

**The Second Sunday in Lent
February 24, 2013**

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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. 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 Ed and Fammie Peter in honor of their wedding anniversary

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Thu.2/28 | 9:15am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 6:00pm | Girl Scouts | Sun.3/3 | 9:15am | S.S. |
| Tue. 2/26 | 9:15am | WCS | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Wed. 2/27 | 6:00pm | Lenten Supper | | | |
| | 7:00pm | Worship | | | |

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Announcements

Our mid-week Lenten service continues with supper at 6:00pm. Worship begins at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars for that special worship opportunity. And be sure to pick up a Lenten devotional from the table in front of the office.

Today we welcome Ben and Tracy Sloss as guests. Ben is preparing to graduate from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH this May. We have been supporting Ben and Tracie with our prayers and small tokens for the past few months. Ben will talk with us about his experiences and formation as a pastor during our worship time.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 leanses 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: *Ah, Holy Jesus* (ELW 349)



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y

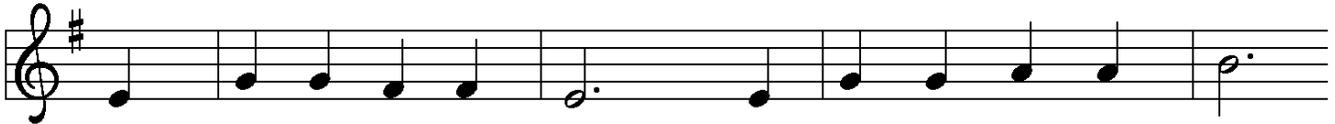


by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion 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....God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"⁹He said to him, "Bring

me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. ¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then [|] shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I [|] be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to de- [|] vour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- [|] ble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart [|] will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will [|] not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one [|] thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God [|] in the**

temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will [|] give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- [|]
on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies [|] who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of
rejoicing;**

I will sing and make music [|] to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, [|] when I call;

have mercy on me and [|] answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— [|] "Seek my face."**

Your face, O LORD, [|] I will seek.



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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31–35

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

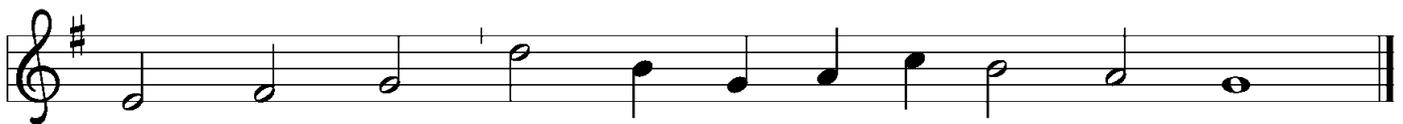
HYMN OF THE DAY: *Praise God, from Whom* (ELW 884)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

The following people have been *elected* by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The presiding minister continues.

You have been *elected* to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been *elected*?

Response:

I will, and I ask God to help me.

The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your *elected* leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.

I now declare you installed as *officers and council members* of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ. **Amen.**

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Returning to the Lord with all our heart, let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth, and all who cry out for healing. *A brief silence.*

Lord of the Sabbath, give to your church rest and renewal, even as we listen to the word of the prophets and pray for those persecuted for their faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Spirit of Shalom, grant peace to the city of Jerusalem, and lead all nations to care for their land and employ its resources wisely. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of heaven and earth, bring relief to polluted or burdened cities, and teach us to treasure sky and sun, stars and moon, lands and rivers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Healing Spirit, enfold with compassion all who cry out for nourishment, peace of mind, or healing *especially* Fred Steaban, Amy Holaday, the cousin of Judy Bartram, Bonnie Walker, Marcella Denton, Gwen Doering, Kathy Gilmore, Pat Hudson, Missy Kulberg, Phil Lakes, Dick Martin, Alyssa Paro, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Ken Walker Tonya White, Drew Yellina. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

O God of grace and mercy, form us in these Lenten days to be a people marked by gratitude and generosity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Josh Emily, Art Andregg, Kathy Hayes and Terry Schoen with birthdays and Fammie and Ed Peter with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

Mothering Spirit, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, draw us, with all the saints, to your tender and merciful embrace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

Come Ye Sinners

Choir

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray... God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

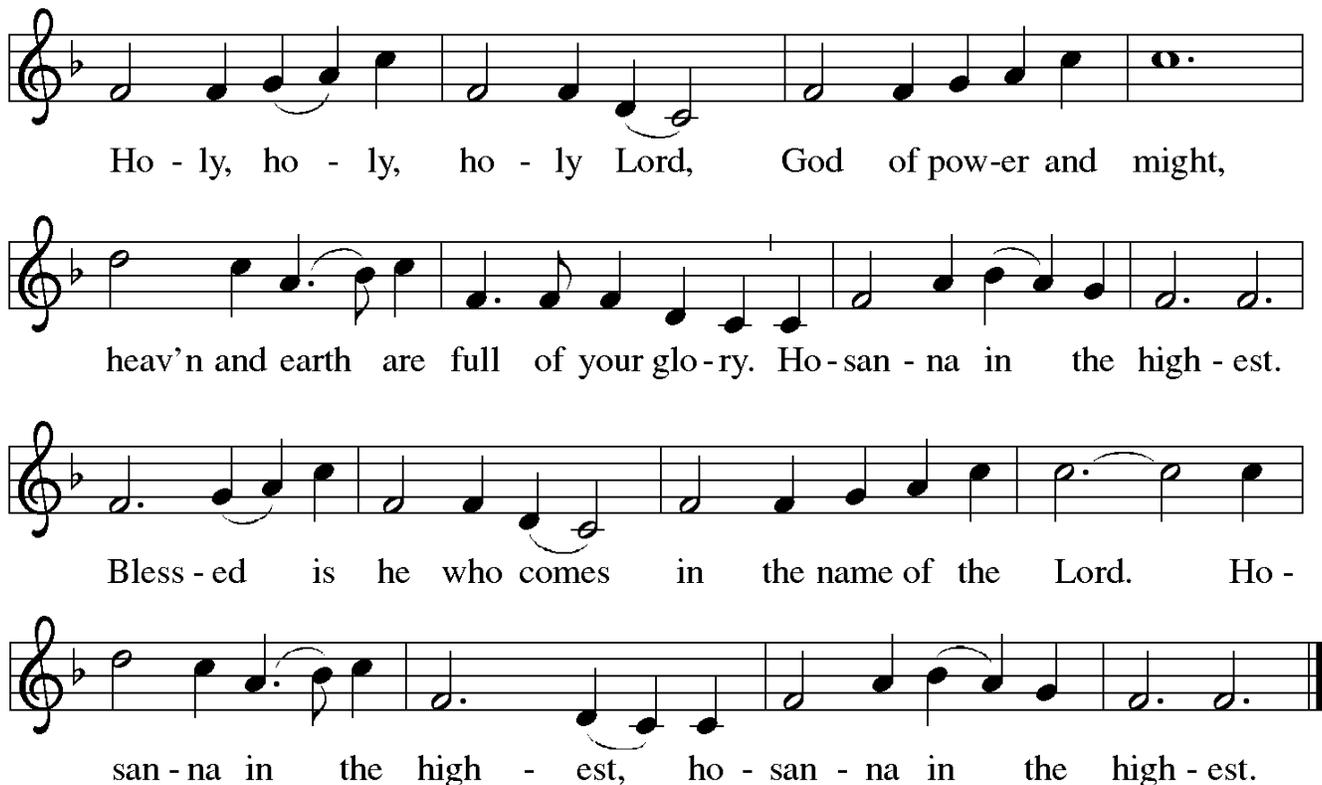
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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

All who thirst, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.

COMMUNION

Communion is by intinction. As directed by the ushers, please come forward and receive the wafer from the pastor. Take the wafer and dip it into either the silver chalice of wine or the ceramic chalice of grape juice. Consume the wafer and return to your pew via the side aisles for prayer and meditation.

COMMUNION SONG: *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW 479)



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray....O God, in this holy meal you have embraced us and gathered us into your arms of compassion and protection. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

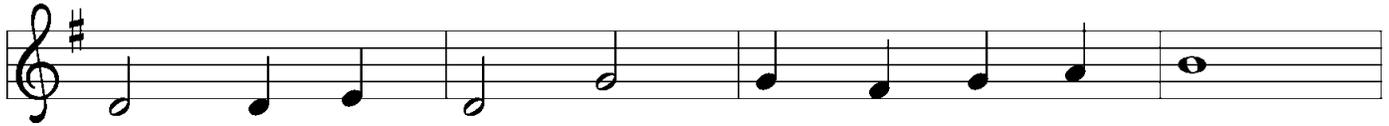
BLESSING

God our Father bless you and shield you. Christ our parent, shelter you and carry you. God the Holy Spirit guide your journey + both now and forever. **Amen.**

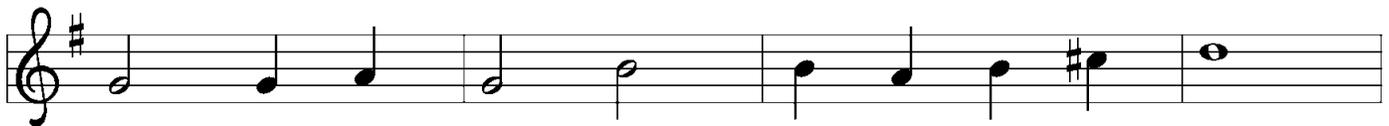
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

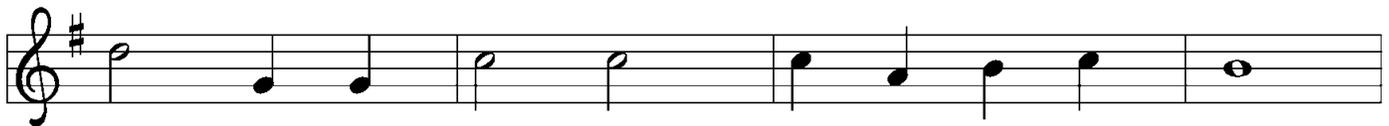
SENDING SONG: *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* (ELW 534)



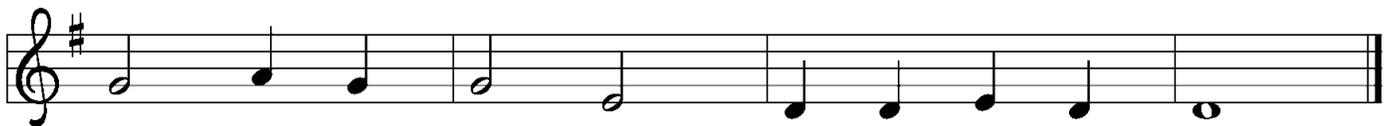
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;



once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
that in this house have called up - on your name.
your eve - ning pres - ence prom - ise to your own.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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This is Ben Sloss and his wife Tracie. Ben is a senior at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and we are supporting him with prayer and small tokens of appreciation. Ben and Tracie are from Kokomo, Indiana. Ben graduated from Capital University, one of our Lutheran supported universities, in 2009 and will graduate from TLS this May with a Masters of Divinity degree. He will then be available for call anywhere in the ELCA but hopes to remain in our region. Ben and Tracie are planning to visit us on February 24, 2013 and he will tell us more about his experience at seminary.

Benjamin Sloss and Family
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Fred Steaban, recovering from broken femur

Amy Holaday, recovering from eye surgery

Family & Friends

Judy Bartram's 95 year old cousin, health issues

Marcella Denton, intestinal illness

Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer chemo treatment

Kathy Gilmore, health concerns

Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia

Missy Kulberg (Granddaughter of Gordon and Dorothy McCall) back surgery

Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition

Dick Martin, recovering from heart surgery

Alyssa Paro, treatment for breast cancer

J C Richardson, health concerns

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

Bonnie Walker, health issues

Tonya Woods, breast cancer surgery

Drew Yellina, undiagnosed health problems

*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Walter Clive, at home

Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Matt Bartram, deployed to Africa

Veronica Rife, deployed by Corp of Engineers to Afghanistan

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

Families affected by Hurricane Sandy

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$ 2,511.00 | Worship attendance | 63 |
| Other Offering | 25.00 | Nursery attendance | 0 |
| Total Offering | \$ 2,536.00 | Total attendance | 63 |

We need \$3,596 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 | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Sylvia Scott |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Aliyah Vogler |
| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Jim/Nancy Vogt |
| Ushers | Dave Lindeman |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Vogt Family |
| Social | Bill/Cathy Holman |
| Financial Assistant | Kenneth Hawkins |
| Ambassador | |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Altar Guild | Bev Haire |
| Greeters | Jim/Barb Rife |
| Ushers | S. Rife/Barr's |
| Audio | Lyle Gernand |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
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Scripture Readings for next week: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9