



Second Sunday
in
Lent

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 16, 2025
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**

Philippians 3:19 – *“Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.”* St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

Please **TURN OFF ALL CELLPHONES** before service begins. Phones that are on may interfere with transmission of the service to social media and shutting down your phone can help solve network connectivity problems.

RECEIVING THE HOLY COMMUNION. *Because we deeply long to celebrate the Love of God and the true unity of teachings of God’s Holy Scriptures we ask those who are not members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) to please make an appointment to meet with Pastor Love before communing with us. We respectfully do this not at all because we think that we are the only saved Christians, but because it is our Sacred Belief that those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion gives a witness of unity in the major teachings and faith confessed by the congregation and Synod (1 Corinthians 10:16-18; 11:23-29; Romans 16:17). This Biblical and historical practice is called close(d) communion. Thank you for respecting our sacred beliefs and practices. Please pray with us for honest unity around God’s High and Holy Scriptures. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Love NOTE: Gluten free wafers are now available.*

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Divine Service III
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Opening Hymn
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” LSB #524

Invocation

*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 T 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,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm 4

P ¹Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C ²**O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

P ³But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

C ⁴**Be angry, and do not sin;
ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

P ⁵Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

C ⁶**There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?**

P ⁷You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C ⁸**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**



Gloria Patri

LSB 186

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

- C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold,

I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the
cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

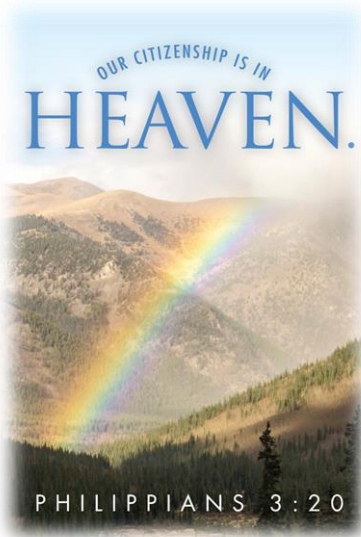
Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.



P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

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

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

³²And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course.'

³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

*"I am
casting out demons
and
performing cures
today and tomorrow,
and on the third day
I finish my work."*

LUKE 13:32, NRSV

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before

all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn “*Glory Be To Jesus*”

LSB #433

Sermon

Catechism Review

P The First Petition

C Hallowed be Thy name.

P *What does this mean?*

C God’s name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P *How is God’s name kept holy?*

C God’s name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us

to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Offering

Offertory Response

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB #781 vs. 1-2

Prayers of the Church



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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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.**

P 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195

Lord's Prayer

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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.

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P 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 T 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 T 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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

<i>“My Song Is Love Unknown”</i>	LSB #430
<i>“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”</i>	LSB #636
<i>“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”</i>	LSB #658

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P 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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Acknowledgments

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday: Genesis 16:1-9, 15 – 17:22; Mark 6:1-13

Monday: Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 18:16 – 20:18;
Mark 6:14-34

Tuesday: Genesis 21:1-21; Mark 6:35-56

Wednesday: Genesis 22:1-19; Mark 7:1-23

Thursday: Genesis 24:1-31; Mark 7:24-37

Friday: Genesis 24:32-52, 61-67; Genesis 25:1 – 26:35;
Mark 8:1-21

Saturday: Genesis 27:1-29; Mark 8:22-38



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*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

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**LENTEN MEAL at FAITH
Wednesday, March 19**

5:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Youth Group



CHURCH CALENDAR ST. JOHN'S and FAITH

Sunday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

Monday, March 17

NO MONDAY SERVICE AT FAITH

Wednesday, March 19

11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship at Faith

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal sponsored by the Youth Group

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship at Faith

Thursday, March 20

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship at St. John's

Sunday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Worship at St. John's

Sunday School during Sermon at St. John's

9:15 a.m. Sunday School at Faith

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Class at Faith

4:30 p.m. ISI at Mark Seliger Sugar Shack

Monday, March 24

NO MONDAY SERVICE AT FAITH

Wednesday, March 26

10:00 a.m. Ablelight Volunteers

11:00 a.m. Lenten Worship at Faith

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class at Faith

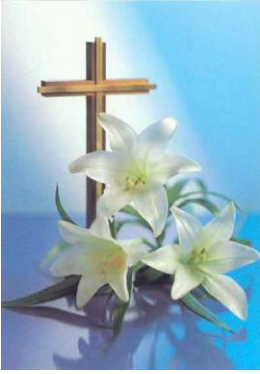
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal at Faith

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship at Faith

Thursday, March 27

6:00 p.m. Lenten Meal at St. John's

6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship at St. John's



Easter Lilies

In the beauty and celebration of Easter, we are decorating the Sanctuary and Narthex at Faith with Easter lilies. Donations will be taken through Sunday, April 6. Forms are available on the Scrip table in the back of church.



MERRILL
CIRCUIT YOUTH
ACTIVITY
FEED MY

STARVING CHILDREN and MALNUTRITION IN
AMERICA TODAY

Saturday

We will

**BUS FILLED.
There is a Waiting List**

1:15 p.m.,

of America for the
of the afternoon.

is \$40 to cover the cost of the bus.

Open to youth, parents, friends and congregation members.

Spots are limited; sign up today!

Sign up in the narthex at Faith



**FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING at Faith
Sunday, March 30**
*Monies will be used to buy gift cards
for seminary students at Fort Wayne
and St. Louis.*

**SPRING INTO ACTION with
Scrip!** As spring starts blooming,
it's time to turn over a "new" leaf
and try something new today! We
have plenty of gift cards in stock for
home improvement, gardening
and trips for spring break. Gift
cards are available before and
after Sunday worship as well as in the church office during
the week.



Recognition
SUNDAY

Sunday, April 27
Faith Lutheran Church
with luncheon

*We welcome and recognize all
the recent new members,
marriages, confirmands, and
baptisms here at Faith. We are
blessed to have you among our church family.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 23

ISI at 4:30 p.m. at Mark Seliger's Sugar Shack

Sunday, April 13

Last day of Sunday School at Faith

Sunday, May 18

Confirmation at Faith



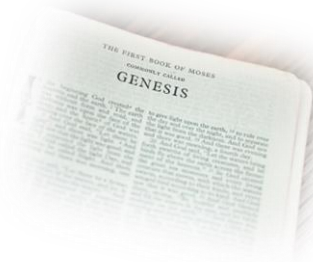
Faith will be collecting **GIFT CARDS FOR SEMINARY STUDENTS** at Fort Wayne and at St. Louis through April 9. Cards should NOT be local but rather those that can be used in the seminary cities. Suggestions would include a VISA card, WalMart, Target, Kohl's and major gas stations, etc. *This special promotion is being sponsored by Faith Evangelism and Stewardship Committee*

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERMON SERIES

Good News from the Beginning:

The Gospel in Genesis

- Lenten Midweek 3, **MARCH 19-20** - The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning *Genesis 6*
- Lenten Midweek 4, **MARCH 26-27** - The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place *Genesis 22:1-18*
- Lenten Midweek 5, **APRIL 2-3** - The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth *Genesis 28:10-22*
- Lenten Midweek 6, **APRIL 9-10** - The Good News of a Savior Who Brings Good from Evil *Genesis 50:15-21*



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