

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025



She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

(Matthew 15:26 ESV)

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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.

Holding God to His Word

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: *“Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”* This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. *“O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire”* (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by James and Carol Long in thanksgiving for the celebration of James' birthday.

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 Sunday, March 30 at 12:30 following the Divine Service. All voting members are strongly encouraged to attend to vote on proposed building projects.

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, this evening at 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.

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.

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

Save the date! When you start planning your summer, 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.

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OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Faith receives what God gives, because faith knows that God only gives good things. Indeed, God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

UPCOMING WEEK’S EVENTS

SUNDAY	<i>Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)</i>
<i>03/16/25</i>	<i>Mite Sunday</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
	11:00 AM – Circuit Winkle (Pastor)
	3:00 PM – Adult Catechesis
WEDNESDAY	<i>St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</i>
	6:00 PM – Potluck Supper
	7:00 PM – Vespers
THURSDAY	10:30 AM – Men’s Bible Study

FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SUNDAY	<i>Third Sunday in Lent (Oculi)</i>
<i>03/23/25</i>	9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Sunday School / Bible Class 12:15 PM – Adult Instruction

PRAYERS

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Tula Sheehan.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Joanna Gefaller, Matthew Schwiesow, James Long.
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: John Ulmer, Connor Hendon, Mitchell Hendon.
- Thanksgiving for healing and recovery for Ninette DeYoung.
- Thanksgiving for healing enough to return to work for Todd Hauth.
- Rush, who underwent surgery this past week.
- Martha Ulmer (Pastor’s mother), in thanksgiving for healing after years of suffering from Lyme Disease.
- Emma Casanova, Susan Dickson, Brianna Mallon, Rachel Rojas (the Lowery’s daughter), and Mariah Scholz (niece of the Lowery’s) for protection of mother and child in pregnancy (Psalm 139:13).
- 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, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, 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

Music: James Rose

3/9/25 General Fund Offerings received: \$4,200.00

Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$30.00

Weekly budget needed: \$4,642.80;

Budget year to date: **deficit: -\$2,837.83**

Calendar year to date: **deficit: -\$2,379.70**



Lenten Schedule

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

March 19

Return from False Witness

Matthew 26:57-68

March 26

Return from Betrayal

John 18:1-11

April 2

Return from Denial

Luke 22:42-62

April 9

Return to the Kingdom of God

John 18:28-38