

Laetare
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026



**Now you, brothers, like Isaac,
are children of promise.**

(Galatians 4:28 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.

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.)

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 lust and how to confess it. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, March 18th.

Mite Collection – your mite offerings make an impact! Check out the link at <https://www.lwml.org/thanks> to read about the incredible mission work the mites do.

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, March 29. Contact Sandra Traugott for questions or more information.

Explaining Lutheranism to non-Lutherans... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book “Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans,” at issuesetc.org/nonlutherans.

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

John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’” Of course, Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity

without fear.

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 03/15/26	<i>Laetare – The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Mite Collection</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women’s Bible Study 11:00 AM – Circuit Winkel
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Vespers Service
THURSDAY	<i>St. Joseph</i> 9:00 AM – Men’s Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SUNDAY 03/22/26	<i>Judica – The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class

PRAYERS

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun.
- Baptismal birthdays this week: John Ulmer, Connor Hendon, Mitchell Hendon.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Ellen Horn, Matthew Schwiesow, Lydia Mallon.
- Thanksgiving for Connor and Hannah Dysart’s wedding anniversary on March 8.
- Erica Ficken, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.

- Mark, Abbe Fenner's brother, in thanksgiving for successful cancer treatment.
- Charley Wildauer in thanksgiving to God for an improvement in health and completion of home health care.
- James Long in thanksgiving that his son, Jimmy Paul, is doing well and will not need a pacemaker at this time.
- Galen Dino, Matt Thibodeaux's uncle, who has been seriously ill and was hospitalized last week.
- Marlys Stangeland's in-laws, Pauline Stangeland who is suffering from advanced dementia, and Carl Stangeland who is 96 and Pauline's caretaker, that he might be granted strength and perseverance at this difficult time.
- Thanksgiving that Leigh R. was given a measure of healing through surgical intervention. Ongoing prayers as she continues with cancer treatments as well as physical therapy.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Doug Drawe, JE Purcell, Robin Wildauer, Randy Cooper, Dana Evans, Cristine Purcell, Rush, Kristina Wishmeyer, Sarah Wickam, Leigh R., Kyle, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, 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

3/8/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,087.50

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$109.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,641.68

Budget year to date: deficit: **-\$868.45**