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Green Bay, Wisconsin

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- congregation stands.



- congregation sits.



- congregation kneel or sit as you are able.



- congregation sings.

Congregation responds in **bold** print.

If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Reminders in Preparation for Service:

- Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.
- Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.
- While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.
- Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggly room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.

Visitors and Guests: Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.

- While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.
- Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.

College Students: Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.

Prelude

EVENING PRAYER

(begins on p. 243 of *Lutheran Service Book*)

SERVICE OF LIGHT - LSB p. 243-44

INCENSE PSALM - LSB p. 245

Psalm 130



Out of the depths
I cry to you, O LORD;

**O Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness; that
you may be feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning.
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O Israel, hope in the LORD! for with the LORD is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.**

READINGS

Isaiah 58:1-14

“Cry aloud; do not hold back;
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet they seek me daily
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgment of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they delight to draw near to God.
‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.
Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.
Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the Lord?
“Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?”

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
 when you see the naked, to cover him,
 and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up speedily;
 your righteousness shall go before you;
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
 you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'
 If you take away the yoke from your midst,
 the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
 if you pour yourself out for the hungry
 and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
 then shall your light rise in the darkness
 and your gloom be as the noonday.
 And the Lord will guide you continually
 and satisfy your desire in scorched places
 and make your bones strong;
 and you shall be like a watered garden,
 like a spring of water,
 whose waters do not fail.
 And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
 you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
 the restorer of streets to dwell in.
 "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
 from doing your pleasure on my holy day,
 and call the Sabbath a delight
 and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,
 or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly;
 then you shall take delight in the Lord,
 and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;
 I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son. *Hebrews 1:1-2a*

HYMN: **“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” - LSB #782**

 **SERMON** **Fasting - Part 3: Almsgiving** Vicar William Ebel

Gathering of the Offering


Did you know that your offering provides support to the North Wisconsin District and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to facilitate the spread of the Gospel across the US and around the world?

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During gathering of the offering we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

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 **CANTICLE:** **MAGNIFICAT** **LSB pp. 248-9**

 **LITANY** ***Lutheran Service Book pp. 249-51***

COLLECT FOR PEACE and LORD’S PRAYER *LSB p. 251*

 **BENEDICTION**
Amen.

EVENING HYMN “Now Rest Beneath Night’s Shadow” - *LSB #880*

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PENITENTIAL PRACTICES IN THE BIBLE
LENT IS A SEASON IN THE CHURCH YEAR THAT IS
CHARACTERIZED BY AN INTENSIFIED FOCUS ON
REPENTANCE. TRUE REPENTANCE BEGINS AND ENDS
WITH THE WORK OF GOD’S WORD ON THE HEART,
AS HE CRUSHES SINNERS WITH THE LAW SO THAT
HE CAN RESTORE THEM WITH THE
GOSPEL OF CHRIST JESUS. HOWEVER, REPENTANCE
ALSO MANIFESTS ITSELF IN OUTWARD PRACTICES.
THIS LENT, WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT SUCH
PRACTICES AS THEY APPEAR IN THE BIBLE,
EXAMINING WHAT THEY TEACH ABOUT OUR SIN AS
WELL AS OUR NEED FOR A SAVIOR.
-Vicar William Ebel

2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Midweek Services (Wednesdays at 4 & 6:30 pm)

Services follow Evening Prayer (LSB pg. 243)
Midweek Meals will be served from 5:00 pm—6:00 pm

- March 26

Midweek Service (Meal hosted by Altar Guild)
- April 2

Midweek Service (Meal hosted by Evangelism & Fellowship)
- April 9

Midweek Service (Meal hosted by Church Council)

Holy Week

- Sun. 4/13

Palm Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am (and 6:30 pm Monday)
- Thur. 4/17

Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm (1st Communion)
- Fri. 4/18

Tre Ore Service 12:00 - 3:00 pm (7 small services all approx. 25 min. long)

Tenebrae Service 6:30 pm
- Sat. 4/19

Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
- Sun. 4/20

Easter Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

(Adult Choir sings at 8 & Childrens’ Choirs sing at 10:30)

(Easter Breakfast will be served from 9:00-10:30 am)
- Mon. 4/21

No Monday Evening Service