



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Midweek Worship**

12 p.m., March 19, 2024



### **The Creed**

How do we express belief? How do we share our faith?

The Creed, crafted in the early days of the church,  
gives us a simple but firm foundation for sharing and professing.

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.

## WELCOME

### WE STAND

#### OPENING DIALOGUE

P: We begin in the name of God.

**C: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

P: What does this mean, this belief?

**C: I believe that God has created me together with all that exists. God daily and abundantly provides for me.**

P: We confess that Jesus is Lord.

**C: He has redeemed and freed us so that we may belong to him.**

P: How is this possible when we are who we are?

**C: We believe because the Holy Spirit calls us.**

P: Called, gathered, enlightened and made holy, we praise God.

**C: This is most certainly true!**

#### GATHERING HYMN Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

*We sing together*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## **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. God of our salvation, you are the rock in whom we take refuge. Hear our cry, and make our way safe. Plant our feet on solid ground. Support us with your love shown to us through the cross of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## *WE SIT*

### **THE READING: Ezekiel 36:22-32**

L: A Reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>22</sup>Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup>Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup>I will save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. <sup>30</sup>I will make the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field abundant, so that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. <sup>31</sup>Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your dealings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominable deeds. <sup>32</sup>It is not for your sake that I will act, says the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and dismayed for your ways, O house of Israel.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for meditation*

## **MESSAGE**

Apostles' Creed, Luther's Small Catechism

*WE STAND*

## HYMN

## This I Believe: The Creed

*We sing together*

### *Verse 1*

Our Father everlasting,  
The all-creating One,  
God Almighty,  
Through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son,  
Jesus our Savior.

### *Chorus 1*

I believe in God our Father.  
I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
That we will rise again,  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

### *Verse 2*

Our judge and our defender  
Suffered and crucified,  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high.

### *Chorus 2*

I believe in life eternal.  
I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection  
when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

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## **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.**

#### *WE SIT*

*You may come forward to the altar for the laying on of hands and absolution. The pastor will say, "In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins."*

#### *WE STAND*

### **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.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

### **Restore in Us, O God**

**ELW 328**

*We sing together*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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## **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.*



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

### **Lenten Wednesdays: March 19 and 26, 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,  
Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,  
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Jane Sanks, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

## **Media Team**

Kelly Ashlock, Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell,  
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Greenwood

## **Altar Guild**

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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