

# Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Installation of 2023 Church Council*

*New Member Welcome*

*We welcome into our Faith Family today  
Donna Bradley, Donna Chenoweth, and Carol Freesen*

## GATHERING

*\*Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Jesus came both to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Our readings throughout Lent confront us with challenging teachings, reminding us of our sin and need for God's forgiveness. Together, let us come before God, confessing our sin and resting in the gift that is God's grace.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Sharing of the 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.*

*Gathering Song – “Be Still for the Presence of the Lord”*

1. **Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.**
2. **Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**
3. **Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

*\*Kyrie*

*ELW Setting 8, page 184*

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

*Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.



*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## WORD

\**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 20:1-16

Readers: Kelly Hartz & Pastor Adam

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Taizé Song*— "Our Eyes Are Turned"

**Our eyes are turned to the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Our eyes are turned to the Lord God, our Savior.**

*Sermon* — "Lessons Learned: Generosity"

*Song of the Day* – “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” ELW 818

- 1 **O Master, let me walk with you in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
- 2 **Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**
- 3 **Teach me your patience; share with me a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,**
- 4 **In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give; with you, O Master, let me live.**

*\*The Apostles' Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

*Stewardship Time*

*"Quiet Reflection," by Jason W. Krug  
Exaltation Ringers*

*–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–*

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion are gifts of God's grace to claim and sustain us in our lives as disciples of Jesus. Baptism proclaims our identity, that we are beloved children of God, called to love God and our neighbors. Holy Communion

reconnects us to the Body of Christ and nurtures our lives of faith with forgiveness and life.

**C: We give thanks to God as we receive this gift of grace anew today.**

*\*Great Thanksgiving*

*ELW Setting 8, page 190*

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*\*Words of Institution*

P: 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.

*\*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*

"By Your Hand, You Feed Your People" ELW 469

1. **By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:**

*Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken, cup o'erflowing, life outpoured,  
Given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.*

2. **In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs. Refrain**
3. **Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying, we become what we receive: Refrain**

"Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**



- 3 **Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

*\*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

*–Sending our Servants to Uganda in Prayer–*

*\*Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you  
and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C: **Amen.**

*\*Sending Song – “Christ, Be Our Light” ELW 715, vv. 1, 2, & 5*

1. **Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. **Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. Refrain**
5. **Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. Refrain**

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert  
Greeters: Kay & Sharon Woodworth  
Reader: Kelly Hartz  
Ushers: Char & Paul Hubbard  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Musician: Jean Welch  
Drummer: John Demien  
Financial Assistants: Mindy Carlson & Greg Kimler  
Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe  
Coffee Host: Barb Davenport



### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street
Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot

### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street

## Song Credits

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## What’s Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, March 5, 9:30am: Installation of 2023 Church Council  
10:45am: Choir Rehearsal  
Monday, March 6, 12pm: Potluck  
12:30pm: Movie: “The Robe”  
Wednesday, March 8, 7-8am: Men’s Prayer Group  
6:00pm: Lenten Soup Potluck  
6:45pm: Lenten Service  
Sunday, March 12, 10:45am: Ringer Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10am: Discipleship Group  
6:00pm: Lenten Soup Potluck  
6:45pm: Lenten Service

## News Updates

### Prayer Partners

As Pastor Adam, Benen Dichsen, Melissa and Kelly Street, Patty Nelson, and Kevin Krohe prepare for their trip to Uganda, we are looking for helpers to cover them in prayer. Retired pastor Glen VanderKloot will be coordinating a group of volunteers to pray for each of them, multiple times each day, for the duration of their trip. He will provide five short prayers that can be used to help. If you would like to participate, please contact Glen at [pastor@faithlutheran.com](mailto:pastor@faithlutheran.com) or sign up at the Coffee Bar.

### Lenten Midweek Supper and Worship Services: "Open My Life, Lord"

It's time for Lenten midweek soup and worship! Suppers are potluck style. Come at 6:00 in the Great Room, and bring a dish to share. If your day is busy, come and eat, knowing that the gift you bring is yourself! Worship begins at 6:45 and will follow the Holden Evening Prayer format. Our theme is "Open My Life, Lord" as each week looks at a different way God opens us to deeper faith. The "body prayer" engages our whole bodies and a Taizé song draws us deeper into prayerful meditation. You won't want to miss these wonderful opportunities for fellowship and worship as we gather together as the body of Christ!

During our Midweek Worship Services, we will explore the following themes:

Week 2: "Open My Hands, Lord" - How are our hands used in service to others?

Week 3: "Open My Ears, Lord" - How can we grow from hearing to listening?

Week 4: "Open My Heart, Lord" - How can an open heart increase our willingness and trust?

Week 5: "Open My Life, Lord" - It is no longer we who live, but Christ who lives in us!

### Music Rehearsal Time Changes

Our Exaltation Ringers and Chancel Choir are trying out a new rehearsal schedule to encourage more to be a part of the music program here at Faith.

**Chancel Choir will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays;**

**Exaltation Ringers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays; all from 10:45-11:15am**

I hope to see you on Sunday mornings for rehearsal at 10:45am in the sanctuary!

Jean Welch, *Director of Music*

## **Financial Statements**

2022 Financial Statements are available at the tall table outside of the office at church. If there is no envelope with your name on it, please let Pam Devlin know or contact the church office.

## **Faith Telephone Directory**

A new Faith Directory is available in the gathering area on the Coffee Sales counter by the Mission & Ministry Center for all to take home (1 per household, please).

## **Free Spring Concert to Support Green Pastures**

The popular Christian quartet TWO BY TWO and K's Creek Golf Club are hosting a Free Spring Concert on **Sunday, March 19 at 6:00pm** at K's Creek, 1265 Sandusky Rd. in Jacksonville. Featured performers will be TWO BY TWO, Hope Cherry, The Benz Trio, Roger Wainwright, Rod Nicholson, and John Love. There is no cost to attend – free-will donations to benefit Green Pastures Christian Retreat Center will be gratefully accepted. For more information, call 217-473-4735.

## **Contribution Envelopes for 2023**

will be available soon in the gathering area — the printing has been delayed, but the company will get them to us as soon as they can. After they come in, if you don't see a box with your name on it, please mention this to Barb Davenport, Pam Devlin, or Kris Roth. We will happily provide you with a box. If you would like to register for our easy, **automatic online giving service**, contact the church office. There are no fees, and it saves you from remembering to write that weekly check!

## **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!*

## **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 (**\$6.50** regular; **\$7.50** decaf & flavored; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate—milk & dark; **\$5.50** coffee pods). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.