



March 8, 2020

*2nd Sunday in Lent
Tree of Life*

*We welcome you 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

Susan Peterson, 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?*

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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PM: Returning again to the waters of our baptism,

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray,

All: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God Speaks To Us In The Word**Reading**

Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector: A reading from the 12th chapter of Genesis:

God’s call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

^{4a}So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade a your right hand;
⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Lector: A reading from the 4th chapter of Romans:

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

¹What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of

many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Kids’ Talk

Pastor Paul Anderson

Gospel Acclamation “Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us O Lord”

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The Gospel

John 3:1-17

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John chapter 3:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what

we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

The Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson

Sermon Song

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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The Apostles’ Creed (*AM leads*)

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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.

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 rebirth empower your church throughout the world to be a voice of hope for those who fear judgment or condemnation. Assure us of

your faithfulness and give us confidence to proclaim your salvation for all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, your Spirit hovered over the waters and you called creation into being. Nurture and bless all signs of rebirth around us: budding trees and new shoots, thawing lakes and warm breezes, and animals awaking from hibernation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of rebirth, lead the nations in your way of righteousness. Protect those who advocate for the needs of children, migrants, and victims of violence. Give courage to lawmakers, lawyers, judges, and law enforcement officers, guiding them to do justice and to love mercy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, give us a new vision of your healing power among us. Restore hope to those who remain in the depths of depression or despair. Bring mercy and relief to those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of rebirth, we thank you for the children of this community and for the people and ministries that care for them (*individuals and ministries in the congregation may be named*). Bless new and expectant parents. Console those who have lost children and those whose desire for children remains unfulfilled. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of rebirth, by wind and spirit you call us into life renewed. We give you thanks for all your saints who have inherited your promises (*especially*). Bring us, with them, into your everlasting kingdom. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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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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 by kneeling 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.

“Before You”

Rick Brown

Table Blessing

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

Post Communion Prayer (PM)

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Benediction (PM)

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Sending Song

“Lift High the Cross”

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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. If you would like to host and/or donate for this, please sign-up on the sheet on the fridge in the kitchen.

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Today March 8

Accompanist	Susan Peterson
Ushers	Jennifer Murillo Judy Wilson
Lector	Clairice Brady
Comm. Asst.	Ross Damrow
Acolytes	Madilyn Farrenburg Mia Mendenall
Assisting Minister	Ross Damrow
Presiding Minister	Pr. Paul Anderson
Projection	Scott Southwick

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

Lenten Lunch & Lectures for 2020
Thursdays, Noon-12:45pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 2

Come grab a bowl of soup with your neighbors and enjoy a thought-provoking conversation and video about the book, “Entering the Passion of Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine. Jesus prayed we’d all be one-Lent Lunches help us get there. And you’re back to work on time. If you can’t make Thursday at noon, the same program will be at Faith Lutheran Church on Wednesday evenings, starting March 4th, the meal and study begins at 5:45pm.

Please bring your Bibles.

Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 12th (Session 2)	Corvallis United Methodist Church East Side Hwy & Cemetery Rd., Corvallis
March 19th (Session 3) Hosted by St. Paul’s Episcopal Church	Faith Lutheran Church 171 Lewis Lane, Hamilton
March 26th (Session 4)	First Presbyterian Church 1220 w. Main St., Hamilton
April 2nd (Session 5 & 6)	UMAB 211 N. 6 th St., Hamilton

Youth Schedule for March

March Wednesdays:

- † 3/11 6-8 P.M. No Youth Group
- † 3/18 6-8 P.M. @ St. Paul's Episcopal --Guest speaker on Human Trafficking
- † 3/25 6-8 P.M. @ Faith Lutheran—Grog!

Musicians!



Can you contribute your talents to worship during the Lent and Easter seasons? Celeste is looking for singers to help lead our liturgy, sing the Holden Evening Prayer, or sing in choir for Palm Sunday and/or Easter Sunday. Of course, any piece of special music would be most welcome! **Please contact Celeste at 239-3952 or celestepogachar@gmail.com**