

# The Fourth Sunday in Lent Laetare

March 30, 2025



When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

(Exodus 16:15 ESV)

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Welcome to the Divine Service** where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

**The Lord's Supper** is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

## ***The Lord Feeds His People***

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God's people "*shall not hunger or thirst*" (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)*

**We rejoice to receive Reagan Armstrong into communicant fellowship** this day through the Rite of Confirmation. May the Lord richly bless Reagan and keep him in the true faith unto life everlasting.

**Plan to join us for Midweek Vespers during the penitential season of Lent.** A light potluck supper is available at 6:00 p.m. before the service begins at 7:00 p.m. A complete schedule of services is on page 6.

**A Special Voters' Assembly has been called for TODAY, March 30 at 11:15 following the Divine Service.** All voting members are strongly encouraged to attend to vote on proposed building projects.

**Easter Lilies may be purchased** from the Women of Wylie (WoW) to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday and may be taken home after the service. They are \$15.00 each and checks should be made payable to Faith Lutheran Church with the memo: "WOW, Easter lily". Sign up today! The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 13. Contact Sandra Traugott for questions or more information.

**WoW is making a last call for books** for the Preschool mission work in Belize. Please place your preschooler books in the box displayed in the narthex. Our donation will be shipped early April. We are also continuing our collection of cereal for Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Please drop off your donations in the collection box next to the conference room door in the narthex. When it's full, we will deliver it to the food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

**Save the Date – WoW and the Board of Trustees is calling all volunteers** to join in a work day for Spring cleaning the church and grounds, April 12, beginning at 9:00 a.m. More details in next week's bulletin!

**Lord of Life is hosting a workshop on *The Fruit of the Spirit*** for all Lutheran women in our area on April 26, with registration starting at 9:15am. This is an LWML event, but you don't have to be an active participant in LWML to enjoy this workshop with Bible study and fellowship. The website for the event is: [planolutheran.com/rsvp](http://planolutheran.com/rsvp) and we

would kindly ask all to RSVP by April 6. The cost-sharing for the event is \$12 and does include lunch.

**As you plan your summer activities, please keep in mind Vacation Bible School at Faith Plano.** VBS will be June 16 – 20 from 9:00 - 12:00 each day. Preschool - 6th grade students are invited to attend. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help. Any questions please contact Mina McDonald at [mmcdonald1219@gmail.com](mailto:mmcdonald1219@gmail.com).

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### **OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS**

**John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’”** Why does Jesus ask Philip this question? Of course Jesus knows the answer already — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. But we need to know this, and so Jesus gets Philip thinking about it. The knowledge that the Lord provides frees us for generosity without fear.

### **UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)</i>
<i>03/30/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service
	11:15 AM – Sunday School
	11:15 AM – Special Voters’ Meeting
	12:15 PM – Adult Instruction
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 PM – Potluck Supper
	7:00 PM – Vespers
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins
	10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution

**SUNDAY**

04/06/25

*Fifth Sunday in Lent (Laetare)*

Mission Offering

9:30 AM – Divine Service

11:15 AM – Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

12:15 PM – Adult Instruction

**PRAYERS**

- Those serving in synodical offices, especially Matthew Harrison, Synodical President; Michael Newman, Texas District President; Andrew Whaley, Circuit Visitor, and Ben Gonzales, Mission Strategist. Those serving as elected leaders at Faith Wylie: Gil Daughtrey, Michael Null, Stephen Kieser, Ken Lawrence, James Long, Tim Sheehan, Brad Lowery, James Rose, Brian Hendon, Gil Daughtrey.
- Gloria Lawrence who will be undergoing testing.
- Thanksgiving for the birth of Lydia Lane Mallon on March 21 to parents Joe and Brianna Mallon. May God keep Lydia in His grace and bring her safely to the waters of Holy Baptism.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Joanna Gefaller, Kyler Mallon, Joseph Mallon, Norah Gefaller, Benjamin Schwiesow.
- Devin Jackson, Gil Daughtrey's friend, in thanksgiving for a good medical report and a return to better health.
- Dale Hackbart, Geoff Hackbart's father, as he waits for testing and a treatment plan for a tumor, and as he heals from a broken knee.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Greg McClure, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Gaye, JE Purcell, Rush.

- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:  
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

**Assisting in the Divine Service Today:**

Elder – Gil Daughtrey                      Altar: Ellen Horn

Music: Rebekah Roundey

3/23/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$2,872.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$29.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$3,309.43**

Calendar year to date: **deficit: -\$2,851.30**



## **Lenten Schedule**

**Midweek Services are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

**April 2**

**Return from Denial**

*Luke 22:42-62*

**April 9**

**Return to the Kingdom of God**

*John 18:28-38*