



March 15, 2020

*3rd Sunday in Lent
Tree of Life*

*We welcome our New Members
with open arms and open hearts!*

Faith Lutheran Church is a family of God built on love: Worshiping, welcoming, growing and serving in Christ's name.

Young children are welcome in the service. Age-appropriate activity bags are available in the lobby.

If you are new to Faith, please complete a response card (can be found in the pew) and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to the ushers.

We would like to be in touch with you.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship: "ELW" refers to the Red Hymnal.

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God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Lina Gyles, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Welcome

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

AM: *To be safe, and not spread sickness we are postponing the sharing of the peace until further notice. Any Prayer requests?*

Receive 17 New Members: Paul and Gwen Anderson

Todd and Kimber Archuleta, Emily Denney, Clair Griffin,

John and Leanne Marten, Phil and Vicki Silvan, Charles and Yvonne Olson,

John and Jan Serfass, Curtis Smidesang, Susan St. Clair, Chris Wise.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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PM: Returning again to the waters of our baptism,
we begin in the name of the Father and of the Son
And of the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

PM: Gracious and merciful God,

All: We confess to you the truth of our broken lives.

**We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways.
We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation.
We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast,
or make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry.
We have neither worked to release the oppressed
nor admitted our own captivities.**

**Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free
that we might live with your whole creation
in justice and joy of your promised future.**

PM: God, who is merciful and kind,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
hears the cries of all who plead for mercy

and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus to announce the good news of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame, that they might praise God and serve the world with glad and generous hearts.

For freedom Christ has set you free.

All: Thanks be to God.

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PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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Hymn of Praise "Glory To God" Pages 6-7

Prayer of the Day

AM: The Lord be with you... **All: And also with you.**

Let us pray,

All: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(AM: Please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks To Us In The Word

Reading Exodus 17:1-7

Lector: A reading from the 17th chapter of Exodus:

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” 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 complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Psalm

“Thanks Be to You”

WOV #790

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Lector: A reading from the 5th chapter of Romans:

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of

God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... **All: Thanks be to God.**

Kids' Talk

Deb Cathey

Gospel Acclamation "Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us O Lord"

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Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised: we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

The Gospel

John 4:5-42

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PM: The Holy Gospel according to John chapter 4:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common 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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.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 seeks such as these 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus

said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW #332

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers.)

Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams (*local water sources may be named*). Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill (*especially*). Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering:

“Come Let Us Bring”

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Come, let us bring the warm and fragrant bread. (2x)

Broken here so all God's people might be fed. (2x)

Come, let us bring the sweet abundant wine. (2x)

In this cup we taste the joy of grace divine. (2x)

Praise be to you who set all people free. (2x)

Blest are they who share the feast of jubilee. (2x)

The Offering Prayer

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AM: Let us pray, Merciful God.

All: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you.

We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.

May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you,

Dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation

Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Institution

The Distribution

Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality, and a glimpse of the feast that is to come. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you!

Grape juice is light colored; wine is red.

Wafers are nut, dairy and gluten free. Communion is at the altar.

Lord's Prayer

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Distribution

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Bread of Life, you give yourself food for the world:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Cup of life, poured out as God's compassion and love:

Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.

Prince of Peace, you heal the wounds of hatred and strife:

**Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.**

“Come to the Table”

ELW # 481

Table Blessing

PM: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

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PM: Let us pray,

**All: Life-giving God, You have fed us with heaven’s perfect food,
the very presence of Christ Jesus.**

Send us now to be what we have received,

that all creation might know your love

And sing your praise now and always.

Amen.

Benediction (PM)

(Please come forward with any announcements)

Sending Song

“O Savior, Precious Savior” ELW #820 Vv.1&4

Announcements for the congregation

God Sends Us Into The World

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Coffee & Goodies are provided so we can enjoy conversation and a bite after worship. Join us, invite the New Members and make them feel at home.

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Senior Fellowship

Meet here at Faith, 5pm, carpool to Corvallis Methodist
For their St. Patrick's Day Dinner
TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today March 15

Accompanist	Lina Gyles
Ushers	Carl & Sandy Russ
Lector	Sandy Russ
Comm. Assist.	Laura Reichart Deb Cathey, Paul Gyles
Acolytes	Cecil Richardson Lila DuFresne
Assisting Minister	Laura Reichart
Presiding Minister	Pr. Paul Anderson
Projection	Rod Pogachar

March 22

Accompanist	Amber Richardson
Ushers	Troy Hanson, John Trangmoe
Lector	Jane Mason
Comm. Assist.	Celeste Pogachar
Acolytes	Kiley & Brady McDonald
Assisting Minister	Celeste Pogachar
Presiding Minister	Pr. Paul Anderson
Projection	Rod Pogachar



- **Pray for At-Home Members and Friends...**

- **Prayers for:** Larkin, Judy & Peter, Christie, Ed, Linda, Sulley, Dan Bailey, Nate Anderson, John, Leta and Ray, Timothy Hawes, Karl, Shirley Hanson, Dale Hughey, Peggy Lewis, Irene Stengrimson, Victoria Moore, LaVonne Beers, Peter S.

- **The Beehive:** Morry Mitteness, Yvonne Olson

- **Valley View:** Ruth Dillon

- **Remington:** Betty Swift, Chuck Olson

Discovery Care:

- **Home Nursing Care:** Virginia Rotering, Smitty

- **Incarcerated:** Jacob Bachman, George Davis

Lenten Lesson & Lunch
Thursdays at Faith Lutheran Church
And other local churches
March 5th – April 2nd, Noon – 12:50pm



March 19th (Session 3)
Hosted by St. Paul's Episcopal Church
March 26th (Session 4)

April 2nd (Session 5 & 6)

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