

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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“Moving forward in faith by providing spiritual and physical nourishment to all God’s people.”

You deliver your people from their distress. (Ps. 107:19)

****Indicates to please stand as you are able***

GATHERING SONGS

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day every tongue will confess
You are God.
One day every knee will bow,
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those whom God has chosen now.

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship;
Come, just as you are before your God
Come.

(Brian Doerksen, c. 1998 Vineyard Songs. #846627)

“My Life is in You, Lord”

My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, it’s in You.

My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, it's in You.

I will praise You
With all of my life.
I will praise You
With all of my strength.
With all of my life,
With all of my strength,
All of my hope is in You.

My life is in You, Lord.
My strength is in You, Lord,
My hope is in You, Lord
In You, it's in You.

My life is in You, Lord,
My strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord,
In You, it's in You, in You.
(Daniel Gardner, c. 1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music. #846627)

"Grace Alone"

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make
Is only by His grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind
Is only by His grace.

CHORUS: Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,

Everywhere we share His peace
Is only by His grace.
Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise
Is only by His grace.

CHORUS: Grace alone which God supplies
Strength unknown He will provide.
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

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(Scott Brown and Jeff Nelson, c.1998 Maranatha Music. #846627)

PRELUDE

BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***OPENING HYMN “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.**

**Tw’as grace that taught my heart to fear;
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**REFRAIN: My chains are gone
I’ve been set free;
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

**REFRAIN: My chains are gone
I've been set free;
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

John Newton (stanzas), refrain Christ Tomlin and Louie Giglio, c.2006 worship together.com
Songs. #846627

GREETING p.203

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

PSALM (sung) "God is So Good To Us (Psalm 107)"

**REFRAIN: God is so good to us,
His love endures forever.
Give thanks unto Your God
For His redeeming grace.
God is so good to us,
His love endures forever.
Give thanks unto Your God
For all that God has done.**

**Hungry, thirsty, lost and alone
Know that God hears your cry.
Remember the desert,
When Israel lost hope:
Water sprang forth,
Manna fell from the sky.**

**REFRAIN: God is so good to us,
His love endures forever.
Give thanks unto Your God
For His redeeming grace.
God is so good to us,
His love endures forever.
Give thanks unto Your God
For all that God has done.**

**Chained in suffering,
Far from our God;
Oft we stray into sin.
But as we confess,
God lifts out distress,
Heals our afflictions,
Sets us free again!**

**REFRAIN: God is so good to us,
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Give thanks unto Your God
For His redeeming grace.**

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Give thanks unto Your God
For all that God has done.**

(Stephen Pearson, c.1998 Used with permission)

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:1-10

***GOSPEL:** John 3:14-21

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF DAY "Lead Me, Guide Me" #768**

Chorus

**Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.**

Verse 1

**I am weak and I need Thy strength and power,
To help me over my weakest hour.
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.**

Chorus

**Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.**

Verse 2

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee:
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.**

Chorus

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Verse 3

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord just always let me thy servant be,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Chorus

Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

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The family gathers at the front during the singing of hymn of the day

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERING

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING p.206-207**

***PREFACE**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen**

SONGS OF DISTRIBUTION

“Jesus, Lamb of God” (2x)

Jesus, lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

(Text: c. 1980 John Ylvisaker; Music: P.D. Used with permission)

“Here is Bread” #483

Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine

Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us

Break The Bread, Drink The Wine

Christ Is With Us Here

Refrain

In This Bread There Is Healing

In This Cup Is Life Forever

In This Moment, By The Spirit

Christ Is With Us Here

Here Is Grace, Here Is Peace

Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us

Know His Grace, Find His Peace

Feast On Jesus Here

Refrain

In This Bread There Is Healing

In This Cup Is Life Forever

In This Moment, By The Spirit

Christ Is With Us Here

Here We Are, Joined In One
Christ Is With Us, He Is With Us
We'll Proclaim, Till He Comes
Jesus Crucified
Refrain
In This Bread There Is Healing
In This Cup Is Life Forever
In This Moment, By The Spirit
Christ Is With Us Here

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #759

1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN “Drawn to the Light” #593 v.1

1 People who walk in darkness have sought
a light in the heart of the darkest night.
Just when we thought all would be lost,
we were drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night,
drawn to the light and the morning.
Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight
to be drawn to the light of God.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

****HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK****

Sunday, March 14

9am Worship Service

Monday, March 15

7pm AA / AL Anon

Wednesday, March 18

9am Hot Muffins

3:30pm Joyful Noise Choirs

6pm Faith Ringers

7pm **Lenten** Worship Service

Sunday, March 21

9am Worship Service

March 3

Church Attendance: 75

Church Offering: \$ 70.00

March 7

Church Attendance: 112

Church Offering: \$ 3,945.00

Online Offering: \$ 815.00

SS Attendance: n/a

SS Offering: \$0

March Income: \$ 8,829.64

March Expenses: \$ 2,135.14
\$ 6,694.50

YTD Income: \$ 49,540.49

YTD Expenses: \$ 49,092.96
\$447.53

Received into Holy Baptism today are ***Ella Jean & Riley John Bornhorst***, daughter & son of Chavis Bornhorst & Cassandra Rust. Their sponsors are Brittany & Wyatt Hanson and Brandon & Jordan Bornhorst.



Today's Worship Assistants

Worship Leader: Pastor Ron Nichols

Music Director: Linda Anderson

Office Manager: Jessica Borstad

Reader: Contemporary

Video/Audio: Tech Team

Usher Team: 1

Acolytes: Aspen Bendel & Zoey Cruz

Communion: Jodi Kallhoff, Bob Glomstad, Angie Shelstad



Readings for March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week. Contact the church office at 598-3630 to add or remove a person.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: Ken Beyer, Lil Lyng, Gayle Weber, Betty Peterson, Ron Redepenning, Dale Olson, Annabell Engebretson, Don Husby, Iona Monson, Doris Kittleson, Doris Storlien, and Ramona Niven.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Dave Ludvigson, Alice Johnson, Skip Blahosky, Harper Lucas, Sue Skoien, Peggy Lund, Gary McFarland, Marlene Johnson, Paul Engesmoe, Helen Haverberg, and Jerry Osteraas.

- ♦ The Worship Committee will be available after worship services today, March 14th, and 21st selling flowers for Easter Sunday in the Narthex. We will pick them up and deliver them to church for you. You will be able to take your flowers home after Easter Services.
- ♦ The Prayer Vigil sign-up sheet is in the Narthex and online on our web page.
- ♦ Seeking applicants for **Coordinator of Education** and youth activities within the church. Salary Position. Deep love of children, computer skills, and leadership skills with children and adult volunteers preferred. Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office for job description and to leave resume. 320-598-3630
- ♦ We wanted to extend a request out to you in hopes you may be able to help us reach anyone in our area who is 65 years of age or older who has not received a COVID vaccine. We realize there may be individuals who are maybe home bound or do not have internet or access to some of the social media outlets that are often used to communicate information and want to make sure they are getting this important information. If you have a way to reach out to your church members and friends who are 65+ to make sure they know they can receive the vaccine, that would be wonderful. If there is anyone interested, please encourage them to call the intake line at 1-800-657-3291, ext. 233.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ Don't forget that you can listen to the Sunday service on KLQP 92.1 @ 11:30AM or watch it on Channel 8 @ 3:30PM. You may also view ALL past and present services on our website: www.faithlutheranmadison.org and our Facebook page.

As vaccine eligibility increases, Countryside Public Health encourages you to check the tier levels and make an appointment when they are available.

Phase 1B Tier 1:

- 65+
- Healthcare, childcare, school employees, and caregivers

Phase 1b Tier 2 populations, including:


- Minnesotans with specific underlying health conditions: Sickle cell disease, Down syndrome, those in cancer treatment or immunocompromised from organ transplant, oxygen-dependent chronic lung and heart conditions (COPD & CHF)
- Targeted essential workers: Food processing plant workers
- Minnesotans with rare conditions or disabilities that put them at higher risk of severe illness

Phase 1b Tier 3 populations, including:





- Minnesotans age 45 years and older with one or more underlying medical conditions identified by the CDC
- Minnesotans age 16 years and older with two or more underlying medical conditions
- Minnesotans age 50 years and older in multi-generational housing
- Essential frontline workers: agricultural, airport staff, additional child care workers not previously eligible, correctional settings, first responders, food production, food retail, food service, judicial system workers, manufacturing, public health workers, public transit, and U.S. Postal Service workers

Please continue to seek vaccination availability through:

- Healthcare Provider
- Local Pharmacies
- Vaccine Connector
<https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/connector/connector.jsp>
- Countryside Public Health
<https://www.countrysidepublichealth.org/covid-19-wait-list>
- ♦ The Do Day Quilters are in need of fabric for making quilts. Please drop any donations off at the church office. They will be greatly appreciated.



For God
so loved
the world that
He gave His one
and only Son
that whoever
BELIEVES
in Him shall not perish
but have **ETERNAL**
LIFE.



John 3:16