 am Loni Shoup Funeral

Sun: Apr. 13 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

9:45 am Preparing for Eternity Study

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.



Lenten Midweek "Savior, Servant, Friend"

April 9, 2025 11:00 am & 7:00 pm "Comforter"

April 17, 2025 11:00 am & 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday "Servant"





April 18, 2025 7:00 pm only Good Friday "Savior"

April 20, 2025 8:30 am & 11:00 am Easter Sunday "Redeemer"





