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“Growing and Engaging in **RELATIONSHIPS** with Christ, his  
Church, and our Community.”

*Welcome to Faith Ev. Lutheran Church. We pray that your faith in the living Lord  
Jesus may be nourished and strengthened through God's Holy Word.*

***This worship service is being live-streamed and recorded.***



March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
*Forth Sunday of Lent*  
**Romans 8:1-10**  
The Contrast of our  
Old & New Self

# The Season of Lent

*The season of Lent makes our Christian faith so clear: the reason the Son of God came was to destroy the work of the devil! Wednesday evenings, we will follow his final steps that led to the cross. Sunday mornings, we will behold the stark contrast between all that sin destroyed and all that Christ redeemed. May God bless us this season of Lent!*

*Special thanks to Jo Carmichael, our organist this morning!*

**Opening Hymn:** 1 vs. 1,2,5,6 The Advent of Our King

**Order of Service:** p. 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

# GOD'S WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*The Lord disciplined his servant Israel, who was willing to be rebuked. Only through the Lord's perfect servant, the Savior, will we be saved.*

<sup>15</sup> Then I will return to my lair until they have sought my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek my face.

<sup>1</sup> “Come, let us return to the Lord. He has forgiven our iniquities; he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind our wounds. On the second day he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up in his presence. <sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the Lord our God, for he has forgiven our iniquities. As surely as the sun rises, let us acknowledge him. As surely as the winter rains, let us acknowledge him. As surely as the spring rains, let us acknowledge him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: everything old has passed away, everything new has come, and all things have become new.

## GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:6-11

*The man born blind received far more than physical sight. He received faith that sees salvation in Christ alone!*

<sup>17</sup> Now Jesus was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them, <sup>18</sup> “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death <sup>19</sup> and will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

<sup>20</sup> Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came with her two sons and kneeling down asked a favor of him.

She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of my right and the other at your left in your kingdom.”

<sup>22</sup> “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said, “you drink the cup I am going to drink?”

“We can,” they answered.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink from at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to whom they have been prepared by my Father.”

<sup>24</sup> When the ten heard about this, they were indignant brothers. <sup>25</sup> Jesus called them together and said, “You know of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials oppress them. <sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be first among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be your slave— <sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”



# 100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS

WELS HOME MISSIONS 2023-2033

A WELS Home Missions initiative to plant 100 new home mission churches and enhance 75 existing ministries from 2023-2033.

[wels100in10.net](http://wels100in10.net)



**Hymn of the Day:** CWS 749 The Love of Christ, WELS

## SERMON TEXT & NEW TESTAMENT

### READING: Romans 8:1-10

*The grace of God changes us from children of darkness to God children.*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For you were powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, but God sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering and to condemn sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

**Taste of MISSIONS**

June 10, 2023  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary | Mequon, Wis.

Sample ethnic cuisine • Enjoy family-friendly activities  
Participate in a worship service of thanksgiving  
Interact with home + world missionaries

Learn more at [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

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# CHRISTIAN FAMILY SOLUTIONS

## Counseling Care & Services

### MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

MAP is a customized way for churches to help meet the emotional or psychological needs of their members by providing convenient and affordable (free) services.

Working collaboratively with the pastor, WLCFS counselor individuals, couples, and families via telephone, in person clinics, or through live video conferencing right from your home.

**Faith Ev. Lutheran Church is a member of the MAP program.** Blocks of counseling hours have already been purchased and are available to members of the congregation free of charge, **right now.** Please speak to Pastor Schmiel privately for a referral.

Addiction, Anxiety, Depression, Conflict Resolution, Crisis Intervention, Eating Disorders, Elder Care Navigation, Grief, Marriage Counseling, Parenting and Family, Pregnancy/Infertility, Self-Esteem, Substance Abuse, Suicide, Pre-teen/ Teen/Young Adult Issues...

**Please don't wait! Talk to Pastor today if you are in need!**

of the flesh desires; but those who live in accord  
 their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The  
 flesh is death, but the mind governed by the S  
 mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God;  
 law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the re  
 please God.  
<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of  
 of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives i  
 not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong  
 is in you, then even though your body is subject  
 the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

### Romans 8:1-10

Sermon: The Contrast of  
 Old & New Self

**Offering Hymn Verse:** 114 vs. 1 Christ the King  
**Communion Hymn:** 392 Not Unto Us  
**Closing Hymn:** 556 vs 1,2,4 Rise, Shine, Y



Upcoming Events, Meetings & Classes

- **Bible Study & Sunday School:** Following worship today
- **Midweek Lenten Dinner & Service:** Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm Dinner/ 6:30pm Worship - Pastor Stelljes, "His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks" John 12
- **Thursday Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10am through March 30<sup>th</sup> on Zoom or person or Zoom!
- **Men of Truth Conference:** Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at Martin Luther College, New Ulm
- **LWMS Spring Rally:** Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Burnsville

**Matthew 20:17-28**

**(page 4 in the bulletin)**

**"Contrast: Old & New Self"**

1. If someone asked you, "Who are you?"
2. Paul's greater point in this entire chapter is to contrast the old and new self. How do you think the contrasts reflect the realm in which they live (darkness vs. light)? How do some of the contrasts that Paul mentions in this passage reflect the contrast between the old and new self?
3. Darkness and light are extreme opposites. How do you think unbelievers may appear to be similar to the old self? How do you think they may be different?
4. List as many qualities of the light (belonging to the new self) as you can think of.



What's in The Sign-Up Corner:

- After Service Refreshments
- New Creations Volunteer Registration
- Care for Shut-ins
- **Mexican Night on March 22**
- **Easter Breakfast on April 9**

LWMS Rally

The Spring rally will be held on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Burnsville. Our Ladies At Faith group will be providing the lunch that day. Registration begins at 9:00 AM. The rally begins at 9:30AM. Donations for our LWMS rally are due by Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Checks may be placed in Ruth Westman's mail slot. Cash may be given to either Ruth or Paula Riddle.



5. We don't know where this phrase that Paul used came from. How do you imagine applying it to our lives today?

## Season of Lent

Midweek Lenten Dinners 5:30pm, Worship 6:30pm

Midweek Worship Theme: **“His Final Steps”**

Sunday Worship Theme: **“Contrast”**

- Weds, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Stelljes, “His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks” John 12
- Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> “Contrast: Death and Life” Romans 8
- Weds, March 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor Wiedmann, “His Final Steps Led Outside His Tomb” Luke 20

## Holy Week

- Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> “Contrast: Exultation and Humiliation” John 12
- Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, “His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room” Mark 14
- Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm “His Final Steps: Calvary’s Mountain Climb”
- Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Worship 7am, “Contrast: Death and Raised” Colossians 3
- Easter Breakfast 8am
- Easter Worship 9am, “His FIRST Steps Led Outside His Tomb!” John 20

## Men of Truth Conference

Men of Truth invites you to a one-day men’s conference, **Men Mentoring Men** on March 25, 2023. We will be in the auditorium at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN. Keynote Speaker Time of Grace Pastor Jeremy Venter. We will be joined by additional speakers, Ben Burk and Jon Schaefer, to provide an overview of what mentoring

is and how to use the tools to help us all be better men. The event will feature time for fellowship, encouragement, and refreshment. Our speakers will cover topics and struggles many of us face today. You can purchase tickets online at the event website: <https://www.menoftruth.com>. Tickets are \$30 if purchased the day of the event. Students are once again offered a special discount. Register online for your free ticket. Head to <https://www.menoftruth.com> for more information!



## Lenten Dinners

Lenten Dinners will be taking place at 5:30pm before church starts at 6:30pm. Here is the schedule of dinners:

**Wednesday, March 22:** LAF Mexican Dinner

**Wednesday, March 29:** Council Grill Out

## Winter/Spring Bible Study



Midweek Bible Study at Faith! Six-week study on “Government and Politics” Pastor Schaefer. Thursdays at 10am February 23rd to March 2nd. Attend in person at church or live on Zoom! Sign up at <https://www.fith.org>



## Church Directory & Family Photos

Reminder that you can view the online church directory through your Breeze account! Here you can update your contact information, change your family photo and also access online giving. If you need assistance setting up or accessing your account, please let Haley Scott know at [hwolf2193@gmail.com](mailto:hwolf2193@gmail.com).

Going forward, there will not be a mass printing of the directory. If you need a printed copy at any time, please contact Ruth Westman.

For those who would like an updated family photo taken, once a year we will announce a date and someone from the congregation will take pictures. Stay tuned for more information on when that will take place. If you have any questions, please reach out to Haley Scott or Frank Roberts.

## LAF Puzzle Exchange

The Ladies At Faith will be having a free puzzle exchange the second Monday of each month. The next event is **Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00am to 3:00pm**.

## Happy Birthday!

Wish a Happy Birthday to members here at Faith!

Birthdays in **MARCH**: **13<sup>th</sup>**: Rebecca Ott & Craig Stodola

**16<sup>th</sup>**: Paula Riddle **19<sup>th</sup>**: Roger Toomey **25<sup>th</sup>**: Evelyn Schmie

**27<sup>th</sup>**: Annette Deden **31<sup>st</sup>**: Jaylene Strehler

*Don't see your birthday on here, but it is supposed to be?*

*Scott or Ruth Westman to have it updated in our*

Stewardship Update: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if you are steward working for the Lord, not for people." Colossians 3:23

**Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Attendance: 60**

**Weekly Offering Goal: \$3,500.00 Last Week: \$ 4,122.22**

**Monthly Offering Goal: \$15,200 February: \$20,387.11**

**ELDERS:** Brian James & Mike

**USHERS:** Team #2 for March, Tom

**ALTAR GUILD:** Ruth Westman and

**COUNTERS:** Ruth Westman & M

## Church Council

**Church President & Interim Treasurer:** Rick Barring

**Elders:** Mike Nelson & Brian James

**Trustees:** Craig Stodola

## Heads of Boards & Committees:

**Staff Minister:** Ric Gibson **Church Administrators:** H

**Head Ushers:** Jared Verke & Bob Gross **LAF:** Paula

**Fellowship Committee:** Frank Roberts, Becky Ott, E

& Howard Busse; **Sunday School:** Laura Gross & Ka

**Stream:** Brian James & Lyn Verke

## Usher Teams:

**Team #1 Jared Verke** – Kevin Cole, Dennis Pforr, R

Scott, Tom Wirtz

**Team #2 Bob Gross** – Rollin Fahning, Mike Kinsley

Schultz, Bruce Zutter

## Upcoming Live Stream Schedule:

3/19 Tom W.

3/22 Tom W. (Wednesday)

3/23 Tom W. (Wednesday)

3/26 Lyn D.

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