



# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name**

## **Midweek Worship**

12 p.m., March 26, 2024



### **The Lord's Prayer**

Lent and Lenten worship call us to repent, to make a new beginning.  
One of the best ways to begin again with God is through conversation,  
also known as prayer.

And what better prayer than the one that Jesus taught us?

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

***Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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- Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation
- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

***Before today's service begins, you are welcome to approach any of the pastors to receive anointing for healing.***

## WELCOME

## WE STAND

### OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

**C: My Lord, fill it.**

P: I am weak in the faith;

**C: strengthen me.**

P: I am cold in love;

**C: warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

P: I do not have a strong and firm faith;

**C: at times, I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.**

P: O Lord, help me.

**C: Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

## GATHERING HYMN Our Father, God in Heaven Above ELW 746

*We sing together*



1 Our Fa - ther, God in heav'n a - bove, we pray, u - nit - ed  
 2 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; let ev - 'ry - one be  
 3 In time of tri - al, res - cue us. Let your word give suc -  
 4 A - men. Yes, yes, it shall be so! Build up our faith and



in your love: Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord,  
 clothed and fed. For - give our sins, as we for - give  
 cess to us when, on our left and on our right,  
 make it grow; be - set by doubt, help us be - lieve



in faith - ful - ness to keep your word. Your king - dom come; your  
 when oth - ers hurt us as we live. Help us to dwell in  
 temp - ta - tions chal - lenge us to fight. De - liv - er us from  
 what here we ask we shall re - ceive. So, by your prom - ise,



will be done on earth as there be - fore your throne.  
 har - mo - ny and serve each oth - er will - ing - ly.  
 e - vil's pow'r and com - fort us in life's last hour.  
 in your name, with loud A - men your Yes we claim!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abridged; tr. hymnal version  
 Music: VATER UNSER, V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539  
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## **GREETING**

P: God who created all, who bore the cross and who dwells in us, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## **THE READING: Matthew 6:9-15**

L: A Reading from Matthew.

<sup>9</sup>Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses,  
our heavenly Father will also forgive you;

<sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others,  
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for meditation*

## **MESSAGE**

The Lord's Prayer, Luther's Small Catechism

*WE STAND*



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt.  
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Let us make confession to God.

**C: Almighty God, merciful Father:**

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner,  
 confess to you all my sins and iniquities  
 with which I have offended you  
 and for which I justly  
 deserve your punishment.**

**But I am sorry for them,  
 and repent of them,**

**and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death  
 of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being;**

**forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit**

**for the amendment of my sinful life,**

**and bring me to life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit, he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.**

### **LUTHER'S BLESSING**

P: I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

**C: through Jesus Christ your dear Son,  
that you have graciously protected me today.**

**I ask you to forgive me all my sins,**

**where I have done wrong,**

**and graciously to protect me tonight.**

**Into your hands I commend myself:**

**my body, my soul, and all that is mine.**

**Let your holy angel be with me,**

**so that the wicked foe may have no power over me.**

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

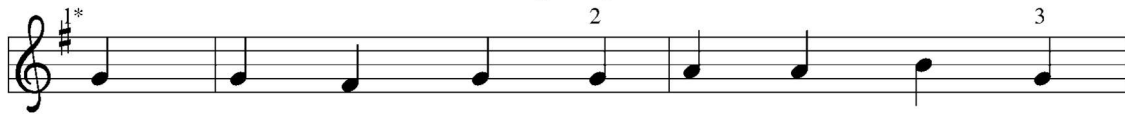
**and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: Receive a blessing. People of God, you have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer you who live, but it is Christ who lives in you. The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for  
 2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the  
 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread the  
 4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, and  
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



all the bless - ings of the light. Keep me, oh, keep me,  
 ill that I this day have done; that with the world, my -  
 grave as lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die, that  
 may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more  
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.  
 self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
 so I may rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.  
 vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake!  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
 Music: TALLIS' CANON, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

## TABLE PRAYER

**P:** Before enjoying the meal together, let's join in the common table prayer.

**C:** **Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest; and let Thy gifts to us be blessed. Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace, led by the cross of Christ.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

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*Please join us for lunch in fellowship hall.*



*There is an offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

## ***Our Journey Through Lent to Easter Continues***

### **Lenten Wednesdays: Today, and April 2 and 9**

Noon Midweek Lenten Worship followed by a common meal, sanctuary/fellowship hall

### **Palm Sunday/New Member Sunday, April 13**

8 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

5 p.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17**

7 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

### **Good Friday, April 18**

7 a.m. Multi-Denominational Stations of the Cross, park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave.; take a free trolley to the starting location

2 p.m. Stations of the Cross, sanctuary

7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship with choir, sanctuary

### **Holy Saturday, April 19**

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Part One, parking lot

### **Easter Sunday, April 20**

7 a.m. Easter Vigil Part Two, Memorial Garden

9 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt, fellowship hall and playground

10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

# ***Faith Lutheran Church***

## **Ministers**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. Larry Wright

## **Music Director**

Andi Zdrava

## **Greeters & Ushers**

Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz,  
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Greenwood

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Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson,  
Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson,  
Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan

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## **Pastor**

## **Assistant to the Pastor**

## **Retired Pastors in Residence**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Larry Wright  
Rev. John Hilficker  
Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. John Spittal

## **Interim Executive Assistant**

Linda Fewell

## **Congregational Council**

Ann Greenwood, president; Joan Searles, vice  
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