



LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

ay, March 22 - 6pm - Simple Supper
7pm - Worship Service

March 26 - 4th Sunday of Lent
Worship at 9:30am

ay, March 29 - 6pm - Simple Supper
7pm - Worship Service

April 2 - 5th Sunday of Lent
Worship at 9:30am

ay, 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:

Family Pancake & Ham
Breakfast at 8am;
Free will offering collection

Easter Sunday Service
9:30am

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Faith Lutheran Church
Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring th
Sunday, March 19, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent ~ 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk: Chris Plummer, Thrivent Financial

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who for
sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the h
people, turning us from our sin to live for you al
the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confes
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fulln
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God an
another. (A brief silence.) Gracious God,

C: **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have
from you and given ourselves into the power
are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your co
forgive us our sins, known and unknown, thi
have done and things we have failed to do. T
again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, s
may live and serve you in newness of life thr
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was
for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our s
called and ordained minister of the church of Ch
his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the F
of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
O grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
O grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
thou sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
O wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



Thou ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
Thou res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
O my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

1735-1790, alt.
J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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

CON

In this gospel, the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an
our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of
grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church
gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen
reflection during the final days of preparation before
at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ
among us in word, bath, and meal - offering us the
living water of God's mercy and forgiveness.



WORK CAMP FUN
Bailey Binder +
Taylor Gruenberg
Zach Hedrington
Rachel Strasser

Tennessee in

In case you missed the fun fundraising event last year,
there's still plenty of time left to give a donation to help
our youth cover the cost of their mission trip to
Tennessee. The cost for each of the kids is \$350. We will be
having more fundraiser events to help them offset the

**The Out To Dinner Group is going to Bravo's
Restaurant, 376 Prairie Hill Rd., So. Beloit,
on Friday, March 24th at 6pm. The Signup
Sheet's on the board - the deadline is TODAY!
Please put it on your calendar & join us!**



March 12 through April 12
Easter Candy Collection

Please help fill the eggs for the Easter Candy Collection
which will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00am
for kids in 5th grade and younger.
There's a donation box in the narthex.



The new selection for our April Book Club
discussion is The Sisterhood by Helen Fielding.
It's both a love story and a historic novel set in
London and is an emotionally charged ride through
two continents and centuries. Sounds interesting!
Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm
6:30pm in the Church office. Come!



You're invited

100th anniversary year of the Reformation Church, begun by Martin Luther. Our evening will feature "Standing At the Cross," a series for Lent based on themes from the Bible. We will view 10-minute sections each day of a special video prepared by travel vlogger Mark Steves, appropriately called, 'Luther and the Reformation.'

Please try to set aside time in your busy schedules for each of the 40 days of Lent. That might also mean giving something up or adding a service to your itinerary. Please consider making a contribution to the ELCA world hunger appeal on Wednesday, especially if you have sacrificed some meals during the Lenten season.

Lenten Week is April 9-16 this year, culminating on Good Friday. I hope to see you often during these special weeks, as together we live our Lent!

Suppers at 6-7, followed by services at 7pm. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the Simple Suppers. Lenten services will continue on Wednesday, April 23 & 29, and conclude on April 5th.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.) Merciful God,

C: **The fountain of living water, you quench our thirst, wash away our sin. Give us this water always, that we may drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your love through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

R: A reading from Exodus, the 17th chapter.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They came to Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water. They complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

A Responsive Reading

Let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Come before God's presence with thanksgiving and praise, and let us shout to the LORD with psalms.

LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all

and are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the mountains are also yours.

The earth is yours, for you made it, and your hands have formed the dry land.

Let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before our maker.

LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's hand, and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

Your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, and they had seen my works.

Therefore I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my inheritance.'

READING: Romans 5:1-11

from Romans, the 5th chapter.

Justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to God's grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. When we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the



Please join us in praying for: Aaron, Aaron Hill, Alyson & Jarrett, Aunt Pat, Barry & Shelby, Becky, Bethany, Betty Comins, Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Bob Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Butz Family, Carl, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Connie and Denny Price, Courtney, Debi, Denise, Dennis, Devin, Diane Redieske, Dick Banker Family, Donna H., Doug Congdon, Evelyn, Fran Tranbarger, Gary P., Gary, Gavin, George, George Harriet, Hatch Family, Heather, Heidi, Howard, Ian, Jackie M., Jan N., Janet, Janice E., Janie, Jean, Jennifer, Jenny, Jeremy, Jerry, Jessica, Jim, Joe Ostrum, John Hatch Family, June, Kathy Mears, Kelli, Kenny, Kevin, Larry, Lisa Wright, Lyla Margis, Marion, Marjean, Maureen and Maureen M., Mike A., Mike Banker & Family, Nancy, Norvain, Patty A., Rich, Robin, Roger, Sara, Scott Wright, Shalom, Sharon, Shirley, Stephanie, Stephany, Steve, Sue, Ted Balk, Teresa, Terry, Tim, Riley, Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Viola, Zachary. service men & women, all homeless & unemployed, shut-ins, our college students, and those in the military and their families. We pray that God watches over them and keeps them safe from harm.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



7 – Aubrey Miller

16 – Aaron Miller

20 – Mike Murphy

26 – Bailey

31 – Amber



To All Secret Sister Participants

Just a reminder to send a card, note, or gift each month to your Secret Sister to let her know she's in your thoughts and prayers. Remember to pray for each other on special occasions and holidays.

Worship

to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have you with us today! Please join us after worship in our Fellowship Room for beverages, snacks and conversation. Communion is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the pastor. Receive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the wine or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before dipping it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to be a member of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ is with us at the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome! As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please contact us to catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if you are unable to attend, please mail it to the church office and write "offering" on the envelope. We hope and it will be included in that week's offering and distributed by the designated counters for the day. Thank you for your participation in giving generously to God's work here at Faith Lutheran Church!

Financials for Sunday, March 12, 2017 - Week 11

Attendance - 73

Offering Actual	\$2,185.00
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
Offering Shortfall	\$22,354.45
Offering Needed	\$23,221.00
Offering YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$790.00

Today's Worship Leaders

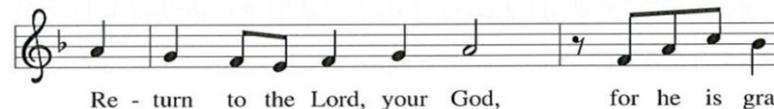
Worship Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Streaming Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Counters - Laurie and Pat Wicks
Worship - Russell G. Scheibel
Counters - John and Lauray Coots
Musician - Betty Comins
Usher - Mike Marty
Counters - Craig Miller and Shawn Guffey
Worship Leader - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - perhaps for a good person someone might actually die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we are justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we will boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we now received reconciliation.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 4th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the well ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jesus and she share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "You knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

er than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well,
 ons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her,
 o drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those
 ne water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The
 ll give will become in them a spring of water gushing
 fe." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water,
 never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw
 said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."
 nswered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her,
 in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five
 d the one you have now is not your husband. What
 is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you
 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you
 ace where people must worship is in Jerusalem."
 ner, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when
 ip the Father neither on this mountain nor in
 u worship what you do not know; we worship what
 alvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming,
 re, when the true worshipers will worship the Father
 uth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship
 irit, and those who worship him must worship in
 " The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is
 is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim
 ." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is
 ou." Just then his disciples came. They were
 at he was speaking with a woman, but no one said,
 want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then
 t her water jar and went back to the city. She said to
 ome and see a man who told me everything I have
 cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city
 heir way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging
 at something." But he said to them, "I have food to
 o not know about." So the disciples said to one
 ly no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus
 My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to
 ork. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then
 vest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how
 ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving
 gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and
 oice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One
 ther reaps.'

CLOSING HYMN "Choral Benediction"

May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today.
May the love of God live in us today.
May the warmth we feel within us,
show in all we do and say.
May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today.
May the peace of God be with us today.
May it guide us and protect us,
as we go our separate ways.
May the peace of God be with us today.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Please stay after wo
 for coffee and donuts
 Fellowship Room. W
 Chris Plummer, our TH
 rep joining us today. Pl
 to stay and hear how Th
 help our church. Than



d be with you.

o with you.

our hearts.

hem to the Lord.

ive thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

nt to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

S PRAYER

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
n come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
s day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
ve those who trespass against us;
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
ever. Amen.

~ COMMUNION ~

AFTER COMMUNION

isionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger
ce, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song
ful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

d bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on
y grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor
ive you peace.



I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others were
bored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Sa
from that city believed in him because of the woman’s
“He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the
came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he
there two days. And many more believed because of h
They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of wh
that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and v
this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P:The gospel of the Lord.

C:Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Unlikely Preachers”

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - ciou
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the



Refrain
In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

STLES' CREED

In God, the Father almighty,
of heaven and earth.
In Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
of the virgin Mary,
under Pontius Pilate,
crucified, died, and was buried;
descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
ascended into heaven,
seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come to judge the living and the dead.
In the Holy Spirit,
of the catholic church,
of communion of saints,
of forgiveness of sins,
of the resurrection of the body,
of the life everlasting. Amen.

OF INTERCESSION

our voices and turning toward God, let us pray
the church, the earth, and all who are in need.
(of silence.) O God, let your church on earth,
and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in
proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

mercy is great.

our hands are the depths of the earth and the sea
you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this
world, caring for the waterways and their creatures.
Hear us, O God.

mercy is great.

the nations of the world away from the wilderness
of darkness and evil, and toward the light of love and peace.
Hear us, O God.

mercy is great.

those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace,
for longing, give the water of life. For those who are
suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace.
(*pray especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God.

mercy is great.

P: Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden
the faithful here with your promise and your presence.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We give thanks for the witness and testimony of those
who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us be
filled with hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint.
Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for
which we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
"You're Not Alone" by Owl City

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. By your Word you called your people I
of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water
of life, a desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom
of life, with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **We give you thanks and praise.**

