

# First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude by Sandi Watts, organist*

## GATHERING

*\*Call to Worship and Confession*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence for Reflection and Confession*

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 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.**

\**Lenten Call to Worship* – sung to the tune of “What Wondrous Love is This” (ELW 666)  
(piano)

**All praise to God above who created the world.  
Praise to the one who made all things good.  
All praise to Jesus Christ who gave for us his life.  
All praise the Holy Spirit who calls us to love.  
All praise the Holy Three in one.**

\**Greeting and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray ...

**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*

*Hymn of Praise* – “Take My Life. That I May Be” ELW 583, vv. 1-2 (piano)

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1. **Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**

2. **Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**

## WORD

*Reading:* Psalm 19:7-10

Reader: Liddy Stark

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup>the precepts of the LORD are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is pure,  
enduring for ever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.

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

*\*Gospel Reading:* Mark 10:17-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother."' <sup>20</sup>He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

*Song* –“Take My Life, That I May Be” ELW 583, vv. 3-4 (piano)

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**3. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Refrain**

**4. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain**

*Sermon:* "Earning or Receiving"

*Song of the Day* – “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” ELW 696 (organ)

- 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me":**
- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.**
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."**

- 4 **In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."**
- 5 **Jesus calls us! By your mercy, Savior, may we hear your call, give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.**

*\*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*

"There Is a Redeemer"  
*Sung by the Faith Singers*

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

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

*\*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.**

*\*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*

“Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord”

*(piano)*

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.**

“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.**

*\*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 make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

- 1 **O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 **Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 **Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**
- 4 **O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

\**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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## Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Karen Sibert  
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Coffee Hosts: Verla Buckner & Laura Sweatman



### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot
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### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kelly Street
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## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, February 18, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

### Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group

10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Library

6:00pm: Lenten Potluck Supper

6:45pm: Lenten Worship & Workshop in the Great Room

Sunday, February 25, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

11:15am: Worship Core Team

Wednesday, February 28, 7:00am: Men's Prayer Group  
6:00pm: Lenten Potluck Supper  
6:45pm: Lenten Worship & Workshop in the Great Room

Saturday, March 2, 8:00am: Cooking for Men's Breakfast at 9:00am

## News Updates

### Sunday School

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

### Discipleship Group

Join our monthly discussion at **10:00am on Wednesday, February 21**, in the Faith Library. This month, we'll explore "foolishness," both God's and our own. For more information, please contact Kelly Hartz at (217) 502-1979 or by email at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

### Lenten Wednesday Workshops: "Grounded: Plugging into Faith"

Lent will look a little different this year with Pastor Adam on sabbatical, but please plan to join us for midweek Lenten evenings that will help us learn about ourselves as people of faith and of Faith, and to grow deeper in our relationships with God and each other. Plan to join us in the Great Room on **Wednesday evenings from February 21 through March 20** for a potluck meal beginning at 6:00pm followed by a time of learning and fellowship at 6:45pm, and take time this Lent to become Grounded in Faith. If you can bring soup or a side for the potluck, please sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coat closet.

*Monica Proefrock*

### Youth Group Help Wanted

One of the hats worn by Pastor Adam is youth leader. In his absence, we are looking for people willing to lead an event, host a meal, or lead a youth Sunday school class. If you are interested, please let Kelly Hartz know. We have a wonderful group of youth, and you would be blessed by your time with them!

**Contribution Envelopes for 2024** are available in the gathering area.

## **“Cars 2” at the Illinois Theater in Jacksonville**

On **Sunday, February 18 at 7:00pm**, junior high and high school students are invited to a special showing of Cars 2 at the Illinois Theater in Jacksonville. Admission is FREE and includes popcorn and drink. Contact Mariah Lomelino at 217-473-5559 with any questions and to secure you or your group’s reservation.

This movie is part of special events for youth sponsored by the Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches, Westfair Baptist Church, and the Illinois College Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Chaperons will be available from the Illinois College FCA during the event. A second movie event with a different film is scheduled for March 20. Stay tuned for more information. Invite friends, connected to church or not! It’s just an evening of fun for local junior high and high school students!

## **(Soup)er Bowl Food Drive**

Let’s help the Jacksonville Food Center tackle hunger! Beginning last Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday, we are collecting food items and will continue through February. Most needed items are **soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit**. Empty **egg cartons** are also very much needed. Please place your donations by the table under the working cross in the gathering area. Thank You! Talk to Pat Glyshaw or Lillian Korous for more information.

## **Crisis Center Foundation Supply Collection**

*Help those in crisis in the Jacksonville Area.* The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches and member churches are collecting much-needed items for the Crisis Center Foundation and their clients. The Crisis Center Foundation is a shelter for women, men, and their dependents looking to get away from their abusers while receiving the care and help they need to process their trauma while striving towards independence. Located in Jacksonville, IL, the facility is open 24/7 and provides a wide selection of services to help transition those in need to a safe and happy life. Trained staff is available on their 24-hour hotline at 217-243-4357 to discuss our services and to plan a path forward.

Needed items include:

Toiletries: Shampoo, Conditioner, Bath Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush/paste, Shaving Supplies, Combs/Brushes

Clothing: Socks - all sizes, Underwear - all sizes

Baby Items: Diapers, Pull-ups, Wipes, Lotion, Powder

Gift Cards: Walmart, Dollar General, Gas Station

Shelter Supplies: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kitchen Towels, Dish Cloths, Hot Pads, Storage Containers

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We are collecting these items **until March 24, 2024**; please place your donations in the blue box in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet) Thank You! Pick up a handy list of needed items on the counter by the coffee sales.

### **Music Rehearsals**

**Exaltation Ringers** rehearse on some Sundays after the service at 10:45am in the Choir Room. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

### **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; **\$3.00** tea; **\$2.50** chocolate bars; **\$5.50** hot chocolate). Checks should be made out to Faith Lutheran Church with “*coffee*” designated in the memo area.

### **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!*