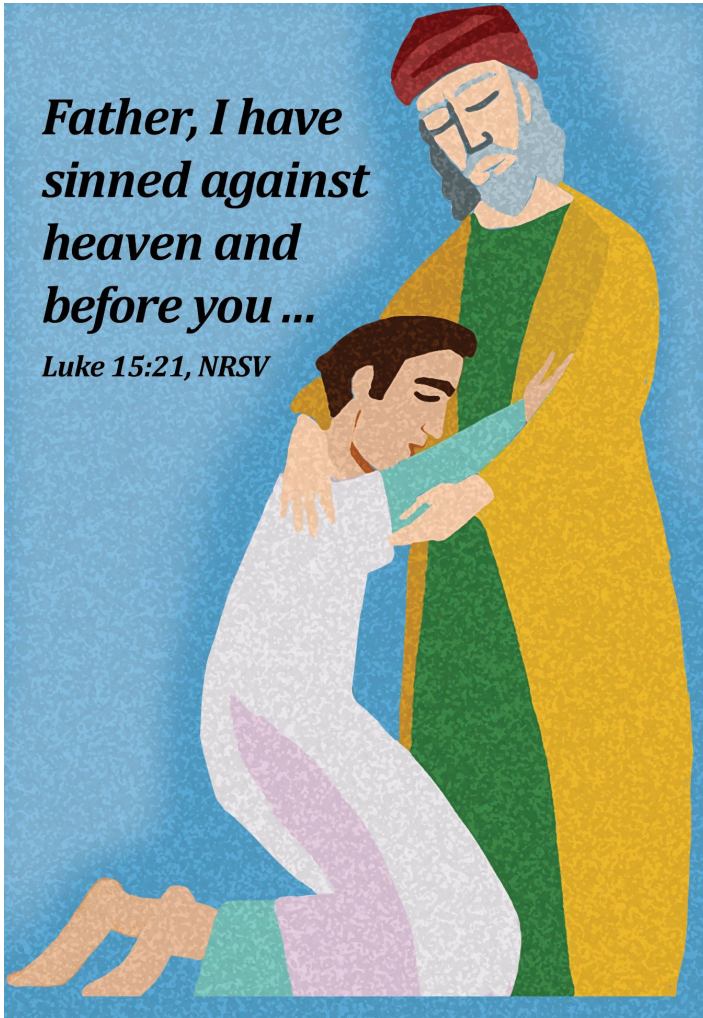


# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA  
March 30, 2025

*Father, I have  
sinned against  
heaven and  
before you ...*

*Luke 15:21, NRSV*



## Welcome

*And thank you for worshipping with us today.*

**If you are a visitor**, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

**Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service** and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know.

After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please:

keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation.

**silence** all electronic devices.

**refrain from talking** during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

## Our Mission

*As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.*

## Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;

creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;

engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;

working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

**Prelude**      *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ)*  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*We stand.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**  
Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Almighty God, merciful Father:

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy.**

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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## Greeting

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**



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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## Prayer of the Day

*We sit.*

## First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12 *Israel eats the produce of the land*

<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.

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

**Psalmody** Psalm 22



Be glad, you right-teous, and re - joice in the LORD.



Happy are they whose transgressions<sup>1</sup> are forgiven,  
and whose sin is<sup>1</sup> put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the LORD im-<sup>1</sup> putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there<sup>1</sup> is no guile! R**

**3 While I held my tongue, my bones with-<sup>1</sup> ered away,  
because of my groaning<sup>1</sup> all day long.**

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of summer.**

**5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-<sup>1</sup> ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt<sup>1</sup> of  
my sin.**

**6 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in<sup>1</sup> time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they<sup>1</sup> shall not reach them. R**

**7 You are my hiding-place; you preserve<sup>1</sup> me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts<sup>1</sup> of deliverance.**

**8 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that<sup>1</sup> you should go;  
I will guide you<sup>1</sup> with my eye.**

**9 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no<sup>1</sup> understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will<sup>1</sup> not stay near you."**

**10 Great are the tribulations<sup>1</sup> of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.**

**11 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice<sup>1</sup> in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are<sup>1</sup> true of heart. R**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 *The mystery and ministry of reconciliation*

<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. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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



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.

*(cantor) I will arise and go to my father and say, I have sinned against heaven and before you. (Repeat acclamation)*

## Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 *The parable of the prodigal son*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **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: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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; <sup>19</sup> 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.’ <sup>22</sup> 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.’ <sup>28</sup> 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.’”

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

*We sing the acclamation; then we sit.*

**Sermon** Pastor Dana Lockhart

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day**

ELW 608

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*



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,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

### **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**

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer**

### **Peace**

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

*We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**Choral Offering** *Welcome Home: Song for Prodigals*

Mark A. Miller

Parish Choir

*Embraced before we have the chance to try and make things right; well-loved before we love ourselves, adored before first sight. The love of God confounds the mind of all who grace the earth. We cannot grasp the height nor depth, a gift before our birth.*

*Welcome home! Welcome home, received with joy and made whole! To be in turn, the welcome home for every seeking soul.*

*Just as the father flew to greet his slow returning son, so we are met with open arms, and welcomed every one.*

**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, 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.

## **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**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## Music During Communion

### Lamb of God

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.

### Only You, O God

*(cantor sings verses, assembly sings refrain)*

On - ly you, O God, and you a-lone, the bro - ken heart con -  
sole. On - ly you, O God, and you a-lone, the  
wound - ed world made whole.

After all have communed, we stand.

## Post Communion Prayer

### Charge to the People

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn** ELW 763 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

#### Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *All' Offertorio* Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

## Serving Today

Assisting Minister	Judy Page
Cantor	Ole Wendroth
Organist/Pianist	Kathy Egner
Ushers	(8:30) Debbie Rosenberg & Carolyn Carden (11:00) Jim & Judy Knauss
Greeter	(8:30) Val Dutcher (11:00) Dave & Judy McGrew
Sacristan	(8:30) Jim & Judy Knauss (11:00) Jane Pettibone
Counters	Penni Black & Debbie Rosenberg
Livestream Operator	Jonathan Delap
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	Courtney Hearld
Facilities Manager	Parker Taul
Sexton	Neil McComb

## Worship Servants for Next Sunday (April 6)

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Assisting Minister	Shane Hadden	Shane Hadden
Cantor	William Middleton	William Middleton
Ushers	Carolyn & William Holmes	Wendroth Family
Greeter	Julie Keller	David Templar
Sacristan	Janet Walker	Phyllis Hasbrouck
Counters		
Livestream Operator		David Templar

# Bulletin Boards

Our bulletin boards have been redecorated! One of them features pictures from recent church and Learning Center events and activities. If you have any pictures you would like included, please send them to Amanda at [office@faithlutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@faithlutheranchurch.com).

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Lenten Soup Suppers are being held each Wednesday of Lent, March 12-April 9 at 6.00pm. This is before the Mid-Week Lenten services. Come and enjoy a delicious bowl of soup and fellowship before the service.

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## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

### Sunday, March 30

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
- 3:00pm HFAS Concert
- 6:00pm In-Person Worship

### Monday, March 31

- 6:15pm AA

### Tuesday, April 1

- 11:00am Tuesday Bible Study
- 7:00pm Holy Cow Interpretation

### Wednesday, April 2

- 4:00pm Children's Choir
- 6:00pm AA—Faith House
- 6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper
- 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer
- 7:30pm Parish Choir

### Thursday, April 3

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

### Sunday, April 6

- 8:30am In-Person Worship
- 11:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship
- 11:00am Thomas Keesecker
- 3:00pm FLY Movies
- 6:00pm In-Person Worship



## **Tailgating at Keeneland!**



The Parish Life Committee is planning an informal afternoon tailgating for the races at Keeneland on Saturday, April 12th. The Committee will provide sub/hoagie sandwiches for all to enjoy.

**We ask that you bring a dessert or side dish to share and your own beverages, as well as your own chairs for seating.**

**Post Time is 1:00 PM (Although we recommend that you arrive earlier)**

**Children are welcomed!**

**No tickets needed & no charge of any kind associated with attendance!**

We will be in the designated tailgating lot which is located adjacent to the Entertainment Center and Keene Barn. It is accessible via Gate 1 at no charge. Complimentary shuttle service is available to the grandstand area. Keeneland's enhanced tailgating lot, dubbed "The Hill", takes tailgating to a whole new level with a variety of fan-friendly amenities including food trucks, Bluegrass music, a jumbo television screen, the Keeneland Gift Shop, wagering options and Keeneland's BETologists.

**Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!**

