

The Fourth Sunday in Lent March 31, 2019



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§ A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

Holy Communion Announcement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Faith in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

How Can We Help You? We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Those Serving March 31st at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling		
Acolyte	Henry Gordon and Tristar		
	Boerner		
Altar Guild	Marion Munson		
Ushers	William & Susan Rostad, Jerry		
	Driscoll, Fred Brady		

Asst. Minister	Dennis Engstrom
Greeters	Lynn Maxwell and Emma Gill
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	The "Good" Son

The order of service for today begins on page 184 of the Lutheran Service Book.

Confession and Absolution

Please rise. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

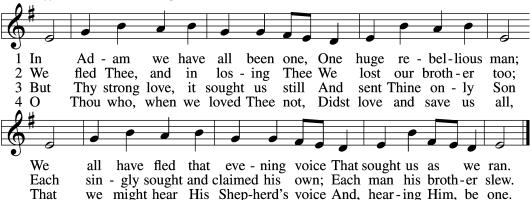
Parishioners observe a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination, perhaps using the Ten Commandments to examine specific sins committed in thought, word, and deed.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Please rise

Service of the Word

569 In Adam We Have All Been One



man-kind, O

Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
 Thou Son, O set us free
 From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
 To make us one in Thee.

Thou

great Good Shep-herd

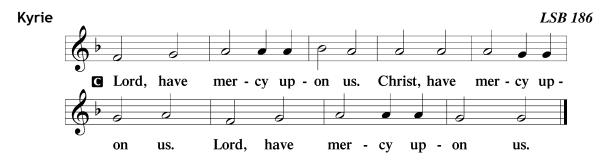
△ 6 Then shall our song united rise
 To Thine eternal throne,

 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit Thou art one.

hear us when we call.

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That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- Let us pray...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.

Please be seated

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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,* and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,* whose sin is | covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,* and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away* through my groaning | all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;* my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my in- | iquity;*

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;* surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not | reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from | trouble;* you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;*
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.

⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,* which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay | near you.

¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,*
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,* and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Please rise

Alleluia and Verse Luke 15:22a, 24a

A The father said to his servants, "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
- **C** Glory be to Thee, 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: . . .

"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 be to Thee, O Christ.

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.

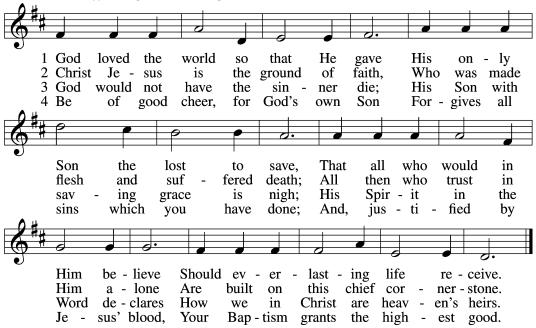
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

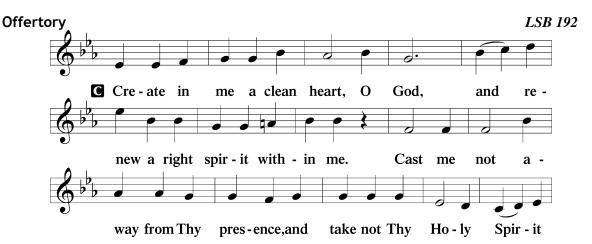


5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith. △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Sermon

Please rise





Please be seated

Offering

Please rise

Prayer of the Church

O Lord,	C	have mercy.
O Christ,	C	have mercy.
O Lord,	C	have mercy.
O Christ,	C	hear us.
God the Father in heaven,	C	have mercy.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	C	have mercy.
God the Holy Spirit,	C	have mercy.
Be gracious to us.	C	Spare us, good Lord.
Be gracious to us.	C	Help us, good Lord.

L From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

- **C** Good Lord, deliver us.
- L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
- **C** Help us, good Lord.
- **L** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- C Help us, good Lord.
- L We poor sinners implore You
- c to hear us, O Lord.

- To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
 - To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
 - To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them; To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

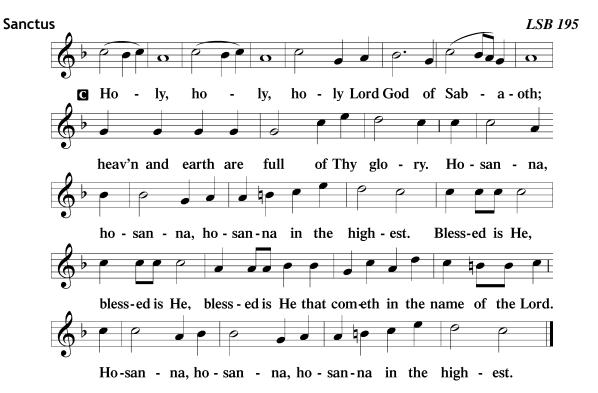
- **©** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- **C** We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- we implore You to hear us.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy.
- L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **C** grant us Your peace.
- **L** O Christ,
- C hear us.
- **L** O Lord,
- **C** have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- C have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- C have mercy. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



LSB 196

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

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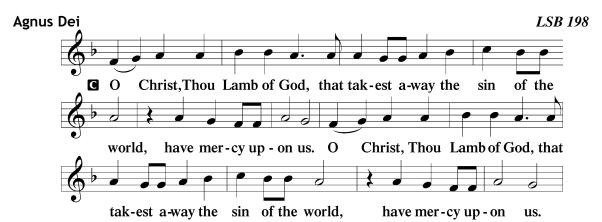
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

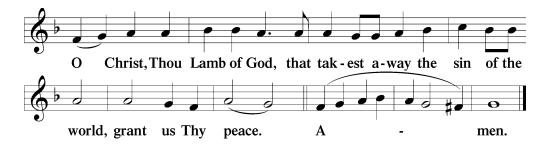
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Following the Pax Domini, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).





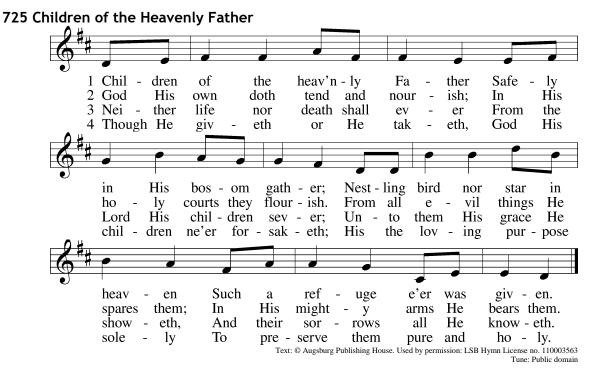
Please be seated

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Communing at Faith

Please refer to our communion statement on page 2.



568 If Your Beloved Son, O God



543 What Wondrous Love Is This

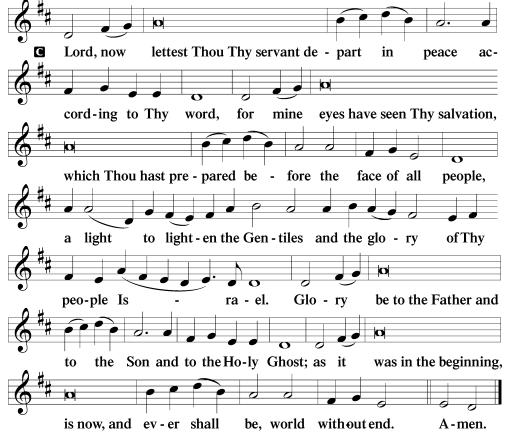


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- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- Amen.

Please rise





Thanksgiving LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Salutation LSB 201

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus LSB 202

- **A** Bless we the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction LSB 202

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.



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Those Serving Wednesday, April 3rd at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
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Altar Guild	Elders
Ushers	

Asst. Minister	Dennis Engstrom
Greeters	
Refreshments	Board of Education
Sermon Title	The Fiery Furnace

Those Serving April 7th at Faith

Organist	Mary Jones	
Acolyte	Eden Perling and Sterling	
	Gordon	
Altar Guild	Bev Richard	
Ushers	Mike & Michelle Jones, Chris	
	Myers, Leola Crosby	

Paul Clark
LuAnn Clark
Ladies Aid
Heirs of God