



Faith Lutheran Church

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ

**Wednesday,
March 13, 2019**

“SALT *and Light*”

OPENING HYMN *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” – Verse 1*

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Refrain *In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: You are the salt of the earth.

**C: Our Christianity flavors, enhances and
preserves your creation.**

P: You are the light of the world.

**C: Our light, sent and sustained by Christ,
cannot be hidden.**

P: You are the lamp that lights the house.

C: Our reflection of the light of Jesus drives away darkness.

P: Do good works that others may see

C: and give glory to the Father.

P: You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

C: May we never lose our flavor or dim the light.

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” – Verse 2

**Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me.**

Refrain In the cross, in the cross

be my glory ever;

***till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.***

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: We are created by God to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Too often we are neither. Forgive us, O Lord.

C: **Most merciful God, when we fail to salt the earth with your love, forgive us. When we fail to shine the light of your peace, forgive us. When we place the light of Christ under a basket, forgive us.**

When we hide Jesus, deny him, or cover up our Christianity, forgive us. We are sinful from birth and sin against you in thought, word, and deed. Our neighbors are too often shielded from your light because we are sinners. Forgive us of all of our sins and grant us your mercy.

P: Jesus is the true salt of the earth and the light of the world from all eternity. For you he hung on the cross on earth's darkest day, and rose again from the dead to shine the light of eternity. Therefore, I announce to you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” – Verse 3

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.**

***Refrain In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.***

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:6-14

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” – Verse 4

**Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.**

***Refrain In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.***

*Sharing
their faith
story:
Sue and
George
Brunson*



Prayers

P: Lord Jesus, you are the salt of the earth. So flavor this world with your love and forgiveness that presidents, kings, and princes would act justly and love mercy and, as a result, see to it that all people would have the opportunity to hear about and experience your grace. In your mercy,

C: make us to be salt and light.

P: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world. You shine your light through your Church and have called and created us to be living examples and loving people. Forgive us when we fail to shine the light of your love. Then shine your light in us and through us that everyone we meet would see your glory, In your mercy,

C: make us to be salt and light.

P: Lord Jesus, you are the lamp that lights the house. Bring you light into all of our households that mothers, fathers, children and all family members live in love and harmony. Make our home the places where your salt and light are passed on from one generation to the next. In your mercy,

C: make us to be salt and light.

P: Lord Jesus, you do all things well. When we are ill, you are the one who has the ability to make us well. Lay your healing hand on all who are hospitalized, suffering from chronic illness or nearing the end of earthly life. Make them well in your own way and according to your good pleasure. In your mercy,

C: make us to be salt and light.

P: Into your hands, Lord Jesus, we place all of our needs, knowing that you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

C: Amen.

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.

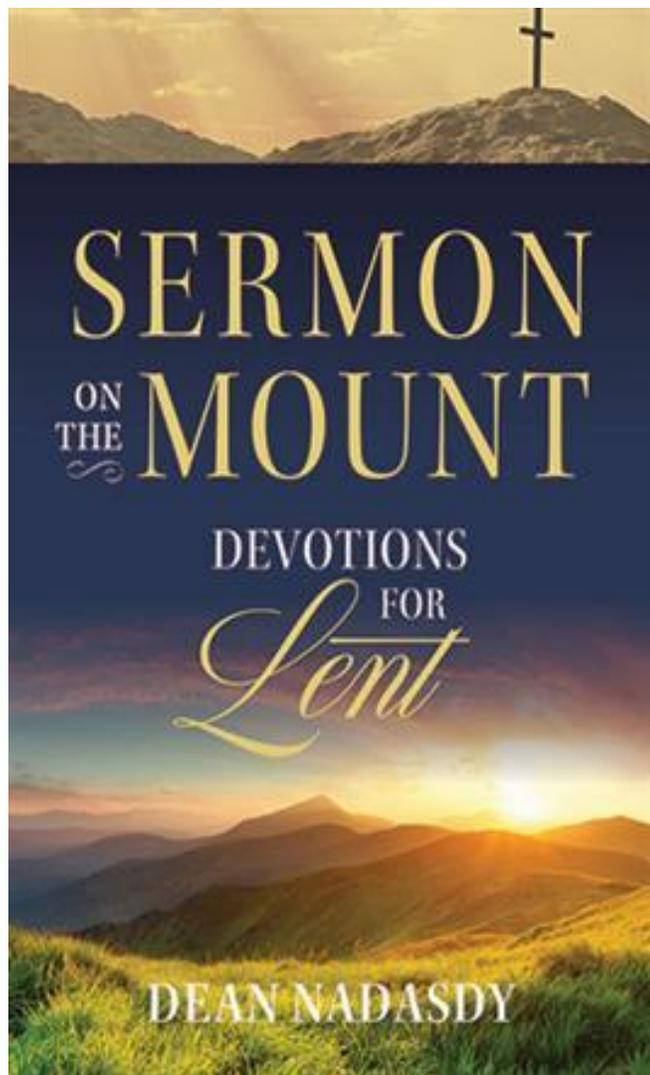
CLOSING HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine”

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**



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.





















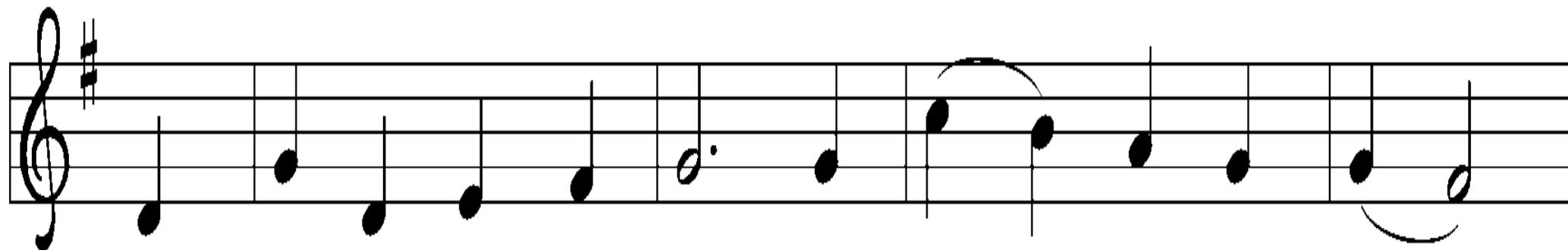








Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



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

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**