

Third Sunday in Lent
March 12th, 2023



Faith Lutheran Church LCMS

935 S. Crystal Glen Drive Lecanto, Florida 34461

Worship: Sundays: 9:30 AM Saturdays: 6:00 PM

Sunday Bible Study/Sunday School 11:00 AM

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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.

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OPENING HYMN

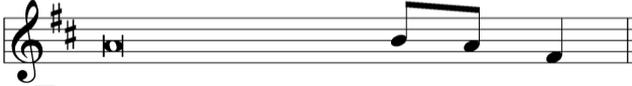
Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

#435

(Stand)



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR

Must Jesus Bear the Cross

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the

ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–26

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

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

⁵So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem

is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

(please be seated)

SERMON HYMN (Insert) In Christ Alone

SERMON Why Do We Quarrel?

OFFERING

(please rise and sing).



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

SONG OF PRAISE

Drawn To The Cross

#560

KYRIE

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



P: 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

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

PRAYERS

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer #918

IN SERVICE THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY



6:00 p.m. Mike Feltner

9:30 a.m. Gary Wygle
Joanne Fetzer
Mile & Diane Hammil



6:00 p.m. Lete Connelly

9:30 a.m. David Hass



Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. LuAnn Cooke

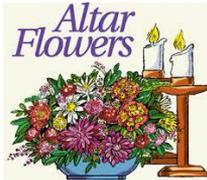


Carolyn Arias
 Ann Panas



Edward Sarmiento, Don Mueller

Attendance: March 4th=43 March 5th =101 Total=144



Given By: Merle Snook in Loving Memory of Fred Snook



Jerry Marquette, Mike Cone, Patricia Connelly, Joanne Johnson



March 13th through March 19th, 2023

Monday	9:00 A.M.	Men's Breakfast
	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
Tuesday	2:00 P.M.	Bells
Wednesday	2:00 P.M.	Confirmation
	3:30 P.M.	The Chosen Episode 4

5:00 P.M. Midweek Lent Service

Thursday 7:30 A.M. Workday
1:00 P.M. Council
3:00 P.M. Choir

Saturday 6:00 P.M. Worship
Sunday 9:30 A.M. HC Worship



"Men's Prayer Breakfast group will be hosting a Friendship Brunch following Sunday service on March 26th. All are invited, bring a friend or neighbor. Please sign up in the Narthex." Thanks, David Hass

Notes From Pastor Griffin

- **We welcome our many visitors** here today and pray that God's Word will bless your heart and strengthen your faith. Please sign our guest book and come back again soon. If you're interested in joining our fellowship, please contact Pastor Griffin for more information.
- **Our overall sermon series theme** on our Lenten weekends is "**Questions of Lent.**"
- **Today's sermon theme** is "**Why Do We Quarrel?**" Three additional questions we ask today about our tendencies to resent, to be divided, and to hate. 1) What's the source of our quarreling? 2) Where does our quarreling lead? And 3) How does God respond to our quarreling?
- **Our Call Committee** has set March 4-19 as a time when all members of Faith Lutheran may nominate a rostered LCMS (Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) pastor to be considered for our next Pastor. Nomination forms will be available in the church entry. Our Call Committee includes the following members: Dale Schluckbier (Chairman), Ann Panas (Secretary), Kathy Blondell, Melissa Climer, Joanne Fetzer, Gary Wygle, Dave Hass, Kurt Johnson, and Gloria Schultz.
- **Our Sunday morning Bible class** will be discussing Chapters 16-17 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.
- **Volunteers Needed:** 1) To host Saturday night fellowship, 2) To host Sunday morning fellowship, 3) to help with monthly outreach mailings, 4) to provide altar flowers, and 5) to read Scriptures during Divine Service.
- **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 March 6, \$16,607 has been donated.
- **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 fourth episode.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, March 26, 11am - **Friendship Breakfast served by Men’s Group**
- Thursday, April 6, 10 am - **HPS Hospice Volunteer’s Luncheon**
- April 6, 7pm - **Maundy Thursday Service**
- **Good Friday Service** at 3pm
- **Easter Saturday Vigil Service** - 6pm
- **Easter Sunday Services** at 7:00am and 9:30am
- Saturday, April 22, 9am - **LWML Zone Rally** at Faith Lutheran
- April 29 and 30 at Divine Services - **Gideon’s Presentation**

Lenten Weekend Sermon Series - “Questions of Lent”

- **March 18 and 19 - Why Was This Man Born Blind?**
- **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 15 - “Alone in the Darkness”**
- **March 22 - “I’m Thirsty”**
- **March 29 - “It Is Finished”**
- **Good Friday - “Into Your Hands”**

Prayer List

• **Health Concerns:** Ross, Alexandra (recent surgery), Linda Holthus (recently hospitalized), Marge Sawyer, Charles Lewis, Gloria Marquis (Hospice) Mary Borchardt, Wes Martin, Drake Daggett, Erica (granddaughter of Steve and Lois Schick) Panda (daughter of Steve and Lois Schick) Terry (son of Nancy Griffin), Terra (niece of Nancy Griffin), Becky Fix (sister-in-law of Melissa Climber), Felix, Scott (nephew of Carla Nicklas), Katie Arias, Margaret Lehmann, Patricia Ulvund. **For our Call Committee**, that God’s

- Spirit would guide and lead. **For the family of Jane Bozeman (cousin of Carla Nicklas),** 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

