



Sunday, March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

Serving us in worship today: Pastors: David Mayer, Rusty Bailey;
Lay Reader: Emma Jean Becker; Music: Andrew Cave, Roxanne Heckmann, Cole
Formwalt, LeAnne White; Children's Church: Katherine Biediger; Ushers: Tim Bogisch,
Wally Braun, Albert Menn and John Taddy. AV: Andrew Kuehne, Diane Gwyther

Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, a people who love and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord! We are blessed and honored that you chose to be with us today!

As we worship inside today, we encourage you to fellowship with other believers while maintaining a safe distance, wearing your face covering at all times, and observing our COVID-19 protocols. Children's Church for ages pre-K through third grade will meet their leader during the hymn of the day. Please keep your mask on during the service and as you are ushered out. We ask that you join in fellowship OUTSIDE and do not congregate in the Narthex before or following the service.

WELCOME and PRAYER

Please Stand

OPENING HYMN: "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?"

(Refrain)

Have you seen Jesus my Lord?
He's here in plain view
Take a look open your eyes
He'll show it to you

1) Have you ever look at the sunset
With the sky mellowing red
And the clouds suspended like feathers
Then I say..... you've seen Jesus my Lord *(Refrain)*

4) Have you ever stood in the Family?
With the Lord there in your midst
Seen the Face of Christ on each other
Then I say...You've seen Jesus My Lord *(Refrain)*

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of your Baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness. (1 John 1: 8-9, NLT)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that 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. 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

You may be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC – JOYFUL NOISE *“Who Built the Ark?”*

FIRST READING: Romans 16:1-16

The Romans were excellent road builders; travel was a common means of trade and economic prosperity both by land and sea. The Apostle helps us understand the great evangelical work of the Holy Spirit. Teaching and affirming the grace of God through the Word of Christ was being put forward by an ever growing number of disciples, 28 mentioned here.

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae, ² that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.

³ Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. ⁵ Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia. ⁶ Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me. ⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. ¹⁰ Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. ¹¹ Greet my kinsman Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. ¹² Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well. ¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them. ¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. ¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

A: Here ends the reading.

PSALM: Psalm 67

Psalm 67 is a song of praise acknowledging the graciousness and benevolence of God. The message is one of supplication, that we might know the Lord and be witnesses of His grace that all may learn the fear of the Lord.

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us,

² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

A: Here ends the reading.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:12; 4:1

The Apostle continues to encourage the Philippian congregation and all believers to continue in their hope of the resurrection. This is something that is a promised hope, "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." We have been made citizens of heaven; in this Christians are encouraged to "stand firm."

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.

⁴ Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

A: Here ends the reading

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

This reading is part of what is identified as Jesus' "sermon on the mount." Our Lord here offers the prophecy defining Christian life. This is a present truth revealed by God's Word of a future reality. Salt is a preservative, light makes things visible, and good works are the work of the Holy Spirit through believers.

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

A: The Gospel of the Lord.

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WITH BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"What a Beautiful Name"*
(Please See Screen for Lyrics.)

SERMON: *"We Are People of Influence: Setting An Example To Follow"*

Pastor Mayer

OFFERING

P: Blessed be the Lord our God of all faithfulness. By your grace we receive all that we need, and in this abundance may we faithfully share with all in good stewardship, this that you have first given us. Receive this offering to the glory of your Holiness and the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

C: We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CLOSING HYMN: *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1) I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to thee. *(Refrain)*

2) Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *(Refrain)*

3) When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To thy king-dom shore. To thy shore. *(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

Please wait as the ushers usher you out.

A: Go In Peace To Love And Serve The Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Have been given to the glory of God by Brandon and Jessica Westerholm in memory of Jessica's father Scott, who would have celebrated his 57th birthday this week.

"WORDS OF FAITH" BROADCAST SUNDAYS AT 8 AM ON KWED 1580 AM RADIO

This week has been sponsored to the glory of God by Ronnie and Julia Glenewinkel as we remember Ephesians 5:20: *"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS:

Attendance on 2/28-91. Month to Date (February): \$32,709.00; YTD Offerings and Misc. \$65,671.00 (2021 budgeted offerings is \$470,000)

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Julie Sagebiel	Judy Saunders	Nora Lavelett
Carolyn Sagebiel	Walt Fruehling	Kathy Ersch
Kelton Lange	Dot Day	Gladys Fruehling
Teresa Kiel	Pat Sagebiel	Debbie Lehmann
Dorothy Burris	Donald Jackson	Robert Vogel
Charlie Koehler	Steve Foerster	Tootsie Rodgers
Sandy Wille	Ronnie Glenewinkel	Marcus Jahns
Harold Bogisch	Jonathan Edwards	

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LWR

Love Circle is preparing Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please contact Nancy Wieding or Rose Mary Ermel. All items are being purchased in bulk online. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

(COVID safety protocols are followed at all church events)

Tuesday, March 9	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast	7:30 AM (AC)
Tuesday, March 9	Staff Mtg.	1:30 PM
Tuesday, March 9	Hand Bell Choir	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Tuesday, March 9	Council	6:30 PM (AC)
Wednesday, March 10	Joyful Noise	6:00 PM (choir rm.)
Wednesday, March 10	FLY	6:00-8:00 PM (LEC)
Wednesday, March 10	Chancel Singers	6:00 PM (Sanc.)
Wednesday, March 10	Lenten Service	7:00 PM

PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITIONS OPEN

- **Fulltime Teacher's Aide for Two Year Old Class-** Seeking a loving, patient, and energetic individual who enjoys working with this young age; two years experience in childcare required; 38-40 hrs/week. Position available immediately.
- **5 Day Pre-K Teacher** needed for the 2021-22 school year. Seeking a loving, personable, and mature individual who relates well to children; Bachelor's degree in Education preferred, with two years experience in childcare field; approximately 20 hrs/week. Salary based on education and experience.

Applications for these positions are available in the church office. Contact Director Sharon Stollewerk at 379-7074 if interested or for more information. Resumes may be emailed to sstollewerk02@yahoo.com.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

Registration for the Fall 2021-22 school year begins this month for all currently enrolled students and church members. A \$150 deposit will secure a spot for your child. Contact Sharon Stollewerk at 830-379-7074.

AUDIO VISUAL TECH HELP NEEDED

Faith is looking for help during Sunday morning worship services. We need people who are interested in learning about running our screens/slides/sound and our Livestream. PLEASE contact Roxanne or Andrew Kuehne if you are interested! If we want to continue to provide

livestreaming, we need MORE HANDS. It's not as hard as you might think! YOU can do it! (We'll train you well.)

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD

Thank you to those of you who have been dropping off items for the Christian Cupboard. The March item is **Hamburger and Tuna Helpers**, any variety or brand. Total number of items collected in February was 31.

DIRECT THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS (before March 31, 2021)

Start 2021 on a generous note! If you haven't already, you can still direct 2020 Choice Dollars® before they expire! With over 40,000 organizations to choose from, you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where Thrivent gives back! Directing Choice Dollars online is fast and easy. Go to **Thrivent.com**, then search for "Choice Dollars." **Want to make a bigger impact?** You can also make a personal donation to any organization in the Thrivent Choice Catalog, and we cover all the processing fees. That means 100% of your donation goes right to the cause! If you have any questions about directing Choice Dollars or making a personal donation, contact our call center at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice®" at the prompt.

PRAYER GROUP

Anyone interested in joining for a time of prayer, please join us in the Sanctuary each Monday morning at 10:15 AM. Pastor Mayer invites any and all to join him. Don't feel obligated or intimidated, just come and be a part of this short but powerful time with God.



EASTER LILIES

For those who would like to order an Easter lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday the cost is **\$8.00 per plant**. Deadline for ordering is **5:00 PM on Friday, March 26**. Please leave checks or cash (clearly marked) and the completed form below in the church office. Please place your order soon.

Name: _____

Number of Lilies: _____

In Honor or Memory of: _____

(Please circle one)

Paid: _____
