

# Oculi

## The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



**But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”**

**(Luke 11:28 ESV)**

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Many members. One body united in Christ.*

**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.

## ***Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man***

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**The flowers on the altar today** are given to the glory of God by Ken and Gloria Lawrence in thanksgiving and celebration of their wedding anniversary.

**This Wednesday our Lenten Midweek services continue the holy season of Lent**, a time of special devotion, deepened discipline, and increased self-reflection. This week, we will contemplate the sin of envy and how to confess it. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Be sure and pick up your copy** of the March edition of *The Lutheran Witness*. This month's issue looks at the life the Lord has assigned to us in our vocations.

**The Elders are going to try having the Fellowship pads** in the pews at the beginning of service to smooth the activity during the Divine Service. Please feel free to sign them when you get a chance and pass them on down your pew.

**Tolkien Inspired Concert:** Join us at Faith Plano this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for a concert of music inspired by the works of J.R.R. Tolkien. Come and enjoy a variety of vocal, choral, and instrumental pieces. This event will be held in the school gym. Light refreshments to follow.

**Karaoke for Christian hymns...**You can sing hymns like "The Angel Gabriel," "Silent Night," "This Joyful Eastertide," "The Day of Resurrection," "Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 55 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at [lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke](http://lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke).

## HELPING HANDS

**Connor and Hannah Dysart** will be needing help moving into their new house on March 28th. Anyone who is available to help would be

greatly appreciated to make the work faster and easier. More details will be forthcoming.

## **OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS**

**Luke 11:21–22 – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.”** Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our stronger man. He guards and keeps us and ours. We have none to fear.

## **UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>Oculi – The Third Sunday in Lent</i>
<i>03/08/26</i>	<i>Anniversary of Faith Wylie Building Dedication</i>
	9:30 AM – Divine Service
	11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
	3:00 PM – Tolkien Concert (Faith Plano)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Vespers Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study
	7:00 PM – Church Council
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 AM – Matins
	10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
	11:00 AM – WoW Meeting
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<i>Laetare – The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>
<i>03/15/26</i>	<i>Mite Collection</i>
	9:30 AM – Divine Service
	11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

## **PRAYERS**

- Those members and friends of our congregation who are serving in the military (and their families): Emma and Macarios Casanova (Army), Brandon Lowery (Navy), Ethan McCrillis (Marines), Ethan

Sims (Air Force Reserves), Tristana Tiro (West Point Military Academy).

- Wedding anniversaries this week: Joe and Brianna Mallon, Ken and Gloria Lawrence.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Brandon Lowery, Cheryl Wildauer, Lucy Schwiesow.
- Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Ron Lane, as he recovers from a heart procedure.
- Jimmy Paul Long (James Long's son) who is undergoing medical testing.
- Pr. David and Elizabeth Woelmer as they mourn the death of their newborn son, Josiah. Josiah received the washing of Holy Baptism as soon as he was delivered and was then granted the crown of everlasting life. May Christ grant to the whole family the peace that passes all human understanding.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:  
Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Kristina Wishmeyer, Lindsay Penrose, JE Purcell, Sarah Wickam, Randy Cooper, Leigh R., Mark, Kyle, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Robin Wildauer, Charley Wildauer, Cristine Purcell, Rush, Bonnie Hennig.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges:  
Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer, Trace.

**Assisting in the Divine Service Today:**

Elder – Jeff Ellis

Altar Duty – Patti Ellis

Organist: Rebekah Roundey

3/1/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,162.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$203.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,641.68

Budget year to date: deficit: **-\$314.27**