



# LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring the*  
Sunday, March 26, 2017  
Fourth 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 away from us all iniquity, and cleanse 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 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 our whole 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 freedom, 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 grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us in your power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

## HYMN

### Christ, the Life of All the Living



the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
have suf-fered great af-flic-tion and have borne it pa-tient-ly,  
for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



your-self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe:  
even death by cru-ci-fix-ion, ful-ly to a-tone for me;  
the an-guish in the gar-den, I will thank you ev-er-more;



our suf-f'ring, death, and mer-it life e-ter-nal I in-her-it.  
you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent-ed.  
you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy-ing,



and, thou-sand thanks are due, dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.  
and, thou-sand thanks are due, dear-est Je-sus, un-to you.  
at last tri-um-phant cry, praise you ev-er-more on high.

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

## ON

s sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for  
lay is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ.  
nd, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God  
r eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved  
daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in  
God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear  
o the light of Christ in our daily lives.



Please join us in praying for: Aaron Hill, Ada, AJ, A  
Jarrett, Aunt Pat, Barb, Barry & Shelby, Ben & Beth  
Betty, Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie and Marcella, Boyd and  
Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Butz Family, Carl, Cinc  
Claudine, Connie, Connie and Denny Price, Conley  
Debi, Dennis, Diane A., Dick, Don, Don Banker Fam  
Doug Congdon, Emily, Ethel, Gary, Gavin, George,  
Cliffe, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Howard, Ian, Irene, Ja  
Jaleena, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Jimmy  
Hatch Family, Julie, June, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, K  
Larry Coots, Lisa Wright, Lucas, Marion, Marjean, M  
Nancy, Norvain, Patti, Patty, Rich, Robin, Roger, Sa  
Sarah, Scott Wright, Shalom, Shelly, Shirley, Steph  
Steve, Sue, Ted Balk, Teresa, Terri, Tim, Tina, Ricky  
Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Vida, Viola, Zach,  
service men & women, all homeless & unemployed  
shut-ins, our college students, and those in the mil  
their families. We pray that God watches over them  
them safe from harm.



**Spaghetti Fundrais**  
\$480 was raised th  
PLUS \$170 collect  
morning, for a tota  
Each student must  
to participate in th  
in Tennessee. Than

Pictured L to R: Taylor Gruenberg, Rachel Strasse  
Bailey Binder, Dakota Smock, and Zach Hedringto

## Worship

o Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have  
with us today! Please join us after worship in our  
Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.  
n is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the  
ive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the  
or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before  
rop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to  
er of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ  
f the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please  
o catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if  
lease mail it to the church office and write "offering"  
ope and it will be included in that week's offering and  
y the designated counters for the day. Thank you for  
l in giving generously to God's work here at Faith  
church!

### Financials for Sunday, March 19, 2017 - Week 12

Attendance - 106

Offering Actual	\$1,769.98
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
D Actual Offering	\$24,124.43
D Offering Needed	\$25,332.00
s YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$935.00

### 2-April 9: Candy Collection

er Egg Hunt will be held  
y, April 15th @1pm for all  
n 5th grade and younger!



### - APRIL 9 EASTER FOOD DRIVE

ons of canned goods will be donated  
Stone Church Food Pantry in Rockton.  
m Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway,  
stry Co-Chairs



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and  
among us. By your gracious life and death for  
light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoi  
your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### Psalm 23 – A Responsive Reading

R: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
leads me beside still waters.**

R: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along  
ways for your name's sake.

C: **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your ro  
your staff, they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of  
enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cu  
running over.

C: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me a  
days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of  
LORD forever.**

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are  
as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in  
good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasin  
Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,  
expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what  
people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light  
visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Th  
says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Chris  
on you."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ACCLAMATION



## John 9:1-41

My gospel according to John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**to you, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples  
“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was  
” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents  
was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in  
just work the works of him who sent me while it is day;  
nothing when no one can work. As long as I am in the world,  
light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the  
ground, made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the  
man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which  
means “sent”). Then he went and washed and came back able to  
see. His neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar  
asked, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some  
said, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone  
else who kept saying, ‘I am the man.’” But they kept asking him,  
“Where were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called  
me and spread the mud on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go and  
wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.”  
They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They  
accused the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now  
on the Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his  
eyes, the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had re-  
ceived his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I  
said, ‘Now I see.’” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is  
not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.”

## BLESSING

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face  
shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look  
upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

## 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. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### Today’s Worship Leaders

**Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey**

**Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Strasser**

**Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser**

**Counters - Laurie and Pat Wicks**

**Fellowship - Pat Wicks**

**Greeters - John and Lauray Coots**

**Musician - Betty Comins**

**Reader - Ellen Olson**

**Ushers - Ray Wendell and Shawn Guffey**

**Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier**



## RESPONSE



ve thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
e thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



at we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
ad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

## PRAYER

y. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your  
made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called  
ty from chaos, and brought life into being.

Word of life, O God,  
**you thanks and praise.**

be with you.

**with you.**

ur hearts.

**em to the Lord.**

e thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

**to give God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER

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

## AFTER COMMUNION

ionate God, you have fed us with the bread of  
sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting  
r for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our  
e song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the  
"What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened."  
"He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had received  
his sight until they called the parents of the man who had  
received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who was  
born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered  
and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;  
but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who  
opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."  
His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the  
Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be  
the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his  
parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they  
called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give  
glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered,  
"I do not know whether I am a sinner. One thing I do know, that  
though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he  
do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them,  
"I have told you already, and you would not believe. Why do  
you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his  
disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disci-  
ples, and you do not believe him? We know that God has spoken  
to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes  
from." He answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not  
know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We  
know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to  
one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world  
began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person  
born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."  
They answered him, "You are entirely in sins, and are you  
trying to teach us?" And he replied, "I was born blind, and now  
I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you, or what signs  
did he perform on you?" He answered, "I said to you, and you  
did not believe. Now I am saying it, and you do not believe. I  
know that I am a sinner, but I have faith that the Son of Man  
will save the world." They said to him, "What signs do you  
perform?" He answered, "I said to you, and you did not believe.  
Now I am saying it, and you do not believe. I know that I am  
a sinner, but I have faith that the Son of Man will save the world."  
They said to him, "What signs do you perform?" He answered,  
"I said to you, and you did not believe. Now I am saying it, and  
you do not believe. I know that I am a sinner, but I have faith  
that the Son of Man will save the world."

P:The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON “Spiritual Blindness”

Day

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
y fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
- read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
y hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
g as the sun, we've no less days to



am found; was blind, but now I see.  
ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
tion be as long as life en - dures.  
God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## ARTICLES' CREED

God, the Father almighty,  
r of heaven and earth.

Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

as conceived by the Holy Spirit,

f the virgin Mary,

nd under Pontius Pilate,

ucified, died, and was buried;

cended to the dead.

third day he rose again;

ended into heaven,

eated at the right hand of the Father,

will come to judge the living and the dead.

the Holy Spirit,

y catholic church,

mmunion of saints,

giveness of sins,

urrection of the body,

e life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need. (In silence.) God of the ages, as your church prepares the table for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restore the unity of those who gather in your name. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: You shed light on your creation. Let the changing seasons bring forth growth and new life from what is dormant and fallow. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Shine your light on the people of every nation. Let your reconciling love in places where fear and despair thrive (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusion; in hard times, bring healing to those in painful times, bring hope to those in trying times. (*We pray especially for*) Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and witness of your congregation. Help us to see your purpose clearly. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We remember and give thanks for those who have died in your love. You sustain you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine in our hearts and guide our paths. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all that we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through the name of our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~  
“All That Matters” by Colton Dixon