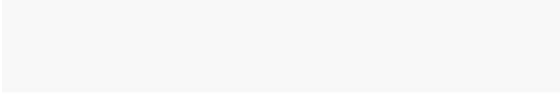
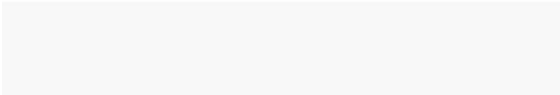


**Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa**  
**Third Sunday in Lent**



Luke 13:3  
I tell you, no! But  
unless you repent,  
you too will all  
perish.



**DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 10:15am**

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**Accompanist:** Patty Bracker

# Order of Service

## Divine Service Setting One (*LSB 151*)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me *LSB 761*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

May God Bestow on Us His Grace *LSB 824*

Sermon – “Repent Or Perish!”

Prayer of the Church

*LSB 159*

Offerings/Offerory

*LSB 159*

Benediction

*LSB 166*

Closing Hymn:

There Is a Time for Everything *LSB 762*

Postlude

Holy Communion will be offered following the Divine Service

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Our services continue to be livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website ([faithlutheranorangecity.com](http://faithlutheranorangecity.com)) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

## Third Sunday in Lent

### March 23, 2025

**Introit:** Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

- P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
C: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**
- P: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;  
C: **evil may not dwell with you.**
- P: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;  
C: **you hate all evildoers.**
- P: You destroy those who speak lies;  
C: **the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
- P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.  
C: **I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**
- P: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;  
C: **make your way straight before me.**
- P/C: **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.**
- P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
C: **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### Collect

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**

### Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-20

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely

die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

## **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

<i>Financial Update - February 2025</i>				
	General Fund	Building Fund	Monthly Total	Year to Date 2/28/25
Offering Receipts	\$22,159.72	\$18,806.00	\$40,965.72	\$57,323.20
Needed for Budget	\$19,467.00	\$1,900.00	\$21,367.00	\$42,731.00
Over (Under) Budget	\$2,692.72	\$16,906.00	\$19,598.72	\$14,592.20

## **Weekly Announcements**

**Welcome to all visitors!** Please fill out an ‘Information Card’ (*located in the pew rack*) and turn it in to an usher after the service.

**Communion Policy for our Visitors:** Everyone who is a faithful communicant member in good standing of one of our sister LCMS congregations is welcome to partake of the Lord’s Supper here at Faith Lutheran Church. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar. If you would like to become a communicant member here at Faith, please talk with Pastor about doing so.

**Out of town on Sunday?** The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has a smartphone app which can help you locate one of our sister congregations to worship at. You can also ask Pastor for a copy of his sermon, so that you'll hear the same message as your brothers and sisters here at Faith.

**Constitution Review:** The draft of the constitution revisions has been emailed to the congregation. If you haven’t received it, please talk to Paula about receiving a copy. Please take time to read through the changes, and jot down questions, thoughts, or suggestions that you can raise as we work toward finalizing this update.

**Christians In A Woke World:** Bible study continues today after the congregational opening.

**YouthLead (grades 7-12)** meets today (3/23) (6:30-7:45pm).

**Matins** (Morning Prayer) is offered Wednesdays at 10:00am. Come as you are able to join in praying together in the Lord. This service will

provide an additional opportunity for worship and fellowship in God's word.

**Midweek Worship:** We will be meditating on the sixth chief part of the Small Catechism, Holy Communion. Join us as we learn to rejoice in Christ's presence with us at the altar. Midweek Lenten Services will be on Wednesdays, March 26, April 2, and 9 at 6:00pm. There will be no meals this year.

**Catechism during Lent** will be from 7:00-8:15pm. Students, please join us for service at 6:00pm, especially for finishing up your sermon reports.

**Main Street Living, March 30:** This is the Life – "Point of No Return" – God's limitless grace. Additional information is available on the website: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com).

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** In 2024 Faith received \$194 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thrivent members can still direct their remaining 2024 Choice Dollars to Faith (or the organization of your choice) by March 31.

**Baby Bottle Fundraiser** - We are partnering with Guiding Star Siouxland by filling up baby bottles with change and cash to support the necessary work they are doing in our area. Guiding Star is a pro-life organization that focuses on holistic health for women, as well as resources and encouragement for the whole family. Bottles will be available to pick up on Sunday March 30th and they will be due back on Sunday April 13.

**Holy Week:** In addition to Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services, we will be hosting a circuit Easter Vigil service on Saturday April 19 at 8:00pm. Easter Vigil is a historic service that recounts God's mighty acts of salvation, leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Mark your calendars and experience this delightful service.

**Easter Lillies:** If you would like to sponsor an Easter Lily, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$22.50.

**Mark Your Calendar and Invite a Friend:** Women of "Faith" Tea Party, Saturday, May 10 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall at Faith Lutheran Church. Sign up with Paula or Hannah (limited seating available).



<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
Mar 23	YouthLead meeting (grades 7-12)	6:30-7:45pm
Mar 26	Matins (Morning Prayer)	10:00am
Mar 26	Midweek Lenten Service	6:00pm

### Prayers of the Church

**Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members:** Rex Foreman, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, Lily Huizenga, Bonnie Juffer, Angela Kilbride, Jen Korver, Will Lalk, Gracie Parker, Bev Rohrs, Marlene Tullar, and Sandy Zelewski.

**Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends:** Kaleb Bents (*Hope Hancock's son in the military*), Ciara Bents (*Hope Hancock's daughter*), Joyce Betts (*grandmother of Justin Derry, Pastor's friend*), Liam Corgan (*son of Howard Vlieger's friend*), Edd Harrison, Craig & Donna Hunt, Lisa Jasper (*friend of Heather Katt*), Silvina Kneif (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Bernard Lackman (*grandfather of Jesa Pace*), Helen Lapel (*sister of Janice Gayer*), Connie Lorge (*aunt of Pastor Batchelder*), Mark Maple (*friend of Patti & Troy Van Skike*), Carol Miller (*mother-in-law of Darin Uhl*), Courtney Nelson (*friend of Paula Koller*), Barb Nicks, Marsha & Tom Ray (*sister & brother-in-law of Karl Bahrke*), Andrew Romano and family, Rebecca Smit's mother, Brian Vanderstoep, and Cheryl Waggie (*mother of Alison Vlieger*).

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jennifer Ditsworth, Jacob Reints, Payton Hagen, Dave Katt, Doug Uhl, Conner Huss, and Gregory Whitmore.

# WELCOME VISITORS

WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY