Faith Lutheran Church



THEIR APOSTASY;

I will love

THEM FREELY, FOR MY ANGER HAS TURNED FROM THEM.



February 23rd 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 103:1-13

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive

Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, "*do not go on sinning*" (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as "*sons of the Most High*," and "*be merciful, even as your Father is merciful*" (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also "love your enemies, *do good*" (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but "*to preserve life*." So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with "you and your children and your children's children" (Gen. 45:5–10).

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

#464:1-4 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

 p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

- all Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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p Let us pray... Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Genesis 45:3-15 ³ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. ⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ "For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 "And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸ "So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. ⁹ "Hurry and go up to my father, and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph: "God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not tarry. ¹⁰ "You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ "There I will provide for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for *there are* still five years of famine."' ¹² "And behold, your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ "So you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen; and you shall hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his neck. ¹⁵ Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

I Corinthians 15:21-26,30-42 ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. . . ³⁰ And why do we stand in jeopardy

every hour? ³¹ I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. ³² If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die¹!" ³³ Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." ³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame. ³⁵ But someone will say, "How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?" ³⁶ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain-- perhaps wheat or some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body. ³⁹ All flesh is not the same flesh, but *there is* one *kind of* flesh¹ of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. ⁴⁰ There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from *another* star in glory. ⁴² So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#361:1-3 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

SERMON

Luke 6:27-38 ²⁷ "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ "bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.²⁹ "To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ "Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. ³¹ "And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. ³² "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ "And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. ³⁵ "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. ³⁶ "Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. ³⁷ "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

AN IMPOSSIBLE LOVE MADE REAL





#134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then , the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:





p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

> In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!





THE DISTRIBUTION

(Distribution Hymn 755)

We invite all those who have registered with the pastor before the service to come forward and receive with us the Lord's Supper. Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal.





p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#451 Stand up! - Stand Up for Jesus

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

9am Communion Service 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Bible Class

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

3:45 Confirmation 5 pm Student Dinner

SUNDAY MARCH 2

9am Worship Service 10 am Sunday School 10:15 am Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$2163 Missions - \$ 250 CLC – Edu - 25 Sunday Service - 70 Bible Class - 13 Sunday School - 12

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Gary Brown, Andy Kohn, Tim Gabrielski, David Draeger

USHERS FOR MARCH

Greg Jones, Russ Brown, Drew Muehlenhaupt, Kade Muehlenhaupt

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 4 Robbin Whitehouse, Dale Muehlenhaupt

Next Week Team # 1 Dale Muehlenhaupt,

Robbin Whitehouse

STUDENT DINNER

The Faith students in grades 3-8 are preparing and hosting a dinner on Wednesday, February 26th from 5-630. The students in grades K-2 will be performing a short skit during the dinner as well. Please RSVP before 2/21 by texting Rebecca or Jessica. Their numbers are on the back of the bulletin.

ROUND ROBIN HELP

March 8th is the Round Robin. Anyone willing to help with refereeing, scoreboard, etc., please reach out to Ryan Krueger.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Deut. 34:1–12 Psalm 99 Heb. 3:1–6 Luke 9:28–36

CALL NEWS

Pastor Cory Drehle of Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Sam Naumann of Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.

Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN, has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN, to serve as their pastor along with his current call.



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