

## *Faith Lutheran Church*

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***Our Mission is to joyfully share God's love with all.***

### **Sunday, March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent Service of Holy Communion**

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#### **All are welcome to communion.**

The trays contain red wine and in the center is white grape juice.  
Gluten free wafers are available at the center ends of the communion railing. Place empty wine cups in the basket at opposite ends of the communion railing.

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Watch us Live at: <https://faitheaton.com>. YouTube link is under "Live". Bulletins are also available under "Resources" on this site. You can watch any service at your leisure, not just at the appointed service time. The new YouTube link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchEaton/streams>

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#### **We Are *Grateful* for our Faith Volunteers!**

We have many opportunities to serve at Faith: Please consider signing up to be Ushers, Scripture Readers, Refreshment providers or Power Point Operator. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex.

#### **Faith Volunteers**

	March 30	April 6
Announcements	Mary Jimenez	Mary Jimenez
Usher	Letterlys	
Scripture Reader	Joy O'Shea	Jan Leffler
Communion Setup	Joy O'Shea	Penny Letterly
Communion Assistant		
Refreshments	POTLUCK / Movie	Deb Patton
Power Point		

PRELUDE: Victor Walters

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ^ (^ Please Stand)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,

**You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

GATHERING SONG: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

GLORY TO GOD

ELW - PAGE 213 (not hymn #)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

<sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

<sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

<sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW – PAGE 216 (not hymn #)



GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: I Lay My Sins on Jesus LBW 305



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.  
he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.  
his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.  
he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.  
like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

CREED (Please Stand)

**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 INTERCESSION

ELW 751

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. *(repeat)*

Each Petition ends: God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG: Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW 186

OFFERING PRAYER ^ (Please stand)

**Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please Stand)

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## YOU ARE HOLY

ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand, You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness,  
You are present, let the Cosmos praise you, Lord.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest! Sing Hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to our God.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With thanksgiving we remember our Lord Jesus Christ:  
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and  
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to  
drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you  
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance  
of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

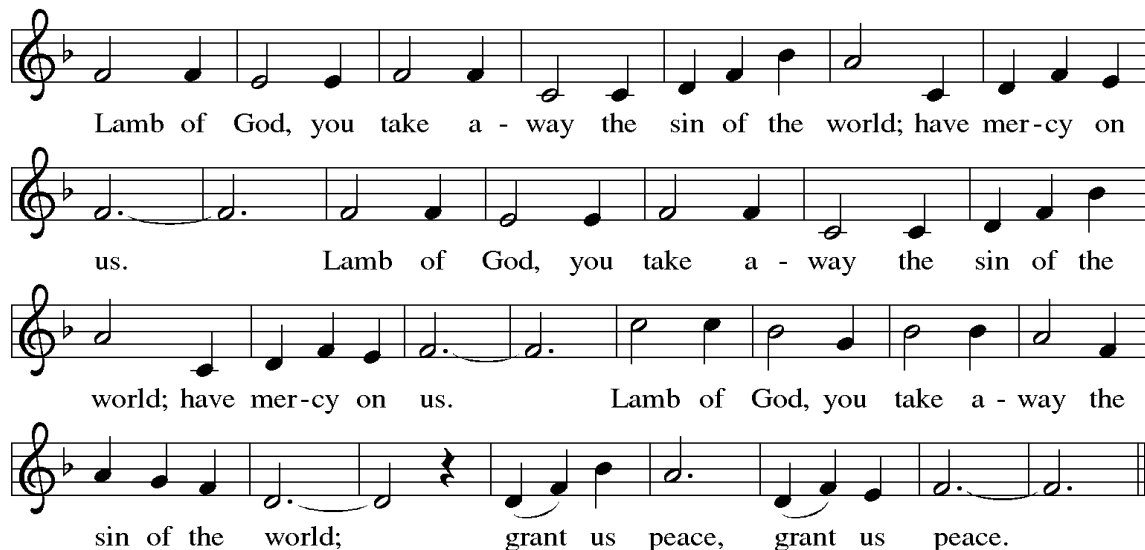
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**



## LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

(Please sit)

*(Pastor offers Communion for those worshipping on-line)*

COMMUNION HYMN: Softly and Tenderly

ELW 608

COMMUNION BLESSING ^ (Please stand)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION:

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: My Life Flows On in Endless Song ELW 763

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Victor Walters

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*DECEMBER OFFERING:*

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|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| March 23, 2025 Offering gratefully received: | \$ 1615.00 |
| Total Received for the month of March        | \$ 7873.10 |

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Birthdays this week:

March 30	Camden Leffler	March 31	Carl Rodman
April 2	Mark Bigler	April 3	Laurie Frick
April 3	Lois Leffler	April 4	Linnea Leffler
April 5	Mike Ketterling		

Anniversaries this Week:

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*Study Ahead for April 6, 2025:*

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm: Psalm 126  
Second Reading: Phlippians 3:4b-14  
Gospel: John 12:1-8

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**NOTE:** Pastor Will from the Synod has offered to teach a class in becoming a **Lay Minister**. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Minister, please contact Allen Letterly.

## *Faith's Outreach Programs*

- \* **Meals on Wheels** – We need drivers to deliver to Eaton residents and food prep in Greeley store. Contact Nomie Ketterling (970-381-3417)
- \* **Greeley Interfaith Clothing bank** – Faith volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Clothing drop box is in the Narthex under the mailboxes. Contact Rose Thompson 970-590-5099 – **Clothing Bank desperately needs volunteers.**
- \* **Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry** – There is a need for volunteers to provide a meal for their Sunday evening dinner & student worships. Contact Jen Leffler, 970-301-3489
- \* **The Ault food pantry** – A donation box is located under the mailboxes in the Narthex.
- \* **Guadalupe Center** – Volunteers needed for Lunch/Dinner Service, Client-facing projects and at the Distribution Center. Contact Lindsey Schwartz at 970-616-8606.

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### ***There is power in prayer!***

Looking around in our community, and in our world, we can see changes every day. There are so many positive changes that happen. It is through the power of prayer, through our conversations with God that always make opportunities happen. In this time of discernment, let us all continue to turn to God in prayer in calling a new pastor.

God is calling us to be creative and openminded in this time of discernment.

*Pastor Laurie O'Shea*

### ***Please keep in your prayers:***

- For those who are homebound, hospitalized or battling illness, especially: Pat Koplin, Tess Lindsley, Sharon (Lynette Deuschle's mother), Twila and Lupe at Benjamin Square, Rose Fousts, Jim Happel, Laurie Frick, Peggy Thompson (Rose's SIL).
- For our Church, Council, Call Committee and partnership with Shepherd of the Valley Church, our Synod and for a new Pastor.
- For our Community, our World and all their leaders.

## *Faith Facts*

### **Faith Calendar for April**

Mar 30 – Potluck followed by Movie “St. John in Exile”  
April 2 – 10:30 a.m. - Funeral for Scott Eckas  
April 2 – 6 p.m. Soup Supper / 6:30 p.m. – Lenten Service  
April 6 – 9:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School  
April 6 – 9 a.m. – Adult Bible Study  
April 7 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects  
April 9 – 1 p.m. – Ladies’ Bible Study  
April 9 – 6 p.m. Soup Supper / 6:30 p.m. – Lenten Service  
April 13 – 9:50 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School  
April 14 – 9 a.m. – Men’s Coffee, Prayer and Projects  
April 14 – 10 a.m. – Council Meeting  
April 17 – 6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service  
April 18 – 6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service  
April 20 – 9 a.m. – Easter Brunch

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**Lenten Services** will be held on Wednesday, starting March 12th with Soup Supper at 6 p.m. and the service at 6:30 p.m. “**Living on the Edge of Faith**” involves a deep trust in God's sovereignty and provision, requiring believers to step out in faith into the unknown while holding fast to God's promises. It emphasizes true spirituality, which means following God beyond comfort zones and taking necessary risks to grow closer to Him. This concept encourages individuals to surrender completely to God and experience genuine community with others, ultimately leading to a more profound spiritual life.

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***We Need A Volunteer!! Due to illness, Miss Tess is temporarily unable to continue as Children’s Sunday School instructor.*** If you wish to help out with this, please contact Pastor Laurie.