

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Missouri Synod*



## **The Third Sunday in Lent**

March 8, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Three – LSB 184

**8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm**

\*Livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

## **AS WE GATHER**

Christ is our rock, and He alone gives to us the water of life. The children of Israel journeyed from the Red Sea through the wilderness toward the land of promise. Along the way they complained to the Lord about their lack of bread and meat and water. At every juncture, the Lord revealed His mercy and provided for His people. They did not realize that all of this was but a promise of the eternal care provided in Christ. He is the rock of their salvation, the bread of heaven come down to feed them until they want for nothing more, the Lamb of God who gives Himself as food for His people, and the living water that tastes of everlasting life. Israel's doubts and fears are warnings to us lest we fail to see how Christ answers all our needs even to eternal life.

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# ✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (arr. Amanda Husberg)

## HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 699 – *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

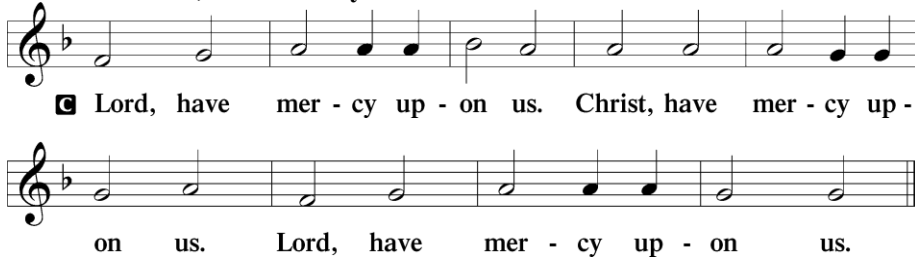
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*



## KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## FIRST LESSON – Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL – Sung by congregation. – Hebrews 12:2



**O come, let us fix our eyes on | Jesus,\*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,\*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

## EPISTLE – Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.


### VERSE – Joel 2:13b



**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL – John 4:5-26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

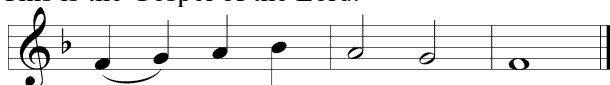
<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to

eternal life.”<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.”<sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.”<sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.”<sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### 8:00 am – APOSTLES’ CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

#### 10:30 am & 5:00 pm – NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

8:00 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 824 – May God Bestow on Us His Grace



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -  
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face  
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

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**SERMON – *Living Water* – John 4:5-26**

**OFFERING – *O Christ, You Walked the Road* (arr. Rodney Abriol)**

**OFFERTORY – *Psalms 51:10-12***



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**A** ...let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**A** ...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**8:00 am** – Continues with the Lord’s Prayer (page 9)  
and concludes with the Benediction and Closing Hymn (page 13).

# ✠ ✠ ✠ SACRAMENT ✠ ✠ ✠

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – LSB 194

## PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.  
**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

## SANCTUS – LSB 195 – Holy, Holy, Holy – *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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;

## For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.

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.

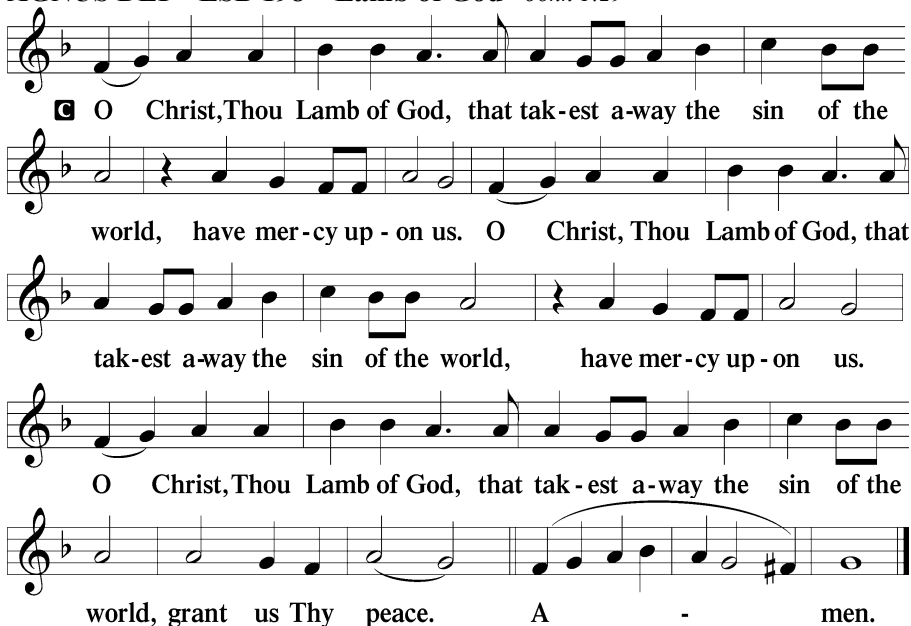
## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

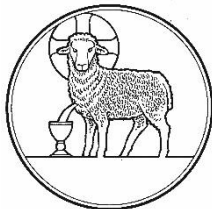
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI – LSB 198 – Lamb of God - John 1:29



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



## DISTRIBUTION

**Anthem** – *Humbly, I Adore Thee* (arr. Mark Schweizer)

### Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing a trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

*Humbly I adore thee,  
Verity unseen,  
who thy glory hiddest,  
'neath these shadows  
mean; lo, to thee  
surrendered, my whole  
heart is bowed,  
tranced as it beholds thee,  
shrined within the cloud.*

*Taste and touch and vision  
to discern thee fail;  
faith, that comes by  
hearing, pierces through  
the veil. I believe whate'er  
the Son of God hath told;  
what the Truth hath  
spoken, that for truth I  
hold.*

*O memorial wondrous of  
the Lord's own death;  
living Bread that givest all  
they creatures breath,  
grant my spirit ever by thy  
life may live, to my taste  
thy sweetness never failing  
give.*

*Jesus, whom now hidden, I  
by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long  
for, that thy word foretold;  
face to face thy splendor, I  
at last shall see, in the  
glorious vision, blessed  
Lord, of thee.*

## LSB 763 – When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## LSB 855 – For All the Faithful Women (vv. 1, 2/10, 3, 4)



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
 2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an With whom the Lord con - versed;  
 3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
 Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter To quench her deep - est thirst.  
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!





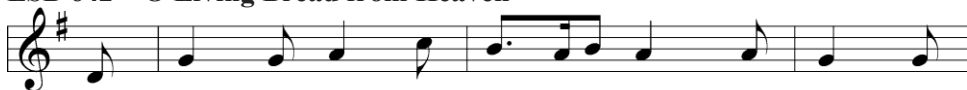
They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
 Like hers, our hearts are yearn - ing; Christ of - fers us His Word.  
 We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
 Then may our lips be burn - ing To wit - ness to our Lord.  
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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### LSB 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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**POST-COMMUNION SONG – LSB 767 – Jesus, Remember Me**

*Sung as the distribution comes to a close and repeated as needed.*



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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**THANKSGIVING**

**P** O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 422 – On My Heart Imprint Your Image**



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Nev - er may Your work e - rase;

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Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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## SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *May God Bestow on Us His Graces* (arr. Robert Lind)



**TODAY** is the deadline to request funds to support **new ministry opportunities, projects, missions, missionaries, and other appropriate service organizations and activities** that fulfill Faith's mission and are **outside of Faith's regular operating budget.**

Visit [FaithBtown.org](http://FaithBtown.org) to apply online **by the end of TODAY.**

### MONDAY, March 9

6:30pm PPC

### TUESDAY, March 10

2:00pm **Quilting** (kitchen)

5:15pm **First Steps in Music** (Classroom C; ages 0-5 with caregiver)

### WEDNESDAY, March 11 **Midweek Lenten Worship**

12:00pm **Worship** † 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** † 7:00pm **Worship**

7:45pm **Senior Choir** (sanctuary)

### THURSDAY, March 19

11:30am **JOY Group** (Longhorn Steakhouse)



# NEWHOPE FOR FAMILIES

## Support New Hope Families

Each year New Hope transitions around 50 families out of homelessness into housing. When these families leave the shelter, they have minimal items needed to move into their new home.

The Health and Human Care Ministry team is collecting donations to make 'move-in baskets' so families can have basic cleaning supplies and other items provided.

### Needed Items:

- Bath towel set (new or gently used)
- Dish towels (new or gently used)
- Dish cloths
- Dish soap
- All-purpose spray cleaner
- Paper Towels and/or cleaning rags
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Toilet paper

Donations may be placed in the marked bin in the narthex **through March 22nd**.

Contact Samantha Schaefer or Janet Hitzeman with questions or if you prefer to make a monetary donation for someone to shop for you.

**WEDNESDAY, March 25 Spirit Camp Registration OPENS** for congregation & preschool families  
(April 8 for the community)

**WEDNESDAY, April 1 [Faith Campership application](#) deadline** (visit FaithBtown.org)

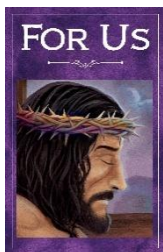
**SATURDAY, April 11 LWML Spring Gathering** (St. John's, Whitecreek)

**SATURDAY, April 18 Generosity Feeds**

**SUNDAY, April 27**

9:15am **Confirmation Examination**

10:30am **Rite of Confirmation** (reception to follow)



## Lent - Easter 2026

**Wednesdays – through March 25**

Midweek Lenten Fellowship & Worship:

Noon **Worship** † 12:30pm **Meal**

5:45pm **Meal** † 7pm **Worship**

† **Personal confession/absolution** †

see the pastors before or after any service



## Holy Week

**Palm/Passion Sunday – March 29**

8 & 10:30am **Procession with Palms**

**Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

11:30am **Easter Egg Hunt**

5pm **Divine Service** *with Holy Communion*

**Maundy Thursday – April 2**

Noon & 7pm **Worship** *with Holy Communion*

**Good Friday – April 3**

Noon **Stations of the Cross**

8pm **Tenebrae** (*Service of Darkness*)



## The Resurrection of our Lord

**Easter Vigil – April 4** (8pm) at University Lutheran

**Easter Sunday – April 5**

8 & 10:30am **Festival Worship** (*Holy Comm. & special music*)

9:15am **Easter Breakfast**

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