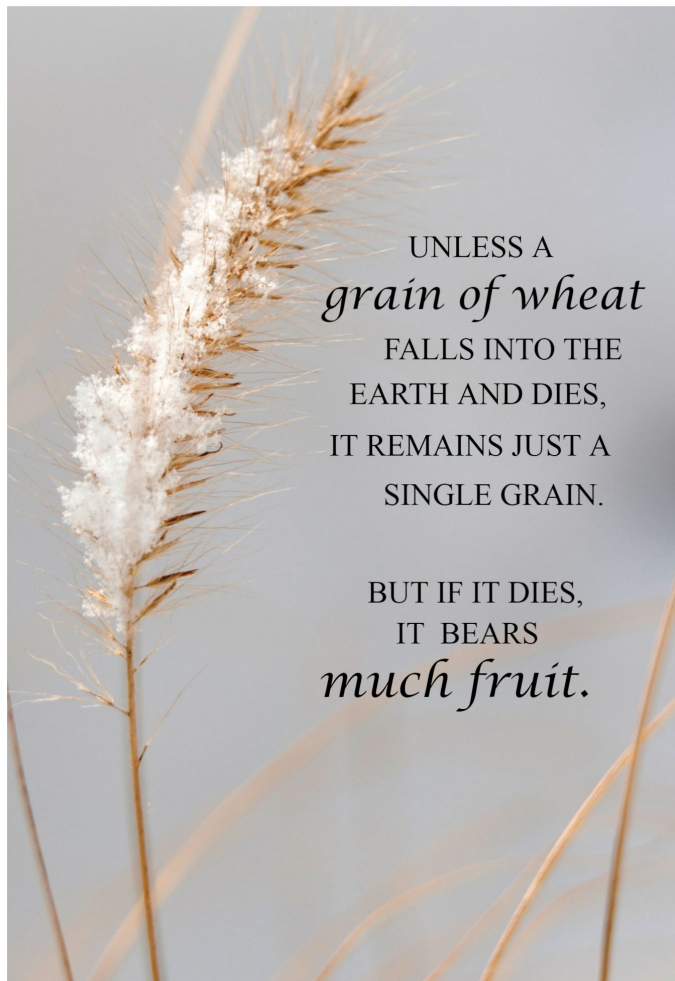


# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

March 17, 2024



UNLESS A  
*grain of wheat*  
FALLS INTO THE  
EARTH AND DIES,  
IT REMAINS JUST A  
SINGLE GRAIN.

BUT IF IT DIES,  
IT BEARS  
*much fruit.*

**Prelude**      *When We Are Living*    arranged by Cathy Moklebust  
Grace Notes Handbell Choir  
Teri Applegate and Justin Felix, percussion

## Confession and Forgiveness

*We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*We kneel or stand. Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

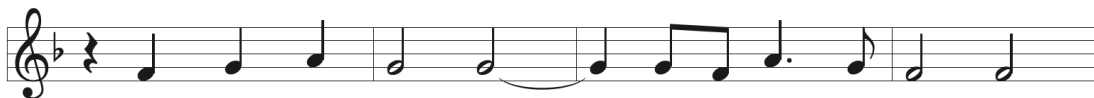
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

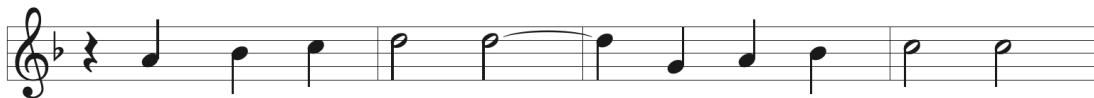
**Gathering Hymn**      ELW 639      *When We Are Living*    (sung in English)



	<i>Pues si vi - vi - mos,</i>	<i>pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,</i>
1	When we are liv - ing,	it is in Christ Je - sus,
2	'Mid times of sor - row	and in times of pain, . . . .
3	A - cross this wide world,	we shall al - ways find . . . .



y si mo - ri - mos      pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.  
and when we're dy - ing,      it is in the Lord. . . .  
when sens - ing beau - ty      or in love's em - brace, . . .  
those who are cry - ing      with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos      o que mu - ra - mos,  
Both in our liv - ing      and in our dy - ing,  
wheth - er we suf - fer,      or sing re - joic - ing,  
and when we help them,      or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor,      so - mos del Se - ñor.  
we be - long to God,      we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God,      we be - long to God.  
we be - long to God,      we be - long to God.

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942  
st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946  
Music: SOMOS DEL SEÑOR, Spanish traditional

## (11:00) Children Worship and Wonder

*Children are dismissed for Children Worship and Wonder*

### 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.**

## Lenten Canticle

ACS 922, verses 1 & 4 *When We are Tested*



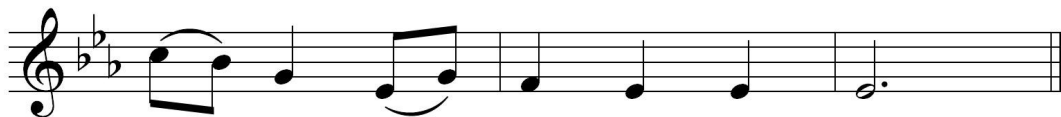
When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone.  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way, — food that sus -  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care, — an - gels of



tains — us by — night and by day.  
heal - ing, of — hope, and of prayer.

## Prayer of the Day

*We sit.*

## First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34 *A new covenant written on the heart*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will

put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** Psalm 51:1-12      *(cantor sings verses; assembly sings refrain)*

Refrain:



## Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10 *Through suffering Christ becomes the source of salvation*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.*

## Gospel Acclamation



*(Cantor) Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.*

## Gospel

John 12:20-23 *The grain of wheat dying in the earth*

The holy gospel according to John. **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sing the acclamation and then we sit.*

**Sermon** Pastor Dana Lockhart

*We stand.*

## Hymn of the Day ELW 329 *As the Sun with Longer Journey*



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,  
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,  
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,  
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.  
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.  
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## Apostles 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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## Peace

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### (11:00) Choral Offering      *Seed That in Earth Is Dying*

setting by Bradley Ellingboe      Parish Choir

*Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain. Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine. God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness, life in our night and death.*

*We were baptized in Jesus, into his death and grave to resurrection's promise: praise and eternal life. Heaven's own praises begin here where you yourself are near us, deep in our night and death.*

*Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit. Christ, as we meet at your table, give us the bread of life. Lord, we do thank and adore you! Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.*

## Offering Song

ELW 188

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



## Offering Prayer

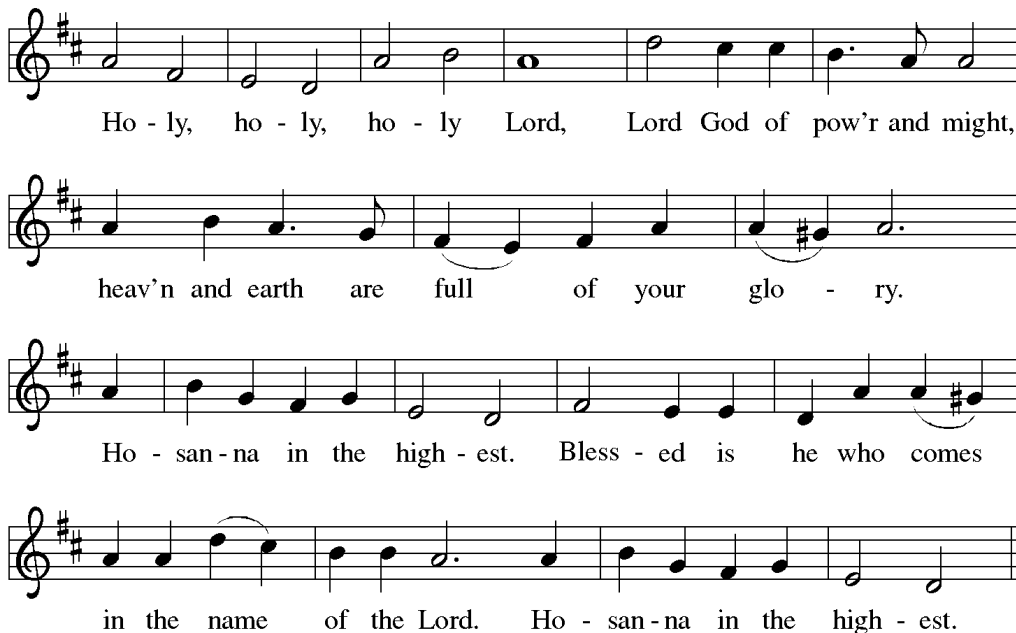
### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

#### Music During Communion

*I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* arranged by Cathy Moglebust

Grace Notes Handbell Choir, Teri Applegate and Justin Felix, percussion

*After all have communed, we stand.*

## Post Communion Prayer

### Charge to the People

People of God, you have been called to be disciples of Christ. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

### Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** ELW 545      *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      *Postlude on "Sicilian Mariners"*      Alfred V. Fedak

## Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Judy Page
Cantor	Justin Felix
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Jim & Judy Knauss (11:00) Bea & Victoria Lockhart
Greeter	(8:30) Chris & LaDawn Reynolds (11:00) David Templar
Sacristan	(8:30) Diana Nicely & Marianne Kehres (11:00) David Templar
Counters	Carol Buchanan & Penni Black
Livestream Operator	Helen Born
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	Charla Heersche
Sexton	Neil McComb

## Worship Servants for Next Sunday (March 24)

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Assisting Minister	Richard Michel	Roland Born
Cantor	Teri Applegate	Teri Applegate
Ushers	Charlie Hamilton & Julie Keller	Wendroth Family
Greeter	Diana Shappley	Gisela Atkerson
Sacristan	Diana Nicely & Marianne Kehres	David Templar
Counters	Judy Page & Elaine Billington	
Livestream Operator		Debbie Rosenberg

## March 17, 2024 Announcements



### **FAMILY OF THINGS:** The art of Lori B. Lipscomb

The Harstad Fine Art Series is proud to have the current art exhibit as part of our season. The exhibit will run through March 17<sup>th</sup> and there will be an Artist's Reception on today from 3:00 – 6:00pm. At the Artist's Reception, you will not only have a chance to meet the creator of the exhibited works, but also find an additional 20 pieces of her artwork for sale. Please plan to join us this afternoon!

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### **Easter Flowers**



In celebration of Easter Sunday, the sanctuary will be adorned with tulips. You have the opportunity to memorialize or honor a loved one with a tulip. (Please print all information.)



\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tulip/tulips. (\$7.50 each)  
(number)

My/Our Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to be honored: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person to be memorialized: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a check payable to Faith Lutheran Church. **Deadline for order is March 24.**



- ◆ Sunday, March 24  
Palm/Passion Sunday services at 8:30 and 11:00
- ◆ Tuesday March 26 at 10 am  
Chrism Liturgy with Bishop Gafjken
- ◆ Thursday March 28  
Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm
- ◆ Friday March 29  
Good Friday Services at 12:00 pm and 7 pm
- ◆ Sunday, March 31  
Easter Sunday Festival Services at 8:30 and 11:00

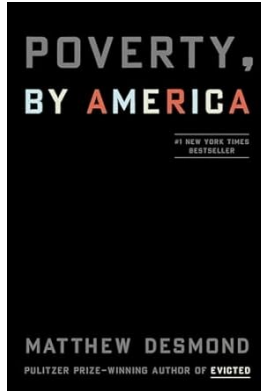


### **Faith Lutheran's Annual Used Book Sale!**

FLC will hold its annual used book sale on the following Sundays: April 14, 21st, 28th! Anyone can start donating books on Sunday March 3rd and leave them in the boxes under the coat racks in the Narthex. If any questions contact Donita Henry at [henrydonita@gmail.com](mailto:henrydonita@gmail.com). Thanks so much!



Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our first soup lunch fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering such a success, especially to those who brought soup! We are going to continue with soup lunch fundraisers on a regular basis, with our next one on March 17th after the 11:00 service. If you would like to bring in a soup for this fundraiser, please reach out to Paige Barricklow and let her know what you're bringing. If not, please plan to stay after church on the 17th for a bowl of soup!



## Sophia Club

The March meeting of the Sophia Book Club will be on Monday March 25 at 7:00pm. We will be discussing the book “Poverty, By America,” written by Matthew Desmond (a sociologist and Pulitzer Prize winning author).

It will be held in the first floor meeting room (just beyond the foyer) at:

Legacy Reserve at Fritz Farm

2700 Man O War Blvd

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## Healthy Congregations Workshop

The next Healthy Congregations workshop will be held Saturday, March 23. Breakfast will be at 8:00am and the workshop will begin at 8:30am. We hope you can join us.



## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

### **Sunday, March 17**

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
- 12:00pm Soup Lunch Fundraiser
- 3:00pm HFAS Reception

### **Monday, March 18**

- 6:15pm AA
- 7:00pm Council Meeting

### **Tuesday, March 19**

- 9:00am LFMC Meeting
- 11:00am Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- 1:00pm Staff Meeting
- 7:00pm Grace Notes

### **Wednesday, March 20**

- 6:00pm AA (Faith House)
- 6:00pm Soup Supper
- 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer
- 7:30pm Parish Choir

### **Thursday, March 21**

- 7:15am Men's Group (First Watch)

### **Saturday, March 23**

- 8:00am Healthy Congregations

### **Sunday, March 24**

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 9:45am MET Meeting
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
- 7:00pm Youth Movie Night