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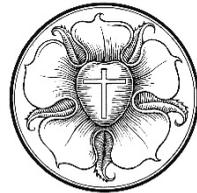
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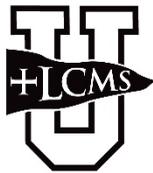
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Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Wirtz
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Last Week

Attendance: 46
Bible 16
Giving: \$2749.00
Month to date: \$2749.00

Third Sunday in Lent **March 8, 2026**



Faith Lutheran Church and School

"SHARING OUR FAITH – BUILDING OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST"

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WELCOME to Faith Lutheran Church!

Faith is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Here in the heart of the city, we preach, teach and confess Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins. This important truth is at the heart and core of all of our Services, Bible Studies, and other congregational activities.

FOR OUR VISITORS

Please sign our Record of Fellowship on the pew clipboard so we can get to know you. If you have any special needs or questions, please ask our pastor or elder. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the yellow prayer request card, and the elder will be around during the opening hymn to pick it up. Please also join us for Bible Class, which follows the service next door in our Parish Hall

We do ask that first time visitors desiring Holy Communion speak with the Pastor (1 Cor. 4:1) prior to the service. See “About Holy Communion” below 

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION:

According to Scripture, the Lord’s Supper is the eating and drinking of the true body and blood of Christ. Participation in the Lord’s Supper indicates unity in confession and faith (1 Cor. 10:16-21). Those not participating are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicating so by folding your hands over your chest as the body and blood come near. Thank you for respecting this historic custom of Christianity. If you would like more information, please pick up the tract in the narthex entitled “A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper” or ask our pastor to arrange for a time to learn more and discuss the process that helps prepare one to confess their faith and join in this Holy Meal.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil’s armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

In addition to praying for all people according to their needs, we pray especially for our local outreach through Faith Lutheran School, LCMS U Arizona and Iglesia Lutherana Santa Trinidad, please pray especially for the following:

Prayers for Erna’s adopted sister Inge, dealing with major health problems, continued prayers for Dave and Steve Hubert, For the Hubert family at the loss of their sister Becky, For Darcy with a herniated disc, prayers for Lynn Halbert’s daughter, Rhonda, diagnosed with cancer, continued prayers for Bill Zanta and family, continued healing for Teddi Jackson, healing for Nick and Connie Pintozi, and for peace in Ukraine and Gaza. Please bless these peace accords to continue.

For our families suffering with health problems: Ben Solórzano, Marla Davies, Donna Bachie, Carol Priebe, Anna, and Grace; that God would grant them healing of body and peace of heart, and for all our shut-ins. Prayer requests can be made using the yellow cards located in the pews or by contacting us in the church office.

Please contact Pastor or the Church office for any updates on those listed in the prayers.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK		
Today (3/8)	10:15 am 11:15 am	Bible Class Santa Trinidad Service
Spring Break - No School - March 9-20		
Tuesday (3/10)	5:30 pm	Book of Concord Study
Wednesday (3/11)	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Soup Supper Lenten Service
Saturday (3/7)	10:00 am	Presentation from Erna Schmid
Sunday (3/8)	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:15 am	Faith Divine Service Bible Class Santa Trinidad Service

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Hymn of the Day

“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord in Your Mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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† Service of the Sacrament †

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PREFACE

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PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

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PRAYER OF THANKGIVING

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PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

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DISTRIBUTION

Communion Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

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Closing Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide”

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**DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE WITH COMMUNION LSB 151 ff.
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 8, 2026**

Opening Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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† Service of the Word †

INTROIT - Psalm 25:1–2, 17–18, 20; antiphon: vv. 15–16

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.*

**Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.**

To you, | O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.*

**O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame,*
let not my enemies exult | over me.**

The troubles of my heart | are enlarged;
bring me out of my dis- | tresses.*

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.**

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.*

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

KYRIE

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

(Sit)

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 8:16-24

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the earth, so that it may become gnats in all the land of Egypt.'" And they did so. Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt. The magicians tried by their secret arts to produce gnats, but they could not. So there were gnats on man and beast. Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen."'" And the LORD did so. There came great swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh and into his servants' houses. Throughout all the land of Egypt the land was ruined by the swarms of flies.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL - Psalm 9:19, 3

Arise, O LORD! Let not | man prevail;*
let the nations be judged be- | fore you!

When my enemies | turn back,*
they stumble and perish before your | presence.

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance

in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

TRACT : Psalm 123:1-3a

*To you I lift | up my eyes,**

O you who are enthroned in the | heavens!

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their | master,*
so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy up- | on us.

*Have mercy upon us, | O LORD,**

have mercy up- | on us.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:14-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eleventh chapter.

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

Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**