

*First Sunday in Lent*  
*February 26th, 2023*



*Faith Lutheran Church LCMS*

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It is our honor at Faith Lutheran Church to welcome all who join with us for worship. It is our prayer that the Lord would richly bless our worship together. If you are looking for a church home in the Lecanto area, we invite you to speak to our Pastor regarding membership at Faith Lutheran Church.

✠ *Service of Prayer and Preaching* ✠ p. 260ff.

**OPENING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is our God

**#657**

**Service of the Word**



(please stand)

**OPENING VERSICLES** Pastor / Congregation

*P: This is the day which the Lord has made;*

**C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,*

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

*P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;*

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

*P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.*

**C: Teach me Your paths.**

*P: Sanctify us in Your truth.*

**C: Your Word is truth.**

*P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,*

**C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

## REFRAIN



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,  
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -  
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

## REFRAIN



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done  
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the  
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -  
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the  
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

## REFRAIN



## REFRAIN

(please be seated)

## OLD TESTAMENT

## Genesis 3:1–21

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that

you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." <sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

## **Romans 5:12–19**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

<sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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

(please stand)

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 4:1–11**

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter .*

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'  
and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.”

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Glory be to You, O Lord.**

## **RESPONSORY**

*P: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.*

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

*P: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.*

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on

the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

## SERMON HYMN

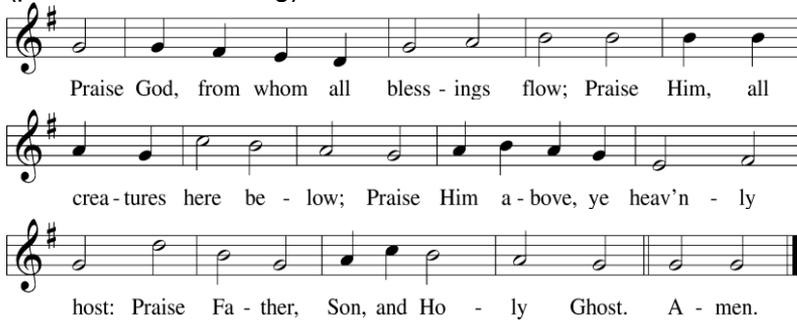
(Insert) Wonderful Merciful Saviour

## SERMON

Where Are You?

## OFFERING

(please rise and sing).



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## PRAYER

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: For ...let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **THE 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.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray.*

*O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **MORNING PRAYER**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

**Amen.**

## **MORNING SONG OF PRAISE**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

*P: Let us bless the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

*P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.*

**C: Amen.**

(please be seated)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## CLOSING HYMN

### IN SERVICE THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY



6:00 p.m. Don Hunt  
George Cooper



6:00 p.m. Alan Benner

9:30 a.m. Bill Moeller  
Sylvia Decker, Betty Marquette  
Marlene Nordquist

9:30 a.m. Chuck Davey



Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Candy Lott  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Gloria Schultz



Alena Fakhari  
Maxine Croggle



Edward Sarmiento, Don Mueller

Attendance: Feb 18th=36    Feb 19th =105    Total= 141

**Happy  
Birthday!**

Rachel Patterson

# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## February 27th through March 5th, 2023

Monday	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 P.M.	Bells
Wednesday	10:30 A.M.	Ladies of Faith
	2:00 P.M.	Confirmation
	3:00 P.M.	The Chosen Episode 2
	5:00 P.M.	Midweek Lent Service
Thursday	7:30 A.M.	Workday
	3:00 P.M.	Choir
Friday	9:00 A.M.	Stitch & Tie
Saturday	6:00 P.M.	Worship
Sunday	9:30 A.M.	HC Worship



Ladies of Faith will meet at 10:30 am, Wednesday , March 1.

All ladies who attend Faith Lutheran Church are invited to partake in all meetings, projects and events.

### Notes From Pastor Griffin

- Our overall sermon series theme on our Lenten weekends is "Questions of Lent."
- Today's sermon theme is based on Genesis 3:1-21, "Where Are You?"

1. What do we learn about the strategies of Satan as he tries to lead us into temptation?
  2. What do we learn about the strategies of God, as He comes looking for lost sinners?
  3. What do we learn about our life together in this fallen world?
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class** will be discussing Chapters 11-16 of Greg Finke's book, "Joining Jesus on His Mission." All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 for coffee and snacks, and at 11 for Bible discussion.
  - **Anyone wishing to have an elder pray with them**, please meet at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service. Thanks, Dave Hass.
  - **Mortgage Debt Retirement:** The Church Council is pleased to announce that we have set a goal to retire our church mortgage by Easter (April 9). At present, we owe approximately \$80,000. All donations marked for "Debt Reduction" will be matched by our treasury, dollar for dollar, up to \$40,000. As of February 20, \$15,684 has been donated.
  - **Our Call Committee** was recently appointed by our Church Council and includes Dale Schluckbier, Ann Panas, Melissa Climer, Kathy Blondell, Joanne Fetzer, Gary Wygle, Gloria Schultz, Dave Hass, and Kurt Johnson. We met this past week with our District President, Rev. James Rockey.
  - **All are invited to join us Wednesdays during Lent for a showing of the TV Series, "The Chosen," Season I.** This week, we will air the second episode, "Shabbat."

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, March 26 - 11am - Friendship Breakfast served by Men's Group
- Thursday, April 6 at 10 am - HPS Hospice Volunteer's Luncheon
- Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm - April 6
- Good Friday Service at 3pm
- Easter Saturday Vigil Service - 6pm
- Easter Sunday Services at 7:00am and 9:30am
  
- Saturday, April 22 at 9am - LWML Zone Rally at Faith Lutheran

## Lenten Weekend Sermon Series - "Questions of Lent"

- **March 4 and 5 - Where Are We Going?**
- **March 11 and 12 - Why Do You Quarrel?**
- **March 18 and 19 - Why So Much Trouble?**

- March 25 and 26 - Can These Bones Live?
- Palm Sunday - Why Bend Our Knees?
- Easter Sunday - Why Are You Crying?

### Lenten Midweek Sermon Series - "Words From the Cross"

- March 1 - "You'll Be With Me"
- March 8 - "Take Care of My Mom"
- March 15 - "Alone in the Darkness"
- March 22 - "I'm Thirsty"
- March 29 - "It Is Finished"
- Good Friday - "Into Your Hands"

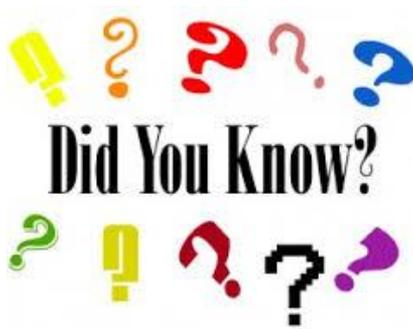
### Prayer List

- **Health Concerns:** Norm Schmidt, Mary Borchardt, Wes Martin, Drake Daggett, Erica (granddaughter of Steve and Lois Schick) Panda (daughter of Steve and Lois Schick) Terry (brother of Nancy Griffin), Terra (niece of Nancy Griffin), Becky Fix (sister-in-law of Melissa Climber), Felix, Jane Bozeman (cousin of Carla Nicklas), Scott (nephew of Carla Nicklas), Katie Arias, Jerry Hill, Margaret Lehmann, Patricia Ulvund.
- Gloria Marquis (Hospice)
- **For our Call Committee**

**For the family of Fred Snook**, who recently passed away.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE** Please contact an Usher. **HOSPITALIZED OR NEED A VISIT?** Contact Pastor Griffin 507-420-2236 or contact your elder. If you're not sure who he is, call the church office 527-3325. Office hours are 9-12 Monday – Friday





## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

Did you ever notice that Adam and Cain both received the same punishment for their sin: banishment ([Gen 3:23-24](#))([Gen 4:11-16](#)).

When David defeated Goliath, the champion of the Philistines, he cut off his head and put his armor in his tent ([1 Sam 17:51,54](#)).

Later, when the Philistines defeated Israel and their king (champion) Saul, they cut off his head and put his armor in their temple ([1 Sam 31:9-10](#)).

The Hebrew words used for Tabernacle, "*ohel*" and "*mishkan*," simply mean "tent."

Before Jeroboam became the king of Israel, he was King Solomon's servant ([1 Kin 11:26](#)).

From my count, there is a command "to sing" in 37 verses in the Bible.

([Zeph 3:17](#)) says God sings.

Jesus "sat down" before preaching His "Sermon On The Mount" ([Mt 5:1-2](#)).

For a brief moment, Moses had leprosy ([Ex 4:6-7](#)).

Two men in the Old Testament were known for their hair: Samson and Absalom. Interestingly, their hair later led to their downfall ([Judg 16](#))([2 Sam 18:9-15](#)).

