

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025



DEVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 10:15am

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Accompanist: Patty Bracker & Alice Boggs

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four (*LSB 203*)

Prelude

Processional Hymn:

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *LSB 686*

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

Hymn of the Day:

God Loved the World So That He Gave *LSB 571*

Sermon – “The Father’s Great Love”

Prayer of the Church *LSB 207*

Offerings/Special Music *LSB 207*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208*

Distribution Hymns:

Christ, the Life of All the Living *LSB 420*

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive *LSB 609*

Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing *LSB 584*

Benediction *LSB 212*

Recessional Hymn:

What Wondrous Love Is This *LSB 543*

Postlude/Special Music

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

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Introit: Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C: and cleanse me from my sin!

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: and in sin did my mother conceive me.

P: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

C: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

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.

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Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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: Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort

me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

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

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . .
¹²“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country,

and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’” ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’” ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’” ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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.

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.

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.

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

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 continue April 2 and 9, at 6:00pm. Catechism will be from 7:00-8:15pm.

Lutheran Women in Mission / Sioux City Zone Spring Rally will be at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3204 S Lakeport, on April 5. Registration is at 9:00am with Brunch at 9:30am. Guest Speaker is Rev Dr. B. Keith Haney. *See poster on the bulletin board.*

Board of Lay Ministry meets April 6 (7:45am).

YouthLead (grades 7-12) meets April 6 (6:30-7:45pm).

Main Street Living, April 6: This is the Life – “Mr. Big” – A man from the big city learns humility and forgiveness in the county jail after an accident. Worship Service – Rev. Michael Belinsky, Sr. of St. John’s Lutheran Church in Beemer, NE, and Zion Lutheran Church in Bancroft, NE, delivers the message “Not by Your Righteousness” based on Philippians 3:8-14.

Men’s Fellowship meets April 10 at 7:00pm. (Note the date change because of Holy Week.)

The Church Council meets April 13 at 7:45am.

Palm Sunday (April 13): The children will process into church with their palm branches.

JLYF (grades 4-6) meets April 13 (4:00-5:00pm).

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 are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall, fill it with your change or cash, and return it to church by Sunday April 13.

Good Friday Men’s Prayer Breakfast: Men (and young men) are invited to attend the 37th annual Good Friday Men’s Prayer Breakfast on April 18 at 6:30am at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. The cost is \$15.00 per plate payable at the door. The speaker is Rob Rozeboom, Founder & President of Rise Ministries. He will share his story of hope through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join is for a time of food, fellowship, prayer, and reflection in this holy season of Easter. Contact Dave Aalbers or the church office for tickets.

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.

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>		
Apr 2, 9	Midweek Lenten Service	6:00pm
Apr 6	Board of Lay Ministry meeting	7:45am
Apr 6	Youth Lead (grades 7-12) meeting	6:30-7:45pm
Apr 10	Men’s Fellowship	7:00pm
Apr 13	Church Council meeting	7:45am
Apr 13	JLFY (grades 4-6) meeting	4:00-5:00pm
Apr 13-20	See the April Newsletter for Holy Week events & worship times	

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: Payge Bahrke, Gavin Huss, Rex Foreman, Nikki Konz, Madison Tiedeman, and Angela Blankenfeld.