

**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 11, 2012**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Barbara Rife in memory of their son Mark David Rife and in honor of Veronica's birthday

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am SCS | Thurs. 3/15 | 9:00am WCS |
| | 10:30am Worship | | 1:00pm Bible Study |
| | Choir (after church) | Fri. 3/16 | 10:00am OWLS Yard Sale |
| | 6:00pm Girl Scouts | Sat. 3/17 | 9:00am OWLS Yard Sale |
| Tues. 3/13 | 9:00am WCS | | 10:30am 1 st Communion |
| | 7:00pm Neighborhood Watch | | 5:30pm PLOT Dinner |
| Wed 3/14 | 10:00am WELCA | Sun. 3/18 | 9:15 am SCS |
| | 6:00pm Light Supper | | 10:30am Worship |
| | 7:00pm Worship | | 11:30am Meet & Eat,
Council Meeting |

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Announcements

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES continue this Wednesday. A light meal begins at 6pm with worship at 7pm.

YARD SALE by the Owls begins Friday and continues Saturday.

GUESS WHO'S coming to dinner has been changed to a PLOT dinner for the tornado victims in the Emma Schoen Hall at 5:30pm Saturday.

FIRST COMMUNION class continues March 17 at 10:30am. All children from age 3 up to 5th grade should attend.

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REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Boehme, Ken Steward, Edwina Andregg, Dorothy Clerici

Our Service Men and Women and all of those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith family and beyond.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, **have mercy on us.**

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. Through the Holy Spirit God cleanses us and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

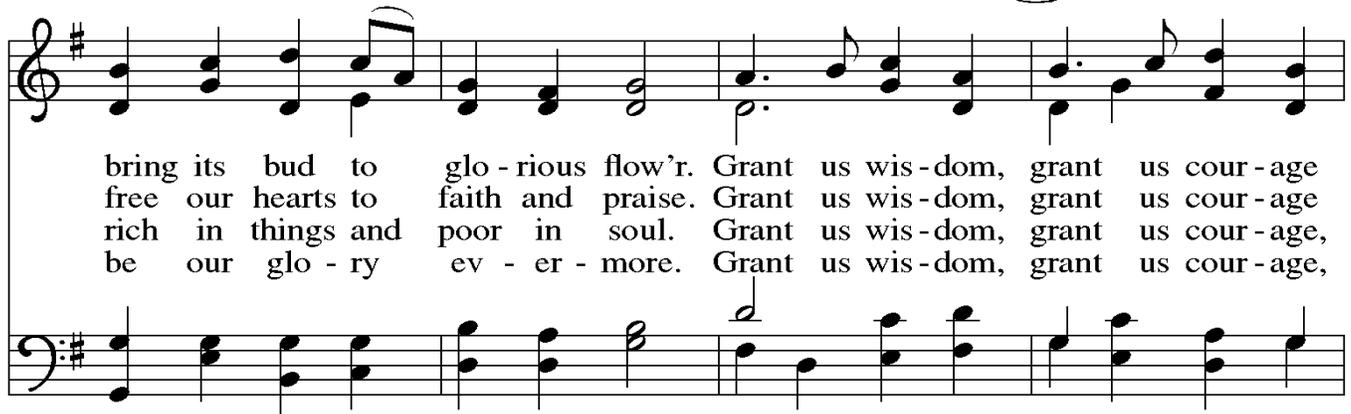
GATHERING SONG: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (ELW 705)



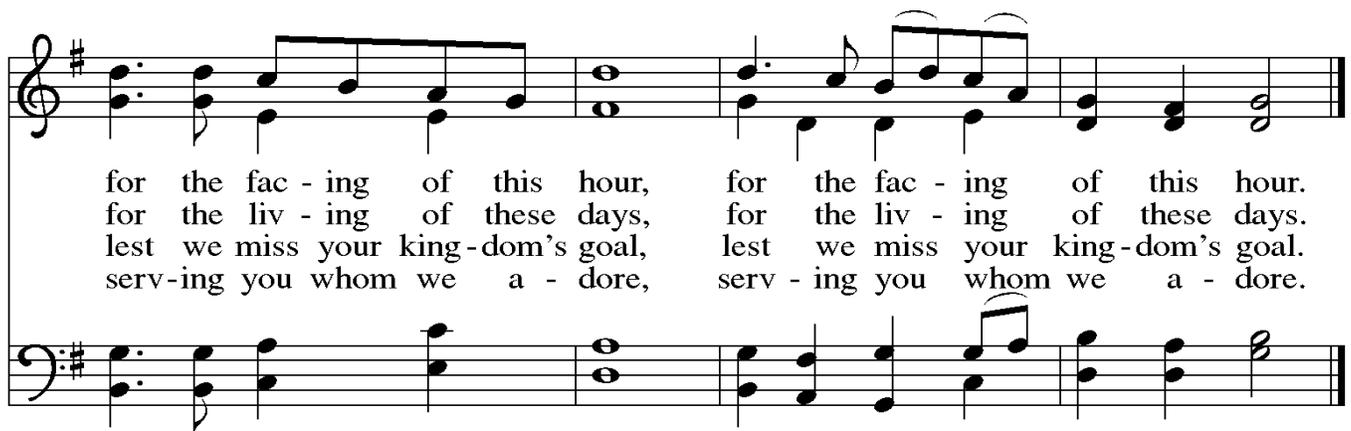
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

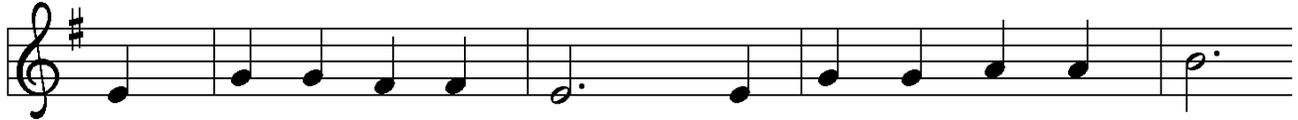


for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

GREETING

The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1–17

A reading from Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work — you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 19

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹The heavens declare the glo-¹ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its¹ maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale¹ to another,
and one night imparts knowledge¹ to another.**

³Although they have no¹ words or language,
and their voices¹ are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends¹ of the world,
where God has pitched a tent¹ for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out¹ of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to¹ run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of¹ it again;
nothing is hidden from its¹ burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re-¹vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom¹ to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re-¹joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.**
¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
¹²**Who can detect one's | own offenses?
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–25

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: John 2:13–22

The holy gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

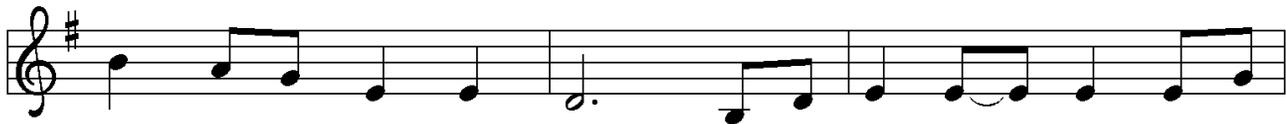
CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Canticle of the Turning* (ELW 723)



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat
Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We cry to you for help, O God, praying for the church, the world, and all those who are in need. *A brief silence.*

For the body of Christ, that we might trust in the foolishness of God. For houses of worship everywhere, that we might not make your sanctuaries into marketplaces. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For wisdom to carefully steward all your creation; for cattle, sheep, doves, donkeys, and animals of every kind; for veterinarians and zookeepers; for biologists and ranchers. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders; for legislatures and judges; for merchants and money changers; for police and military personnel; for the civilians of war-torn countries *especially Iraq and Afghanistan*. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all those captive to addictions; for victims of crime; for survivors of sexual or domestic abuse; for those sick with malaria, HIV/AIDS, or cancer; for those with Alzheimer's and their caregivers; for all in any need *especially, Owen Clive, Rita Harrod,, Anne Alia and Christopher, Megan Holman, Gordon McCall, Adam Smith, Ed Haire, Dwayne Paxton, Lori Sorenson, Kathy Haller, Don Heuton, Angela Higgenbotham.* Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this faith community, whenever we make idols, misuse your name, break the sabbath, dishonor our parents, murder, commit adultery, bear false witness, and covet what is not our own. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **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.**

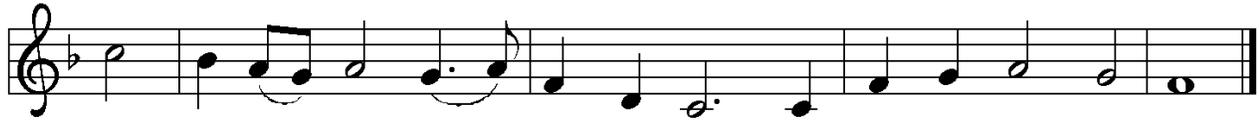
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



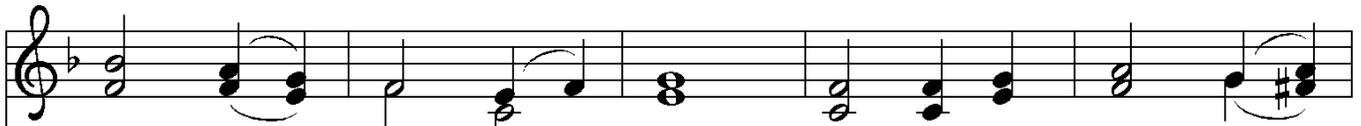
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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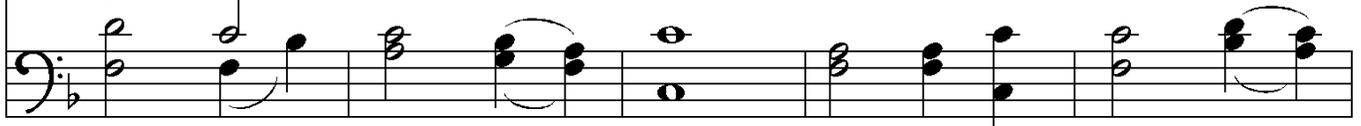
SONG AFTER COMMUNION: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (ELW 803)



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

And now, may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

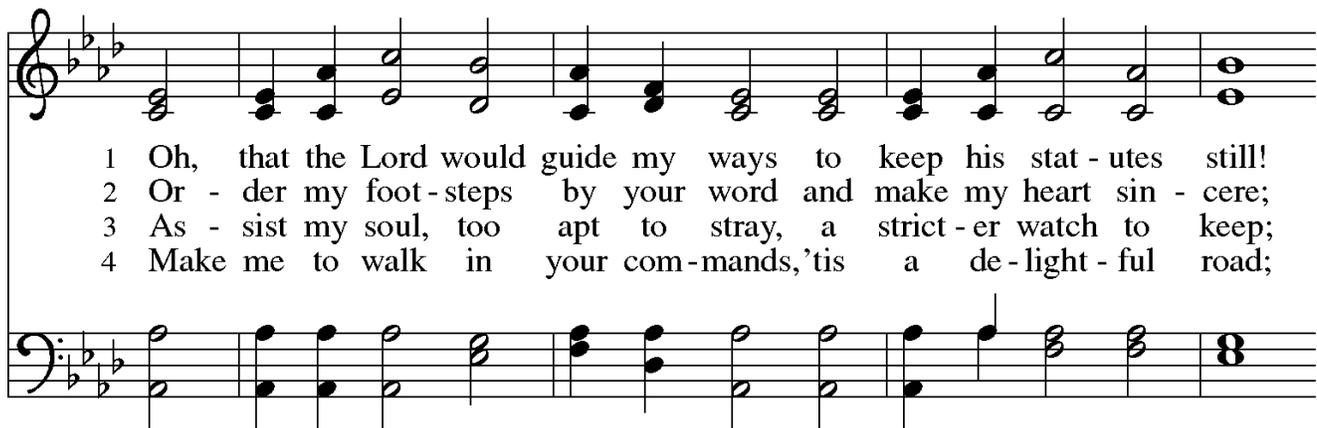
BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

SENDING SONG: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* (ELW 772)



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Illness

Owen Clive, treatment for leukemia
Rita Harrod, breast cancer surgery/treatment
Megan Holman, Thyroid cancer treatment
Anne, Alia, and Christopher, family issues
Adam Smith, nasal cancer (Veronica Rife's cousin)
Dwayne Paxton, blood infection
Lori Sorenson, recovering from surgery

Shut-in

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/ special needs

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$2759.80 | Worship attendance | 62 |
| Other Offering | .00 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$2759.80 | Total attendance | 64 |

We need \$3,226 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pr. Scott W. Meier |
| Assistant | Kate Scott |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Girl Scouts |
| Ushers | Beth Wright, Dennis Johnson |
| | Rick and Terri Barr |
| Audio | Lyle Gernand |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Girl Scouts |
| Financial Assistant | Sandy Neathamer |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Pr. Scott W. Meier |
| Assistant | Dan Diekhoff |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | The Hayes family |
| Ushers | Beth Wright, Dennis Johnson |
| | Rick and Terri Barr |
| Audio | Lyle Gernand |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Meet and Eat |
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**Scripture Readings for next week: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21**