

**Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
March 15, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Fourth Sunday in Lent
Seeing and Becoming**



Lord,
I believe

JOHN 9:38

Welcome! Whoever you are, whatever road brought you here—welcome to Faith Lutheran. We gather each Sunday in this sanctuary to receive God's grace freely given, to pray for one another, and to be nourished at Christ's table before we go out to love and serve our neighbors and the world. Thank you for worshiping with us today. Let us know how we can walk alongside you and help you feel at home.

In this season in Lent we are using **Setting Four** of the ELW. Congregation responses appear in bold throughout the bulletin and hymnal.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

In Our Worship on the Fourth Sunday in Lent: Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. This Sunday is the story of a blind man healed by Christ. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

Serving Today: *Greeter:* Alissa S *Reader:* Wes G *Asst Minister:* Matthew R
Cantor: Matthew R *Usher:* Tom L *Altar Guild:* Sharon S & Diane Y
Tech Support: Alex K *Musicians:* Juliana C, Heinz D, Olivia K
Pastor: Shaun O'Reilly *Counters:* Alissa S & Sigrun C *Coffee Host:* Zimmermans

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

moment of centering

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:
 Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:
Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.
Through faith, 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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Canticle of the Turning**

ELW #723

- 1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

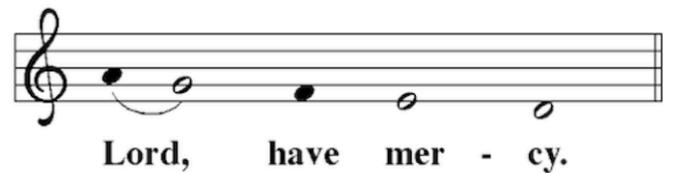
- 2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
 you work great things in me,
 and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
 to the end of the age to be.
 Your very name puts the proud to shame,
 and to those who would for you yearn,
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
 for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**
- 3 From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
 not a stone will be left on stone.
 Let the king beware for your justice tears
 ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
 The hungry poor shall weep no more,
 for the food they can never earn;
 there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
 for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

GREETING

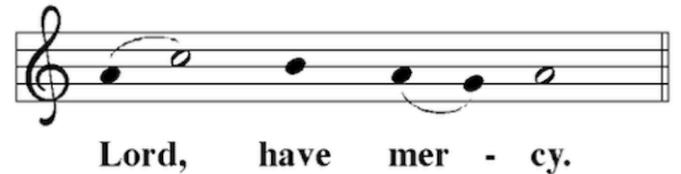
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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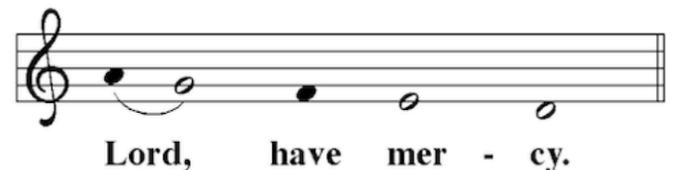
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



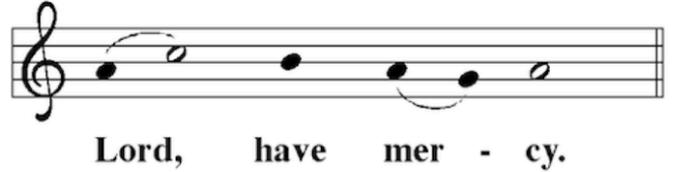
For the peace from above, and for
 our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world,
 for the well-being of the church of God,
 and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer
here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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." 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.' 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." 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?" 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. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." 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." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."



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." 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." 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY: Psalm 23



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

**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

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

**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. Refrain**

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

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14



Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Seeing and Becoming

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW #610

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never
ends?

3 In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

2 From ev'ry ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

4 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

RESPONSE OF FAITH **A:** Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

God of belonging, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

- MEAL -

OFFERING

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PRESENTATION HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

OFFERING PRAYER

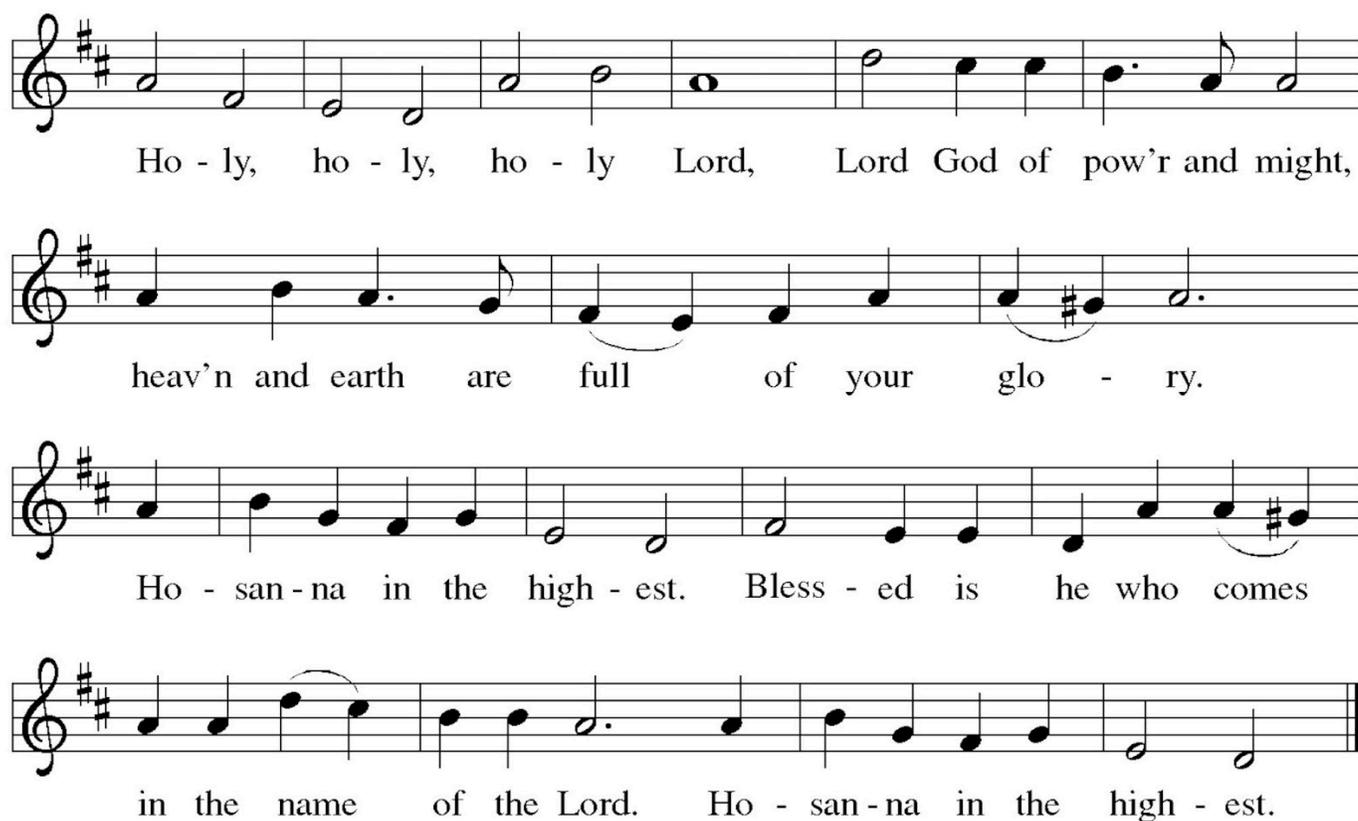
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.
We lift them to the Lord.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting ...

... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION**COMMUNION AND HYMNS****AGNUS DEI****ELW pg.154**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.*

COMMUNION***Amazing Grace******ELW #779**

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| <p>1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.</p> <p>2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!</p> <p>3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.</p> | <p>4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.</p> <p>5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.</p> |
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COMMUNION***Shepard Me, O God*****ELW #780****Refrain**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.

COMMUNION***Children of the Heavenly Father******ELW #781**

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.</p> <p>2 God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.</p> | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.</p> <p>4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.</p> |
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN***Be Thou My Vision*****ELW #793**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

****denotes favorite hymn of congregation***

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~**This Lent, we invite you to join us in giving to Lutheran World Hunger.** However you choose to give this season, we hope this might be one way we give *together*. Pick up a Lenten Calendar in the narthex — it includes daily prayers and prompts, along with creative ways to participate in this global hunger initiative.



~**LENTEN Wednesdays - February 25th - March 25th.** Join us at the following times! **Lenten Soup Supper at 5:30pm | Evening Prayer at 6pm**

~Please sign-up to bring soup and/or bread for the **Soup Suppers on Wednesdays during Lent.** The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

~ This Lent, we're gathering for an **Adult Forum** on Sundays following worship; we're in the fireside room! This class explores the meaning of Jesus as — **Jesus the Forgiving Victim**. Whether you're a longtime Christian or someone wrestling with fresh questions, this is an invitation to draw closer to God and go deeper in faith. James Alison's teaching opens up the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus in genuinely surprising ways, and we'll follow his lead together as a kind of devotional journey through the season. Join us as we let Lent do what Lent does best — bring us face to face with who Jesus is, and who we are becoming.

~ **Easter Altar Flower Order Forms:** Please fill out your order forms(in the Narthex), the deadline for order and payment is **March 29th**. Cost \$15.00 per planted Spring Flower. You can pay by check, cash or using the QR code on the order form, please place completed order forms in the basket in the Narthex.

~ **A special message from Heinz:** I would like to warmly invite the entire Faith Lutheran family to my upcoming DMA Piano Recital on **Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:00 PM in Hall Recital Hall at the UFA Building, UNR.** It would be a joy to see members of the FLC community there. Admission is free.

~Please join us for an inspirational presentation by **Terry Hershey**, "Finding Sanctuary". **Saturday, March 21, 2026 at 9am - 1pm** at St. Therese of the Little Flower Catholic Church. For more information please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Come to Worship. Go to Serve. Embrace the Community.

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