

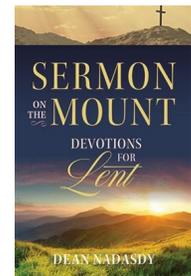


We pray for our shut-ins, college students, all military service men & women and their families, all homeless or unemployed, our friends and family, including: Aaron, Ace Family, Adam, Alyson & Jarrett, Audrey,

Aunt Bettie, Austin Wagner, Barry & Shelby, Barry Webster, Becky M., Bert, Beth, Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie C., Brad, Brayton, Brendon, Brett, Brian, Charlene, Cindy, Claudine, Connie, Cookie, Conquist family, Courtney, Darlene, Darrell, Debi, Denise, Diane, Dick, Dodi, Don, Don & Harriet, Don & Darlene, Doug,, Doug N., Duane Drye, Eloise, Emily & Mike, Emma, Eric, Ernie, Ethel, Evelyn, Family of Jerry Severson, Florence, Gail, Gary, Gavin, George, Heather, Heidi, Helen & Pastor Rick, Inez, Irene, Irene A., Jaleena, James, Jan, Janet, Janie, Jasmine, Jaymison, Jean, Jeff, Jered, Jen Blum, Jessica, John, John Buchko, Judy, Julie, June, Kathy, Kathy Mears, Kamyra, Kathern, Kayla, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, Kris, Larry, Linda, Linda G., Lori, Marion, Matt, Maureen, Maureen M., Melissa, Meri, Mike H., Mikey Murphy, Nancy, Nic, Olivia, Pat, Patti, Payton, Renee, Gary & Jackson McGuire, Rich, Robin, Roger, Eric, Robin & Violet Murphy, Ruthann, Ryan, Brynn & Ellis McGuire, Sandy, Sara Ostrum, Sarah, Shannon, Sharon, Shelly, Sheri, Steve, Sue, Susan, Susie, Tammy, Ted, Teresa, Terri, Terry, Tim, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony Sherman, Tracy, Vicki, Viola, Violet, Vivian, Zach, Zarah

MARCH

1 - Mason Rice-Devlin, 7 - Aubrey Miller & Hayden Gruenberg, 10 - Dennis Kelce, 16 - Aaron Miller, 17 - Jean Warn, 20 - Mike Murphy, 26 - Bailey Binder, 28 - Melissa Castro, 31 - Aly Hatch and Amber Miller



For your Lenten journey, Pastor has ordered a devotional booklet for every family. Entitled “Sermon on the Mount, Devotions for Lent,” the theme coordinates with our Wednesday evening worship series. We also have sticker books called “Jerusalem Journey” for children and Lenten key tags for adults.

An updated Shut-In information sheet is on the board. Please feel free to take one & send them a card & prayer!



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ
Second Sunday in Lent - March 17, 2019
 9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

C: Amen.

P: In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy. *(A brief silence.)* Gracious God,

C: we have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ, leading you from death into life.

C: Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



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



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



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



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

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

P: Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

C: Amen.



Are you thinking about your faith journey? Would you be willing to share your story? Pastor Rick will help you organize your thoughts for a Wednesday Lenten service.

EMPTY EASTER BASKET FOOD DRIVE

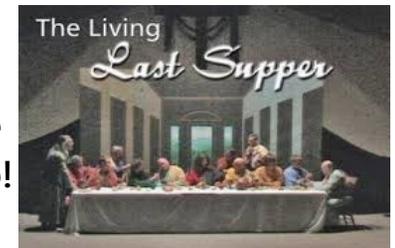
Our Food Drive will be for 4 weeks:
Sunday, March 10 - Sunday, April 7th.
Your donations will be taken to Caritas.
There is an envelope for cash donations, too.

We appreciate your generosity!
Thanks, Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway



The Out to Dinner Group will meet at 6:00 PM at the Belvidere Moose Lodge, 575 Beloit Rd., Belvidere, on Friday March 29th. Signup sheet is on bulletin board. Everyone is invited!
board. Must be signed up by Sunday March 24th.

Thursday, April 18 at 7pm
Living Last Supper Performance
Family & Friends are invited, too!



Easter Sunday, April 21
Pancake Breakfast at 8am followed by Worship at 9:30am




In Case of a Pastoral Need:
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Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church

**We are happy to have you worship with us today!
Join us in our Fellowship Room for a bite to eat & drink.**

COMMUNION ~ Receive your bread or gluten-free wafer, take a small cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light). Dispose of your cup in the receptacle on your way back to your seat.

OFFERING ~ If you are unable to attend worship, please make sure to catch up with your offering or mail it in. Thanks for being so faithful in giving generously to God's work at Faith Lutheran.

Financials Sunday, March 10 - Week #10

Attendance - 75

Weekly Offering Actual	\$2,450.50
Weekly Offering Budget	\$2,150.00
2019 YTD Actual Offering	\$22,788.15
2019 YTD Offering Needed	\$21,500.00

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey **Videographer - Helen Meier**
Computer Tech - Mike Banker **Reader - Nicole Blakeman**
Counters - Pat & Laurie Wicks **Fellowship - Brunsons**
Greeters - Mike & Cathy Murphy **Musician - Helen Meier**
Ushers - Doug Congdon & Bob Strasser
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier



PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!



- ◆ **Starting at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Room**
- ◆ **Followed with Lenten service at 6:30pm**
- ◆ **The sign up sheets are on the board.**
- ◆ **All are invited to attend.**
- ◆ **Church provides dinnerware, water & coffee, bread & butter, and crackers.**
- ◆ **March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10**
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - sign up!**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* God of the covenant,
C: 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.

Children's Church

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis, the 15th chapter

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." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But 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." He 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." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He 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." He 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. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On 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."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

3

A Responsive Reading From Psalm 27

R: The 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?

C: When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

R: Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

C: 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.

R: For 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.

C: 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.

R: Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: My heart speaks your message - "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

R: Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away - you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

C: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

R: Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

C: Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

R: This I believe - that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

C: Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!

*May faith ease every trouble, as you pray to God the Savior.
And may you be ever kissed with the blessing of his favor!*



Old Irish Blessing

4

CLOSING HYMN Lead On, O King Eternal!



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.



9

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

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

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.

~ COMMUNION ~

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who fills the creations with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17--4:1

A reading from Philippians, the 3rd chapter.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He 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. Yet 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.' Jerusalem, 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! See, 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.' ”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Jeruselems, Foxes and Hens”

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side,
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE CREED

I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God has given me and still preserves my body and soul: eyes, ears, and all limbs and senses; reason and all mental faculties.

In addition, God daily and abundantly provides shoes and clothing, food and drink, house and farm, spouse and children, fields, livestock, and all property - along with all the necessities and nourishment for this body and life. God protects me against all danger and shields and preserves me from all evil. And all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all! For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation. (*A brief silence.*) Compassionate God, call your people to stand firm as citizens of heaven. As we are humbled by your wondrous love, nurture such mercy in our hearts and ministries. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Display your faithfulness to creation in the changing of the seasons. Orchestrate the great song of praise that comes from rivers, birds, mountains, livestock, and wind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Drown out the terror in the world with acts of loving kindness and generosity. Release political leaders from pride and fear to act justly and to serve citizens. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rush to answer those who cry out to you in time of trial (*especially*). Give shelter to your vulnerable children, and cover them in the comfort of your mothering wings. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Grant solace to people who long to be parents, but have faced difficulty in bearing or adopting children. Build life-giving parent and child relationships for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Build up your holy community of saints through the work of bishops and missionaries. Spread your word through your people for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~
 “Trust in You” by Lauren Daigle