

***FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH***

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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

***Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026***

***Worship Time 8:00 & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am
Fellowship Time 9:15 am***

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: Never Further than Thy Cross

arr. Mansfield

† **CALL TO WORSHIP: 322 Oh, Love, How Deep** vs 3

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy
fast and hungered sore; for us temptation
sharp he knew; for us the tempter over threw.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and
blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:
Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the
work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for
disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs
of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for
disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through
faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the
righteousness of Christ. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are
forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you
life and peace.

C: Amen.

† *Hymn 614 There Is a Balm in Gilead*

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

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Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

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Come, Let Us Join

- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: LET US PRAY: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,

C: and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Choir Anthem: Not a Word (page 18)

by Wagner

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’” ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.”

And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his

brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14

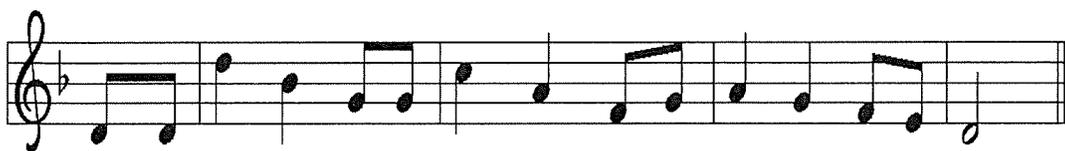
⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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We Are Turning Lord



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

† **Gospel: John 9:1-41**

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who

had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses."²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes."³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will."³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind."³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind."⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON

† *Hymn 520 Dearest Jesus at Your Word*

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

† **THE PRAYERS**

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

† **SHARING THE PEACE**

Offertory: The Scripture

by Southbridge



Let The Vineyards

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, slurs, and dynamic markings.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Let us join together in praying our Lord's Prayer:

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

Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion: use this time for prayer & meditation

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

† **Post Communion Prayer**

P: LET US PRAY: God of our salvation,

**C: we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

† *Hymn 779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Adagio from Sonata I

by Mendelssohn

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love.**

IF you are a ***GUEST***, you are invited to sign our guest book in the narthex with your name, and contact information, so we may give you a cordial welcome, and an invitation to return to worship with us soon. If you have children, please check out our Children's Activity Center on the wall in the narthex. Changing tables are available in Room 207 and Room 211 (Nursery). There is also a private mothers' space available in Room 214. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is being celebrated today. The invitation to commune is extended to all Christians who are seeking to follow Jesus in their lives. We have glasses of white grape juice available for those who request it. Just ask the communion assistant as they come to you. Come join us as our brothers and sisters as we gather as God's family at His table. Infants and children may be brought to the altar for a blessing by the Pastor. Communion recipients are asked to give the communion cards to an usher when coming forward. This is the only record we have of those communing. Visitors are asked to give their home church on the reverse side of the card so we can forward notification of your communion with us

FLOWERS on the altar are given ***by Joe & Jen Curran*** to the glory of God and in loving celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary, honoring a covenant strengthened by faith, love and grace.

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Thank you for your donations. We have received \$400 toward the \$1000 goal to fund 2 gifts: a Community Garden for \$200, and a Computer for a Community Center for \$800. If you would like to donate for this project, a donation container is on the table in the narthex. Your good gift will be a good gift for people who need them.

LENTEN SPECIAL GIVING

Council has designated the Church Parking Lot Replacement Fund as the recipient of our Lenten Special Giving proceeds this year.

MIDWEEK SERVICE AND MEAL

The season of Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Christ. As part of our Lenten practices, we will be having Midweek Soup and Salad dinners beginning at 6 pm. The Midweek dinners will take place on Wednesdays through March 25th in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to offer a soup or salad there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway.

CRAFTS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Wondering what to do with all the unwanted craft supplies you dredge out while Spring cleaning? How would you like to donate them to a good cause? There's a group of women in Ohio working to help the homeless by making useful items to give to shelter inhabitants and to sell to buy things to give to the men, women, and children living on the streets of Ohio. They are currently residing in the Women's Reformatory in Marysville. They crochet blankets for those sleeping on the streets out of grocery bags (to be waterproof), knit and crochet stuffies for the children, and any other crafts they can donate or sell. They need supplies. Any kind of craft supplies (including yarn ends) that you no longer need, or any new supplies you would care to purchase (especially yarn) so they can work towards their goals of reforming their lives and finding atonement for their offenses. Grocery bags (plastic bags of bright colors are especially needed), beads, paper crafts, or anything else that could be used for handicrafts would be welcome. I will gather anything you find to donate after second service every week or call me to pick up. 740-398-9403 Becky Matulich. I will continue collecting and delivering supplies until the end of May and then as needed after that.

GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

Since 2011 the church has been present on Facebook in the form of a Facebook group. The Faith Lutheran Facebook Group has been a place for sharing news, devotions, and conversations. We want to continue to have a space for the conversations to continue and make sure information can be easily found. In pursuit of this goal there will be some changes coming to the church's social media presence. The Council at the recommendation of the Communication Committee have approved the formation of a church Facebook page and updated guidelines for the Facebook group. What does this mean? The Facebook page will act as the "front porch" of the church where we will post information regarding services, the link for service livestreams, and other important information. The Facebook Group will serve as the "Living Room" of the church where devotions and conversations will continue to take place. To keep the conversations civil in the group there will be new guidelines posted in the about section of the group that will help keep things civil. The guidelines will also be posted on the church website so anyone can view them. We look forward to this new era of our social media presence and the conversation that will continue to happen.

FAITH EVENTS

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 15 - 21, 2026

Today:	8 & 10:30 am	Worship/Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Bell Choir
		Faithlines Deadline
Mon	6:30 pm	Council
	7:30 pm	AA
Wed	10:00 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study and Lite Meal
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:30 pm	Choir
Fri	6:00 pm	Euchre

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Jordan & Nico Barnard, Phyllis Bigler, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Jackie Driscoll, Larry Everhard, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Jon, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, **Betty McDonald**, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Steve Norberg, Stan Park, Fran Smyser, Bob Van Horn.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Linda, Marie, Rose Allen, Linda Beach, Phyllis Blust, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C., Kathy & Larry Daubensteck, Aaron Everhard, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, John Harris, Jr, Kellie Hoar, Miriam Hulse, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Linda Lampl, Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth) Greg & Grace Maxwell, Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Anderson O'Briskie, Clarence, Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Adam Wilford, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, Ziva, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Mike Cordrey, Toni Cordrey Allen, Michelle Lee, Titus Strausbaugh, Miranda Jones, Dylan.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick.

Bold indicates new.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Joe & Jen Curran	Stan & Jill Park
Readers	Linda Gehrisch	Laurel Johnson
Comm. Assist.	Patty Keaton	Tim Williams
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Dave Keck
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Communion Committee - Martha Denman & Pat Ferenbaugh		
Tellers - John Hoffman & Will Melick		

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>10:30 am</u>
Ushers	Greg Maxwell Will Melick	Cheryl Johnson Jenny Grinstead
Reader s	Kathy Noblit	Jim Harder
Acolyte	Bette Mishey Catherine Eesley	Karen Greever
Altar Guild - Kathy Noblit		
Tellers - John Hoffman and Will Melick		

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

There are still some openings on the Flower Chart for you to sign up for Altar flowers. The chart is located in the hall by Pastor's office.

KEYS, KEYS

If you have a key to the church that you no longer use, please turn it in. You can give it to any council member or put it in Nick Myrda or Sally Berger's mailbox in the office. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Sally or Nick.

TELLERS

Do you have an eye for detail and a heart for service? Our church's Teller Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to help with the weekly counting of our offerings. This vital ministry ensures the integrity of our financial contributions and is a wonderful way to serve the church. The time commitment is approximately one hour on Sunday morning. No previous experience is necessary, and training will be provided. If you feel called to serve Faith Lutheran in this capacity, please contact Jim Harder or Pat Hoar.

TREES!!

If you see little white flags around the church property, they indicate where trees will be planted. We are pleased to announce Mount Vernon Shade Tree and Beautification Commission has provided six new trees for our church grounds as part of their city-wide beautification project. These trees will provide shade, control stormwater, and improve tree diversity and resilience for years to come.. Faith will be getting: 2 White Oaks, an Exclamation Sycamore, a Burr Oak, a Pin Oak, and an American Sycamore. We thank the Commission for this generous addition to our church home! For more detailed information contact Steve Conrad.

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM

Beginning today, March 15th, join one of these groups for a time of fellowship and learning. Bring your coffee and eats with you. **Bible Study** in the library with Dave Keck or "**God, You Have A Plan**" with Corrine Lund in the Fellowship Hall by the kitchen. You have to try it!

SPRING IS THE TIME FOR PLANTING!

And we have something you can plant in your yard that will bloom all year long! Stroll down the hallway and pick up your very own Faith Lutheran Church yard sign. We have a FREE sign for every household in the congregation. If you care to, you are welcome to contribute toward the cost. Each sign costs \$14.50. Just put a note on your check and pop it in Pat Hoar's mail box or the offering on Sunday. We want our whole community to be reminded we are here to know and share God's love in time for Easter.

WNZR LIFELINE 2026

Join WNZR for LIFELINE 2026, April 8 - 13 and share in the ministry of Christian Radio to our community. Wednesday, April 8 is a special day of Prayer and Praise. If you would like to share a testimony or a prayer request, call 740-392-9090. For more details visit www.wnzs.fm. See their poster on the bulletin board.

"ATTITUDE of GRATITUDE"

What are you thankful today??

Choir Anthem

Not a Word

by Wagner

*O sacred Head now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully
surrounded with thorns His only crown;
how pale He is in anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
They crucified my Lord, and He never said a mumbalin' word. Not
a word. No, he never
said a mumbalin' word.
They spat upon and stripped Him,
and He never said a mumbalin' word.
They mocked and jeered and whipped Him,
and He never said a mumbalin' word.
They pierced Him in the side,
and He never said a mumbalin' word.
He bowed his head and died,
and He never said a mumbalin' word. Not a word.*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

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but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.