

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Faith Lutheran Church Everett, WA

## 4th Sunday in Lent, March 30, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

- Everyone is welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ -

We're a liturgical church. Liturgy comes from the Greek word meaning, "Work of the people". We use rituals to worship God, we pray together out loud, we stand up, sit down, and participate together in many ways.

Bold: Congregation repeats. Please stand as you're able when you see this symbol +

#### Prelude

#### Welcome

#### Announcements

+ Call to Worship (Bell is rung to signal beginning of worship)

#### + 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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

#### Silence is kept for reflection

- P: Compassionate One,
- C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.
- P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ⊕ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

#### C: Amen

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
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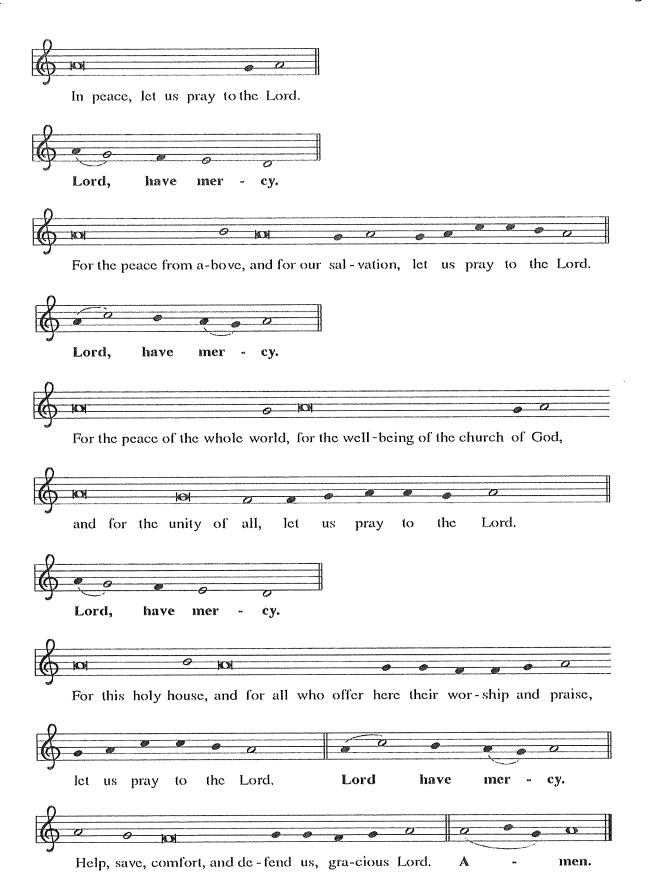
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Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

#### + Apostolic 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.



#### + Prayer of the Day

- P: God of compassion,
- C: you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

R: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

#### The Psalm (All read together)

Psalm 32

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

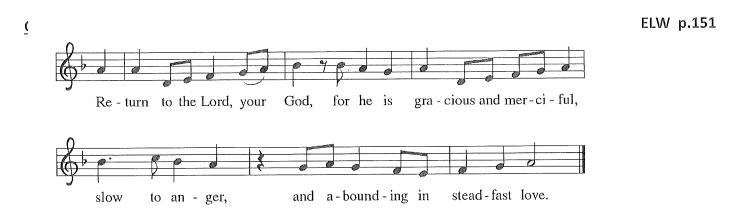
  I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- $^{8}$  "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

 $^{21}$  For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

#### R: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God



+ The Holy GospelLuke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter.

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: 11b "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

#### Sermon

**Pastor Pam Karas** 

+ Hymn of the Day

# "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW #608



- 1 Soft ly and ten der ly Je sus is call ing, call ing for 2 Why should we tar ry when Je sus is plead ing, plead ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won-der ful love he has prom ised, prom ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait-ing and watch-ing, you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer-cies, you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer-cy and par-don,



watch-ing for you and for me. mer - cies for you and for me? par - don for you and for me.

"Come home,

come home!





Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

Apostles' Creed

#### The Confession of Faith

A: 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,

+ Prayers of the People (Sung before and after the prayers)

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ELW #751

O Lord, hear our prayer! O Lord, hear our prayer! When we call, answer us! O Lord, hear our Prayer! O Lord, hear our prayer! Come and listen to us!

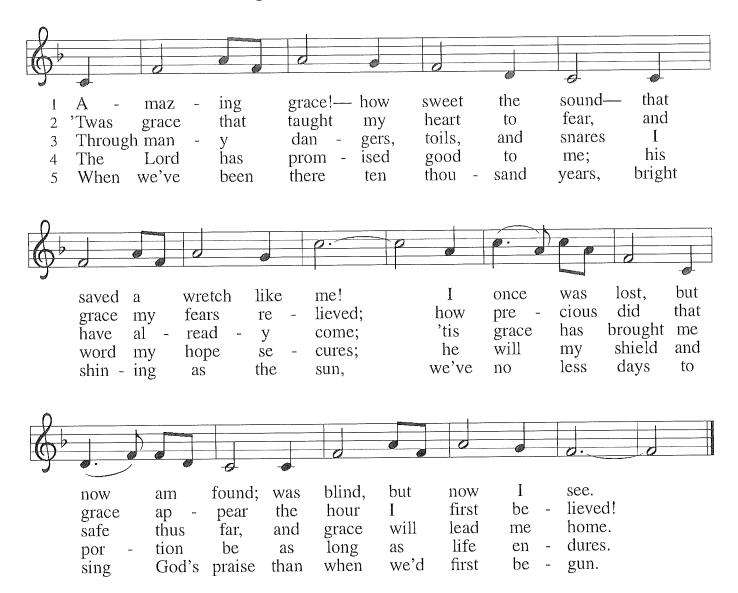
R: God in your mercy, C: receive our prayer.

## + Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you! C: And also with you!

#### Offering

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

#### Offering Prayer

A: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### C: Amen.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

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

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## + Holy, Holy, Holy (Sing)

ELW #473

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, my heart, my heart a-dores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God. San-to, san-to, mi co-ra-zon te a-do-ra. Mi co-ra-zon te sa-be de-cir: San-to eres Senor. (Repeat first verse)

### ★ The 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.

### + Invitation to Communion

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

### All are welcome to the Lord's Table

#### Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

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.

#### **Distribution of Communion**

Meditative Music

#### + Post-Communion Blessing

P: Now may the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior 🛨 keep us in God's peace.

C: Amen

#### + Post Communion Song

LBW p. 72

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le-lu-ia Al-le-lu-ia.

#### + Prayer after Communion

- P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

#### + Benediction

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, → bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### + Sending Hymn

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

ELW #772

## Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat utes still!
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#### + The Dismissal

- P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
- C: Thanks be to God.

The members of Faith Lutheran Church have a tradition of singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" after the service has concluded. Please feel free to depart or join in the singing.

#### **GOD BE WITH YOU**

- 1. God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you, with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. (CHORUS)
- 2. God be with you till we meet again; 'neath His wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (CHORUS)

#### CHORUS:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet (till we meet); till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828-1904) MUSIC: William Tomer (1833-1896)

## Faith Lutheran Church

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#### **Vision Statement**

Faith Lutheran Church of Everett is a dynamic force in its neighborhood, community and the world beyond due to its people, programs and facilities. The church is a youth-friendly place that welcomes people of all backgrounds resulting in a constantly growing congregation that people want to join and spread the world of Jesus here and around the world.

#### **Mission Statement**

The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to utilize the rich blend of God's people, programs and facilities to spread the word of Jesus, through witness and service, in our neighborhood, community and around the world.

#### **Prayer Requests:**

Pastor: Contact Pastor Pam at (425) 870-5335 or email: pastorpam.faithlutheran@gmail.com Confidential Prayer Chain: contact Ella Tuininga at (425) 231-2072 or email: getuininga@gmail.com

## Serving in Worship

	TODAY-Mar 30	NEXT SUNDAY – April 6
Presiding Minister:	Pastor Pam Karas	Pastor Pam Karas
Assisting Minister:	Andrea	Ginny W.
Accompanist:	Ben Kromholtz	Ben Kromholtz
Altar Guild:	Susan	Ginny W.
Ushers:	Susan	Ella
Counters:	?/Roger	Andrea/Holly
Streamer:	Roger	Krista
Coffee Host:	Ginny W.	Holly
Deacon – Mar/April	David	Roger
Music Assistants:	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.	Paul, Holly & Ginny W.

## Weekly Calendar of Events

Sun. 3/30:

9:30am-Worship Plan Mtg. (L); 10:30am-Worship Service (S); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth

(S)

Tues. 4/1:

5-6pm-Community Meal (FH)

Wed. 4/2:

6:30pm Lenten Service @Zion; 7-9pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

Thurs. 4/3:

10am-Quilters (FH); 11:30-12p-Lunch (FH); 12-1pm-Bible Study (FH)

Fri. 4/4:

10:30am-12pm-Food Bank Open

Sun. 4/6:

10:30am-Worship Service (S); 3-7pm-Fountain of Truth (S)

Office is open Tuesdays – However, times can vary so please call first (425) 353-4758.

Pastor Pam will be in the office on Tuesdays. Her email is pastorpam.faithlutheran@gmail.com

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### **Faith Announcements**



#### **Easter Flowers**

Easter flowers may be brought on or before Easter, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please fill out the back of the green attendance form if you would like to include a name (s) to recognize in memory or honor.

### **Photos for Directory**

I will be in the fellowship hall during coffee hour on Sundays to take pictures for the Church Directory starting on March 23.

If you have a picture you prefer, please send it to <a href="vjwegenast@comcast.net">vjwegenast@comcast.net</a> or give it to me and I will scan it a get it back to you.

Thank you so much for helping me put this together.

Ginny Wegenast

## My Lenten Sacrifice

Please use the designated envelope to set aside the suggested \$1 a day for the 40 days of Lent, and return your envelope on Easter Sunday. The money will go to the Operating Fund to offset the deficit.

Lessons for April 6, 2025
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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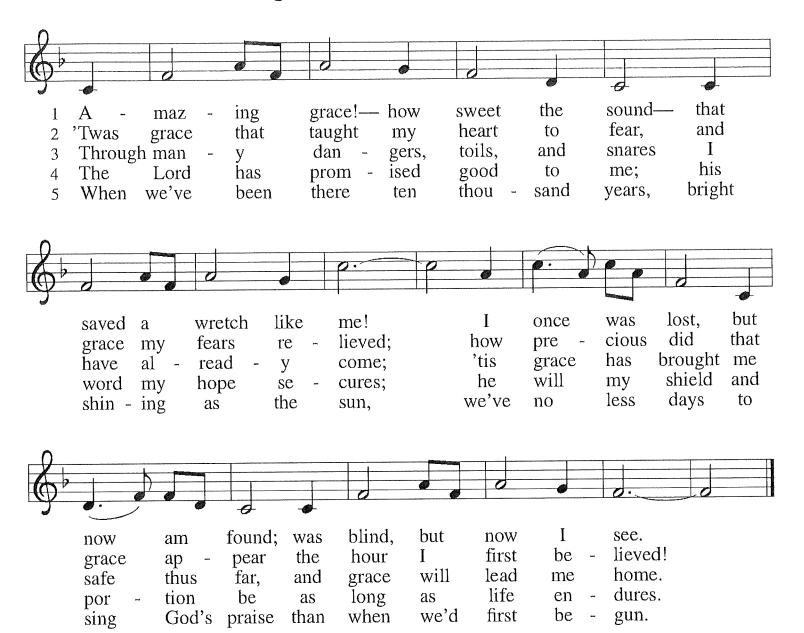
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