

Please join us in praying for: Aaron Hill, Ada, Adam, AJ, Alyson & Jarrett, Angie, Aunt Pat, Barb, Barry & Shelby, Ben & Bethany, Beth, Bernice, Betty, Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie and Syd and Inez Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Rob Butz & Cheryl, Chris Kuehl, Claudine, Connie & Denny Courtney, Debi, Denice, Dennis, Don, Donna, Doug Family, Evelyn, Florence, Gary, Gavin, George, Gerry, Heather, Heidi, Howard, Ian, Irene, Jackie, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jean, Jeff, Jessica, Jim, Joyce, Julie, Juliet, June, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kevin, Coots, Larry Wells Family, Lisa, Lucas, Lyla Orion, Marjean, Mary, Maureen, Nancy, Nikko, Paula, Peggy, Rich, Riley, Robin, Roger, Sam, Selena, Shalom, Sharon, Shelly, Shirley, Steve, Sue, Ted Balk, Teresa, Terri, Tim, Ricky, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Viola, Zach, all service men, all homeless & unemployed, our shut-ins, our students, and those in the military and their families. God watches over them all and keeps them safe.



April 5 - 6pm - Simple Supper
7pm - Worship Service

April 9 - Palm Sunday
Worship at 9:30am

April 13 - Maundy Thursday
Candlelight Service at 7pm

April 14 - Good Friday - Service at 7pm

April 16 - *Easter Sunday*
8am - 9am

Breakfast
Annual Faith Family
Pancake & Ham Breakfast
~ Free will offering collection ~

Powered by Worship
- Bring the family!



Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring
Sunday, April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Lent ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- 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: clear our 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (A brief silence.) Most merciful God,
- C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 all our heart; we have not loved our neighbor 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 peace, through the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ by the grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen our power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.
- C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up-on the way,
from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
I won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
O sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer with you

COMMUNION

The gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising
him from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God
bringing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in
the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of
new life. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also
live with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome
new members and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our
covenant promises.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey

Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser

Counters - Carol & Roger Frey

Fellowship - Julie Wright

Greeters - Gail and Dennis Kelce

Musician - Betty Comins

Reader - Pat Wicks

Ushers - Ray Wendell and Craig Miller

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Worship

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you worship with us today! Please join us after our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the ushers, receive the bread with an open hand, then dip the wine (dark) or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping or drop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to receive Communion. Christ is the host of the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

Offering ~ As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your **offering** the following week. Or, if you'd like, please mail it to the church office. Write "offering" on the envelope and it will be included in the week's offering and seen only by the designated counters the day. Thank you for being faithful in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran!



**Annual
Spring
Cleanup**

**Please come & lend a hand
Saturday, April 8th,
"Many hands make
light work." Thank you!**

**Todd Strasser & Craig Miller
Property Committee**

d of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
 you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy

MN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
 up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 eed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 theirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

peace. Christ is with you.
 s be to God.



Financials for Sunday, March 26, 2017 - Week 13

Attendance - 100	
Offering Actual	\$2,185.50
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
YTD Actual Offering	\$26,309.93
YTD Offering Needed	\$27,443.00
Gifts YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$1,480.00

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

C: **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ. Help us to serve you in righteousness all our days, through the merits of Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

R: A reading from Ezekiel, the 37th chapter.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley. It was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, how can I know?" Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, saying, 'Thus says the LORD GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to cover you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall know that I am the LORD.'" So I prophesied as he commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had covered them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: 'The four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'" I prophesied as he commanded me, and there was a noise, and they came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, multitude upon multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the bones of the house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.'

spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you
soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken
says the LORD.”
God, word of life.
Prayer to God.

A Responsive Reading

From the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
**Hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the
sound of my supplication.**

**Be ready to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?
Your mercy is forgiveness, in order that you may be**

**Be ready to keep watch over sins, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch
for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the**

**Be ready to keep watch over sins, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord, for with the LORD there is
mercy and love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.
The LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

From Romans, the 8th chapter.

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the
spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the
flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law - indeed it
cannot, because those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you
are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God
dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does
not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead
because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the
Spirit of God dwells in you, he who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who
will give life to your mortal bodies also through the Spirit that dwells in you.

God, word of life.
Prayer to God.



PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
“PRICELESS” by For King and Country

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re -
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord,
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first -

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us
alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us a
your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, thro
Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God

C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us
bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrim
fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making o
our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Je
our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

third day he rose again;
 ascended into heaven,
 seated at the right hand of the Father,
 who will come to judge the living and the dead.
 Come Holy Spirit,
 strengthen the catholic church,
 in the communion of saints,
 forgiveness of sins,
 correction of the body,
 and life everlasting. Amen.

INTERCESSION

In our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the
 needs of the earth, and all who are in need. (A brief silence.) God,
 give us strength, set the mind of your church on the Spirit of
 brotherhood and kinship. Bring healing where there is division and hope
 where there is worry. Hear us, O God.

God's mercy is great.

Bring new life where there was despair and death. Bring new
 growth to barren lands and water to parched
 earth. Hear us, O God.

God's mercy is great.

Hear the voices of the weak and oppressed. Guard people in
 need from danger and injustice (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

God's mercy is great.

As Mary pleaded for healing. Hear the cries of your
 people who call out in need and pain. Grant healing and comfort
 to all who are ill. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God.

God's mercy is great.

Revive the dry bones in our community. Breathe your life-giving
 Spirit into the corners of our ministry that need renewal.
 Hear us, O God.

God's mercy is great.

Thank you for the faithful departed (*especially*) and for the
 hope that we will join with them in the heavenly banquet.
 Hear us, O God.

God's mercy is great.

In your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we
 pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra -
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound -
 ed in steadfast love, and a - bound - ing in steadfast love.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.
 C: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the villa -
 ge of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed
 Jesus with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother La -
 zarus was the one who was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom
 you loved is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does
 not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God
 may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Ma -
 rtha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was
 ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then he
 said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples
 said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you,
 and you are going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not
 twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not
 stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who
 walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying
 these things to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am
 going to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has
 fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speak -
 ing about his death, but they thought that he was referring to
 ordinary sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For
 my sake, I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. Now
 go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his
 fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When
 Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the
 tomb four days.

was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and
 Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them
 other. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming,
 met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to
 if you had been here, my brother would not have
 n now I know that God will give you whatever you ask
 s said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha
 I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the
 sus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.
 believe in me, even though they die, will live, and
 o lives and believes in me will never die. Do you
 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the
 Son of God, the one coming into the world."
 d said this, she went back and called her sister Mary,
 rprivately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."
 e heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now
 t yet come to the village, but was still at the place
 a had met him. The Jews who were with her in the
 ling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They
 because they thought that she was going to the tomb
 e. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him,
 is feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here,
 ould not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping,
 who came with her also weeping, he was greatly
 pirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you
 ey said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to
 Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of
 ould not he who opened the eyes of the blind man
 s man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly
 me to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying
 sus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of
 n, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench
 as been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not
 you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So
 ay the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,
 nk you for having heard me. I knew that you always
 I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing
 they may believe that you sent me." When he had
 cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead
 ut, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and
 ped in a cloth.

Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." M
 the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and h
 what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Hymn of the Day

Just As I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man -
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - c
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro -



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come
 man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine



O Lamb of God, I come, I c

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the d