

Quinquagesima

March 2, 2025



**And Jesus said to him,
“Recover your sight, your faith
has made you well.”**

(Luke 18:42 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.

Faith Alone

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Brad and Roberta Lowery in thanksgiving for the birthday of Roberta's mother, Lillian.

Ash Wednesday, March 5 – Please review the schedule of Midweek services for the season of Lent found on page 6.

Women of Faith, mark your calendars to join us next Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8, for our Women's Retreat at Springhill Retreat Center in Richardson. We will be considering the topic of "Prayer in our Vocations". Registration sheets are available in the narthex or may be found online at <https://www.faithlutheranwylie.org/womens-retreat-2025/>. If registration costs are an issue, please contact Pastor Ulmer.

Each year, the choir from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis schedules tours throughout the country. As part of its current tour, the group will be singing at Zion Lutheran Church, Dallas, on March 16, 7:00 p.m. *Laudamus* is a select choir of seminarians who are preparing for full-time pastoral ministry. You are invited to hear as they proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through music with this year's theme, "My Song is Love Unknown". Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family.

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.

While you start planning your summer, please keep in mind Vacation Bible School! 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.

Sacred music for the season of Lent... "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," "My Song Is Love Unknown," "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth." Beginning Ash Wednesday, you can listen to beautiful sacred music for the season of Lent 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Luke 18:35 – “As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging.” Who is not a beggar? All that we have is a gift of God. We are all beggars before Him. Knowing this can leave us with nothing but thankfulness in our hearts. And this thankful acknowledgment of all the Lord’s gifts is also what forms the basis of our own generous giving.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>Quinquagesima</i>
<i>03/02/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class 12:15 PM – Adult Instruction
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study 3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
WEDNESDAY	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12:00 PM – Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes 7:00 PM – Divine Service with Imposition of Ashes
THURSDAY	10:30 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study (Pastor) 6:30 PM – Elders’ Meeting
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution 5:00 PM – Women’s Retreat
SATURDAY	8:00 AM – Women’s Retreat Daylight Savings Time
SUNDAY	<i>First Sunday in Lent (Invocabit)</i>
<i>03/09/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class 12:15 PM – Adult Instruction

PRAYERS

- All those serving as missionaries around the world, especially Pastor Wildauer and Pastor Steele and their families.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Jocelyn Reif, Aimee Hendon, Xariyah Slade.

- Birthdays celebrated this week: John Ulmer, Brandon Lowery.
- Wedding Anniversaries celebrated this week: Joe and Brianna Mallon.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, and Brianna Mallon for protection of mother and child in pregnancy (Psalm 139:13).
- Rob Meier who was hospitalized this past week but is now recovering at home.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues:
Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan, Devin Jackson, Doug Drawe, Gary Sakko, Deanna, Dana Evans, Greg McClure, Georgette Walter, Dan Kostoff, Jill, Ninette DeYoung, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, Renee, Todd Hauth, Gaye, JE Purcell.
- Those struggling with other ongoing needs:
Frank and Antonia, Matt, Michael.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Gil Daughtrey

Altar: Ellen Horn

Organist – Nathan Leicht

2/23/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$2,243.05

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$0.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$7,448.43**

Calendar year to date: **deficit: -\$6,990.10**



Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday services 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
All other services are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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| March 5 | Ash Wednesday
<i>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</i> |
| March 12 | Return to Prayer
<i>Matthew 26:36-46</i> |
| March 19 | Return from False Witness
<i>Matthew 26:57-68</i> |
| March 26 | Return from Betrayal
<i>John 18:1-11</i> |
| April 2 | Return from Denial
<i>Luke 22:42-62</i> |
| April 9 | Return to the Table
<i>John 18:28-38</i> |