

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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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** “Arise and Shine in Splendor” (LSB 396)

### 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?  
**C** **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

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

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



## SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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** *Isaiah 42:14–21* (The Lord will lead His people in a new way, turning darkness into light.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**ANTHEM** 11:00 "Amazing Grace" (*arr. Jay Althouse*)

*Kaylee Brech, vocal soloist*

*Andrew Wulf, accompanist*

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 5:8–14* (The Lord positions us to walk as children of light.)

*After the reading:*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 9:1–41* (Jesus heals a man born blind.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth 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

**SERMON HYMN** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)

**SERMON** "Open Our Eyes " (John 9:7)  
Pastor Sam Handschke

**CREED** 8:30am Nicene *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*  
11:00am Apostles' *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

**OFFERING** *We Gather our Tithes and Gifts of Love*

*(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.

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of glory, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct Matthew, our Synod president; Randy, our district president; and David, our circuit visitor. Preserve all vacant congregations, send laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.



**P** Almighty Father, uphold in mercy all authorities, especially parents and the civil servants of our nation. Strengthen our homes, and keep families firm in the Christian faith. Preserve us from wickedness, and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Blessed, O Lord, is everyone who is not offended by Your Christ. Give us faith to believe His blessed testament, seek His Holy Supper for the forgiveness of our sins, and confess Your truth with honest hearts in the communion of this altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things, O heavenly Father, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, asking You to grant our prayers not for our sake but for His sake alone. Teach our hearts to be content with Your will and to trust that You will answer with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **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 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 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

### PREFACE

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

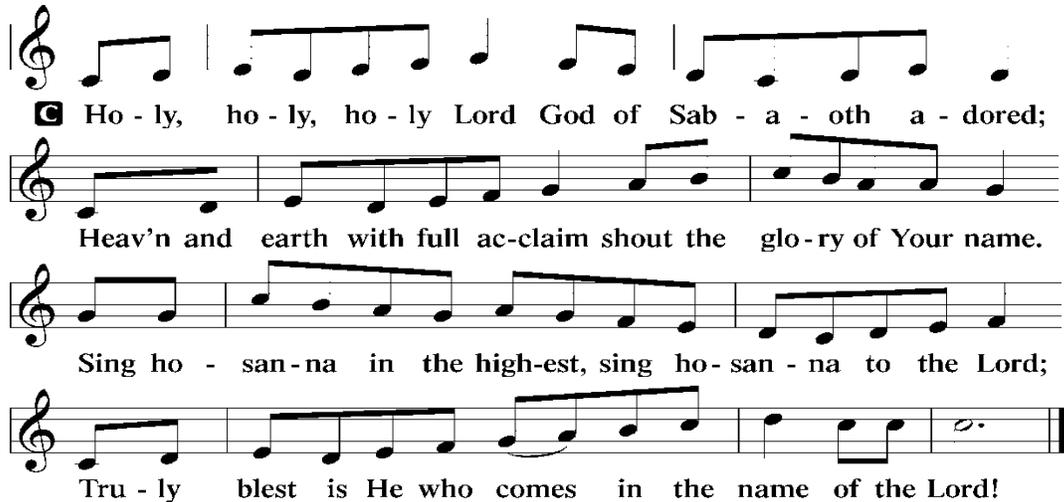
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**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

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**ANTHEM** 8:30 "Amazing Grace" (arr. Jay Althouse)  
*Kaylee Brech, vocal soloist*  
*Andrew Wulf, accompanist*

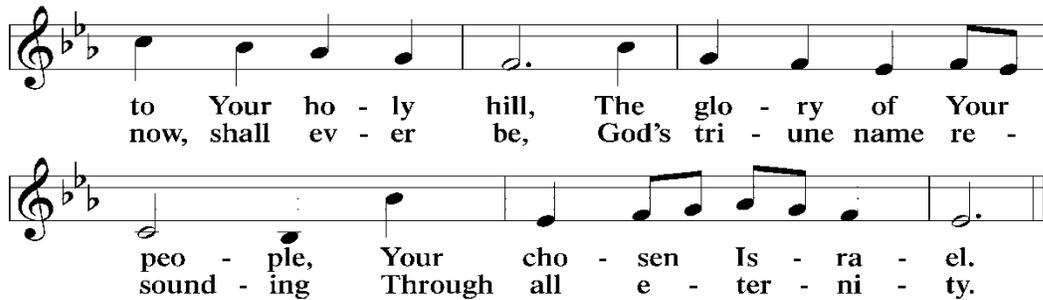
- "Draw Near and Eat the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)
- "Amazing Grace" (LSB 744)
- "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 420)



*(Please stand)*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** 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.

**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** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

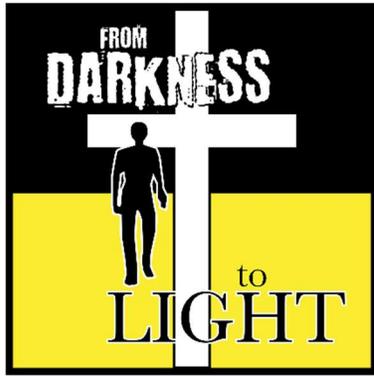
"Beautiful Savior"

(LSB 537)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



**AS WE GATHER** In the season of Lent, we follow Jesus, moving ever closer to His Passion and cross. By listening to His Word and receiving His body and blood, we learn to see Him rightly. In the Old Testament Reading, Israel is shown to be a failure as God’s servant: “He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear” (Isaiah 42:20). Israel is blind and deaf to the

truth. God’s true servant is the One who suffers (see Isaiah 52–53). That Suffering Servant will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. In the Epistle, believers are called “children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) and called to walk in the Light. Believers walk in the Light who is Christ (John 9:5) as they wait for His glory to be fully revealed: “when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you’” (Ephesians 5:13–14).

*I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. Isaiah 42:16*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Fourth 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. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.

**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.



**Want to listen to our worship service via livestream?** Go to: [www.faihluth.com](http://www.faihluth.com). Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

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### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Wed. Mar. 4, Att. 167;** Offering \$2,000.00, Mexico Mission \$100.00, Lenten Meal \$94.00; **Sun., Mar. 8, Att. 211;** General Fund \$11,500.28; Sunday School \$3.00; Building Fund \$65.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Easter Flowers \$40.00; Ash. Wed. \$10.00; Bible Study \$20.00.

***\*\*If you have envelope #225 please contact Helen in the office 224-2216.***

**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!

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**Palm Cross Assembly** If anyone would like to help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday our assembly day is Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 a.m. Many hands will make the large job go much quicker. It is a fun time of fellowship for the many who come each year.

There will be some veteran folders on hand to help show everyone how to fold the crosses. **Please bring a pair of scissors with you.**



**Looking for volunteers to help make the Charoses for the Seder meal.** Helen will start this on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** as soon as we are done folding Palm Crosses. Any help would be appreciated by at least 1:00 pm. We need to peel, core and chop the apples and chop the raisins and walnuts and then mix in batches. Any help is appreciated.



**Corned Beef Meal** Paul & Toni Kenefick-Aschoff will be preparing a Corned Beef Meal for us **TODAY** at noon. This meal will consist of corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes, rye bread and bread pudding with caramel sauce. Served family style. Always a wonderful meal. May sit in or take out. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Free-will offering. Proceeds go to Mexico Mission.

**Lenten Meals** We will be having meals the Wednesdays during Lent from 5:15 pm - 6:30 pm beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Below are the Wednesdays.



March 18 – Board of Prop. Mgt. -

March 25 – Board of Early Ed. – Chili & fixin's and cinnamon rolls



## Seder Meal

**Passover Seder Meal Monday, March 30, at 6:00 pm** the Elders will host our Seder Meal. Passover is the oldest of the Jewish festivals and is specifically commanded by God to be observed by the Jewish people in Exodus 12. The festival has its roots in the Exodus, God's act of deliverance of His chosen people Israel from the bondage of the Egyptians.

As we celebrate the Passover Supper, we want to remember that in the East a meal also has a special significance which it does not have for us in the West. **In the East, eating together is in itself a pledge of friendship and loyalty, and so in the eating of this meal we are binding ourselves in fellowship by sharing together the common meal in commemoration of the Last Supper which Jesus ate with His disciples. Please be thinking of this meal as an expression of your love and loyalty to Jesus and of the special Christian family we share.**

We are limited to 70 participants. The Midweek 5-8 grades are encouraged to attend but must be accompanied by a parent. Please sign up so we know how much to prepare. **A sign-up sheet is on the information desk in the Narthex by the Grand Avenue door.**



## Food Donations

**FOOD DRIVE** During the month of March, Faith Lutheran will collect items for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry. A handy shopping list can be found on the donation tables in the Narthex. Current highest-need food items include: cooking oil and spray, ketchup, mayo, mustard, pasta (dry) and sugar. Other items currently in high need include cleaning supplies (such as dusting spray, floor cleaner, and tub and tile cleaner), deodorant, dish soap, facial tissue, garbage bags, paper towels, and toilet paper. The Food Pantry is in ongoing need of all types of

nonperishable food items, personal hygiene products, and paper products. **FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE ALSO WELCOME.** Make checks payable to PARS (Pierre Area Referral Service); leave in the church office or place in an offering plate. Write Townsend Challenge on the memo line. During March and April, local financial institutions will provide matching funds for donations made to the Ardis Townsend Challenge for the Food Pantry.

**Greeters** Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** *We are still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.



**Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed** You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders or Pastor Sam if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.



**Building Healthy Families:** “Don’t worry, be happy!”... Remember this catchy little tune from the 80’s? God gives us this same message in His Word (repeatedly!), but it’s so much easier to say “don’t worry” than it is to not worry. Are you, or is someone you know, a worrier? You don’t have to be! Lutheran Family Service counselors who share your Lutheran, Christian faith are available in Aberdeen, Rapid City area, Sioux Falls, and Deadwood, or via confidential telehealth link to

your home through computer, tablet, or phone. These counselors are experienced at helping people with worry and many other challenges. Imagine a life with less worry – and know it’s possible. Call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) **Lutheran Family Service 605-271-1081**

**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](http://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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

**Mar 15, 2026 8 a.m.** (KEVN/FOX) and 10 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Flames of Hate” Betty Blackwood (Angie Dickenson) is stuck between the man she loves, Art (Ed Kemmer), and her obsessive father Nate (Edger Dearing), who disapproves of art.

**8:30 a.m.** (KEVN/FOX) and 10:30 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Main Street Living” Rev. Don McKillop, pastor at Trinity, White Lake and St. Paul, Plankinton, presents a message titled, “I Was Blind, Now I See.” The sermon is based on John 9.

**Life Quotes** “The call to be disciples of Jesus who live out our faith each day and, in so doing, work to make disciples of others, has never been greater ... We need to boldly proclaim what God has done for us in Christ. Not in a spirit of superiority or power, but in a posture of love and grace.” *Bishop Dan Selbo, North American Lutheran Church – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



# Faith Lutheran Youth

**2026 Bible Bowl Topic:** The Life of David, I Samuel 16 - I Kings 2, Psalm 51, Luther's Small Catechism: Confession, Date is **Saturday, March 21st** beginning at 10 am Place Faith Lutheran Church 714 N. Grand AVE, Pierre, SD The District Bible Bowl is open to youth grades 6 through 12. For any additional questions, contact the District Bible Bowl coordinator, Rev. Marcus Ring (605) 831-0601 revmring@gmail.com



**Sign up for Church Camp** **Camp Minneboji** is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**. This year's camp theme is "Lifted Up". The Camp registration fee is \$465 for the week. The Honor's Camp registration is \$495 for the week. **The registration deadline is**

**May 1.** Please download the Camp Booklet for registration materials and details and to find all of the information you will need to have a great summer camp experience.

Please let Pastor Sam or the office know if you are planning to attend Camp Minneboji or Circuit Bible Camp as the church will have scholarships to help with finances.



Our Lent sermon series is based on the ancient hymn "O Love, How Deep" (*LSB* 544). This hymn, written in the fifteenth century, contemplates the love of God in becoming man, taking on our life, dying our death, and rising again, all *for us*. But for us to understand and appreciate this love, we must first examine ourselves and our lives to see how we have failed in thought, word, and deed. While we may try to get credit for our so-called good works, we all still die with nothing to show for them. But God's love is not like our love. Our love is self-centered and fickle. God's love is steady, deep, and beyond all understanding. This love of God will have no end.

**Lent Midweek 4, Mar 18** – Jesus fights on our behalf, driving out demons both literal and figurative

**Lent Midweek 5, Mar 25** – It was necessary for Jesus to be betrayed

**Maundy Thursday, Apr 2** – Because Jesus' death is for many, it is also for you

**Good Friday, Apr 3** – Everything Jesus does, He does for us, all the way to His dying breath

**Easter Sunday, Apr 5** – Because of the resurrection of Jesus, nothing can separate us from the love of God

### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: Mar. 15 LENT 4**

8:30 am Communion

9:45 pm Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Worship

12:00 pm Corned Beef Meal

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow

2-5:30 pm Softball

3:00 pm Board of Education

**Mon: Mar. 16**

6:30 pm Christ Care

**Tues: Mar. 17**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study '*Joshua*'

6:15 pm *Raising Kids* Study

**Wed: Mar. 18 Midweek Lent 4**

11:00 am Lenten Worship

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

5:15-6:30 pm Lenten Meal

5:45 pm *Revelation* -Wulf's home

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:30 pm *Galatians* Study in homes

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: Mar. 19**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

6-9 pm Softball

**Sat: Mar. 21**

10:00 am-4:00 pm Bible Bowl

**Sun: Mar. 22 LENT 5**

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

2-5:30 pm Softball

6:00 pm Pastor Otten Meet. @ Faith