

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Susan Roegge – “Make Me a Servant,” arr. by Laura Bergquist

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of 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 of one another.

Silence

P: 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 neighbors 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 ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Now Is the Time”

(piano)

Refrain: Come to us, you who say, “I will not forget you.”

Be with us, you who say, “Do not be afraid.”

Take hold of us, our hearts, our minds, our whole being.

Make us you own, now is the time.

1. **Spirit of love, crush the pain of hatred. Spirit of hope, stand before our eyes.**
Spirit of light, dance within our darkness.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain
2. **Spirit of peace, silence tongues of anger. Spirit of life, break the chains of death.**
Spirit of joy, overcome our sadness.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain
3. **Spirit of faith, rise above our doubting. Spirit of truth, save us from our lies.**
Spirit of God, walk among your people.
Make us you own, now is the time. Refrain

**Greeting*

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.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Holy God,

Jesus washed the disciples’ feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ’s Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children’s Sermon

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain**
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Refrain

WORD

Reading: Psalm 51:7-12

Reader: Mike Fenner

- ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 13:1-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved

them to the end. ²The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" ELW 712 *(organ)*

- 1 **Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.**
- 2 **Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**
- 3 **As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

- 4 **Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

Sermon: “Jesus Washes Feet”

Song of the Day – “Will You Let Me be Your Servant” ELW 659 (organ)

- 1 **Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**
- 2 **We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3 **I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 **I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5 **Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“Oh, How He Loves You and Me,” arr. Kurt Kaiser
Faith Singers

*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are
communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

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 to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke
it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do
this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This
cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen**

**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 Songs

“Be Like You” *(piano)*

**1. Teach me to love, teach me to serve. Teach me to tell of the truth of Your Word.
Help me be weak, help me be strong, to love what is right and to hate what is wrong.**

I know that I have a long way to go until I'm made pure and true.

But, 'til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

**2. Teach me to trust, teach me to pray. Teach me to walk in the faith to obey.
Help me be meek, help me be bold. Help me to serve both the young and the old.**

I know that I have a long way to go until I'm made pure and true.

But, 'til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

**To be a friend of compassion, a servant with passion, a lover of Your dear bride.
To be filled with conviction, a part of Your mission, a servant of Christ who died.**

**3. Teach me to stand, teach me to fall, down on my knees in response to Your call.
Help me to die, help me to live. Help me to share the true love that You give.**

I know that I have a long way to go until I'm made pure and true.

But, 'til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

But, 'til that day, this Lord I pray, help me to be like You.

*Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

- 1 **Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain***
- 2 **Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain***
- 3 **These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain***
- 4 **Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

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.**

**Sending Song – “Make Me an Instrument”*

(piano)

*Refrain: Make me an instrument of your love; let me be a channel from above;
Make me an instrument of your love, an instrument of your love.*

1. **When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh, let me be there.
When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there. *Refrain***
2. **When someone is hungry, when someone is cold,
let me be there, oh, let me be there.
When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there. *Refrain***

3. **If someone should wonder, is God still alive, let me be there, oh, let me be there.**
If someone should wonder, does God really care, let me be there. *Refrain*

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, March 1, 9:30am: Worship

11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Wednesday, March 4, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

6:00pm: Mission Meal in the Great Room

7:00pm: Lenten Service

Saturday, March 7, 8:00am: Cooking for

9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 8, 9:30am: Worship

11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Wednesday, March 11, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

6:00pm: Mission Meal in the Great Room

7:00pm: Lenten Service

Thursday, March 12, 1:00pm: Discipleship Core Team

3:00pm: Outreach Core Team

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

During the month of March, Faith's Little Flock will continue our Lenten journey as we learn about the final days of Jesus' ministry and His great love for us. Through stories from the Gospel of John, the children will explore important moments that help us understand why Easter is such a joyful celebration.

Each week includes simple Bible lessons, coloring pages, snacks, and activities that help the children understand these important stories in a meaningful and age-appropriate way. Please keep Faith's Little Flock in your prayers as we prepare our Hearts for the joy of Easter. Blessings, *Melissa*

Contribution Envelopes for 2026 are available in the gathering area. If you don't see a box with your name on it, please talk to Kris Roth, Barb Davenport, or Pam Devlin.

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library** (this new group takes the place of the Discipleship Group). We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Area. People should read assigned daily readings from The Bible Recap so that we can discuss what we read.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts. jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

Post-Service Discussions after Worship

After the service, grab some refreshments and join us in the Justice Room to further encounter the readings – and the sermon. *Naomi Hahn*

Bible Boot Camp and Faith Inkubators

Pastor Adam is available to lead gatherings on March 15 & 22, & April 12 & 19. If others would like to help provide a meal or lead a fun activity, please contact Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, or Celeste Hill on our Discipleship Core Team or **sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area**. Our typical schedule is for Bible Boot Camp from 4:30-5:30, a meal for 15 people from 5:30-6:00, and Faith Inkubators from 6:00-7:30.

Lenten Midweek Worship Schedule

Our remaining schedule for midweek worship services this year –

March 4, 11, 18, & 25

Outreach Meal at 6:00 p.m.

Midweek Worship in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Midweek Worship: “Be Still and Know”

Do you ever need to put on the brakes after a busy day? Do you need a time in the middle of the week to reorient your focus? Join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 for our Lenten midweek worship services under the theme, "Be still and know." Psalm 46 reminds us that

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Our worship will follow Holden Evening Prayer, a beautiful sung liturgy, with scripture and time to pray, reflect, be still, and know that God is God.

Midweek Supper and Worship with “Outreach Meals”

Our Lenten tradition continues with Wednesday night meals and worship, and we will again provide Mission Meals. The meals will not be pot-luck style but will be a provided meal with a free-will offering. Join us for these wonderful outreach meals at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, and all are invited to chip in and help with clean up in the kitchen. Worship will start at 7:00 to make time for all to be ready after the meal.

March 4 – Men’s Breakfast Group supports the Jacksonville Food Center

March 11 - Liddy Stark and friends support Spirit of Faith Soup Kitchen

March 18 - HUGS Team supports their ministry with the children in Uganda

March 25 - Hillary Waddle and friends support PAWS

Fairly-Traded Coffee/Tea

Check out the coffee display from Equal Exchange. Simply select the product(s) you would like to purchase, and place the money in the container provided by the display (**\$9.00** regular & decaf; **\$3.00** tea). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

Prayer and Meditation

Prayer and meditation are ways that we invite God into our lives and into those for whom we pray. The health challenges facing Marilyn Dichsen have focused our congregation's attention on the importance of prayers for healing cancer in a gifted young woman. Marilyn's challenges have also brought to our attention all who are struggling with physical and mental health issues. Faith members are encouraged to pray for all who are in need wherever you might find yourself. The church sanctuary is open during regular church office hours (Tuesday-Friday, 9:00-1:00) for members to stop by and spend quiet time praying for Marilyn, her family, and all those who are in need of prayer. A prayer book is available at the back of the sanctuary by the tech station, along with the names of those who have been included in worship prayers and our prayer chain. Please sign your name and record your prayers or words of encouragement, if you so desire.