

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come before God confessing our sins with repentant hearts..

(silence for reflection)

Holy and merciful God,

we confess that we have been stubborn people. In our pride we have placed our faith in ourselves rather than placing our trust in your healing touch. We have believed the world's wisdom that we can and should take charge of our lives apart from you. forgive us Lord, and turn us back to the true source of strength, our Lord Jesus Christ, so we may be empowered to serve you with joy.

Hear the good news. God hears your prayer. He loves you and wants you to carry his love to the world. Therefore as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

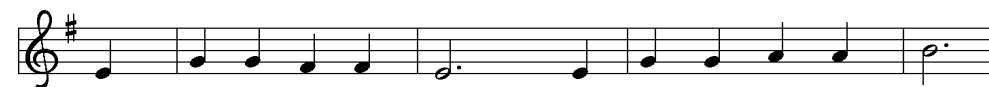
HYMN: ELW #326 "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

GREETING

The immeasurable grace of Christ Jesus, the rich mercy of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

L – The word of the Lord.

C – Thanks be to God!

OT p. 7

PSALMODY: Psalm 25:1-10

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- 10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, or those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

SECOND READING: I Peter 3:18-22

NT p. 234

- L – The Word of the Lord.
- C – **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P – The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter...

- C – **Glory to you, O Lord.**
- Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15
- Gospel Response

NT pp. 34, 35

- P – The Gospel of the Lord.
- C – **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

(silence for reflection on the message)

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW #

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

- A – As God's holy people led by our healing Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray for the church, the of humanity, and the families of our congregation.
(a brief silence)
- Hear us, O God...
- C – **...your mercy is great.**
- P – Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in faith and hope, trusting in your great goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior. *O Lord, hear my prayer...*
- C – **.....O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, answer me.**
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you

TITHES & OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM: *“Lenten Meditation”*

Althouse

(stand)

OFFERTORY

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

AGNUS DEI:

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a-way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e-ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION

(sit)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: ELW #335 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"
ELW #768 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

(stand)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

P -People of Faith, what is our mission?

C-To be a faith-community created by God in Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, called and sent to bear witness to God's creative, redeeming and sanctifying activity in our community and in the world.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: ELW#504 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

DISMISSAL

A - Go in peace. Share the good news..

C - Thanks be to God.

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❖ **Welcome to all who gather with us on this First Sunday in Lent!** This is a house of prayer for all who love the Lord or feel in need of him. We are delighted to greet long-time members and new friends at services and want you to feel at home here. We invite all baptized to come to the Lord's Table and share with us the Lord's Supper. Please see our "Newcomers' Guide", a yellow sheet with further information on Faith Lutheran Church, available in the narthex on the information rack.

Prayer List:

Sharon & Peter Wright	Kae Bailey	Kady Love
Eva Mohr	John DePlonty	Adam Sanderson
Karolyn (Luoma) Hyde	Jeff Ludwig	Jon Kesatie
Sally Roo	Alice Crowl	Dorothy Knudson
Louise Armstrong	Copper & Ken Garrett	Marielle & Wes Bush
Andrea Eldred	Trenton Bumstead	Elaine Whitaker
Betsy Demaray	Paul Kaare	Ruth Day

(If there is someone you wish to have added to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer request card on the information table in the rear of the sanctuary before worship begins. Each month the list will be reviewed and updated.)

❖ **Today we raise up our friend Elaine Whitaker, 2000 Maurer, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.** *Our homebound and nursing home members are often so isolated. Your phone call, visit, even a card can mean the difference between lonely existence and continued life in our faith community. What can you do? Please reach out to those who have been such a vital part of our congregation.*

❖ **If you or someone you know** is hospitalized and wishes a visit from the pastor, please notify the church office. Current policy changes prevent hospitals from releasing the names of their patients and we don't want anyone to be missed.

❖ **If you have unused offering envelopes at home** - please bring them back to church so they can be recycled for use as pew envelopes. Thank you!

Stewardship...Resources...Blessings and Gifts			
Weekly Giving Level required to meet 2012 budget			\$ 2,545.00
	Gifts: Feb. 19, 2012:	General Giving	\$ 1,473.50
		Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Attendance: Worship –	Wed. – (2/18/2012)		
	Sun. – (2/22/2012)		

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Faith Lutheran Church

SERVING AT FAITH	Feb. 26, 2012	March 4, 2012	March 11, 2012
	<i>Lent 1</i>	<i>Lent 2</i>	<i>Lent 3</i>
Presiding Minister	Pastor Barry Levine	Pastor Barry Levine	Pastor Barry Levine
Assisting Minister	Bobbie Levine	Ben Deatrck	Dennis Brindley
Lectors	Mary Oja		
Choir Director	Ruth Ann Brindley	Ruth Ann. Brindley	Ruth Ann Brindley
Organist	Lindsay Brindley	Pat Deatrck	Pat Deatrck

Offering Counters	Bob Mattson	Bert Kinnear	Bert Kinnear
	Joy Lake	Bill Skidmore	Bill Skidmore
Ushers	Bert Kinnear (capt.)	John McDonald(capt.)	John McDonald (capt.)
the		Darren Keller	Darren Keller
	Kinnear	Don Hakala	Don Hakala
	family	Rollie Wiertalla	Rollie Wiertalla
Nursery Workers	Nursery is available –please ask an usher		

Congregation Council: Louise Armstrong, Nancy Bolio, Jim Carrick, Pat Keller, Bert Kinnear, Joy Lake, Sandy Lawson, John McDonald, Bob Mattson, Steve Sanderson, Bill Skidmore, and Lori Strickland.

❖**Cards:** **Lenore Wilmes** 11007 Radcliff Drive, Room 30
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Karolyn Hyde: P.O. Box 893
Rochester, MN 55903

❖**Offering envelopes for 2012** - are available from the table in the narthex. Please pick yours up!
Statements for 2011 are also available

THURSDAY	1:30pm	Adult Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship
**see announcement in bulletin		

For Home Devotions during the Week

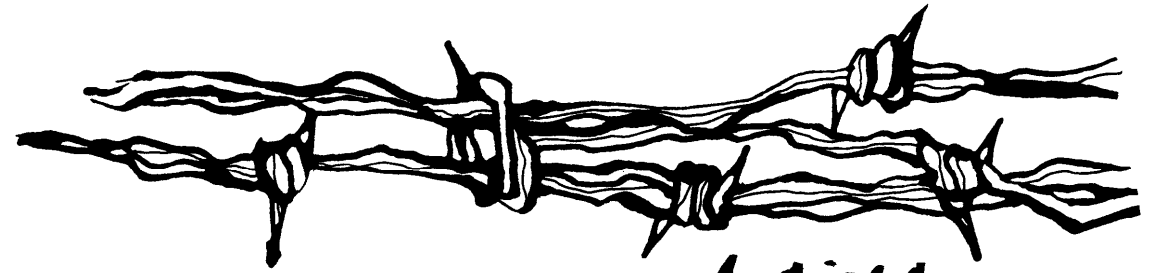
Feb. 29 – Mar. 3, 2011	Year of Mark
MON: Job 4:1-21	TUES: Job 5:1-27
WED: Matthew 4:1-11	THURS: Proverbs 30:1-9
FRI: I Peter 3:8-17	SAT: Psalm 25

For prayer throughout the day:
Repent, and believe in the good news.. *Mark 1:15*

A prayer for the week:
Lord Jesus Christ,
in the desert you prepared to proclaim the reign of God..
In these Forty Days, strengthen us to live and proclaim God's reign.
Amen.

Lectionary for: Mar. 4, 2012, Lent 2 (the year of Mark)
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

YEAR OF MARK		
Activities & Meetings – Feb. 26 – Mar. d4, 2012		
TODAY	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship
MONDAY	1:00pm	Monday Quilters
WEDNESDAY	10:00am	Church Mice
	12:00noon	Lunch Bunch
	1:00pm	Hand Quilting
	3:30pm	Confirmation
	5:30pm	Soup/Sandwich**
	6:15pm	Worship
	7:00pm	Choir



Turn from your sins

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