

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Sunday, March 21



## Faith Lutheran Church

### *Mission Statement*

*“We are building a welcoming, nurturing faith community  
that is guided by Jesus and shares the Gospel.”*

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***GATHERING: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***

## **CENTERING MOMENT**

*We prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love,  
our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us.**

**Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.**

**Rebuild what we have ruined  
and mend what we have torn.**

**Wash us in your cleansing flood.**

**Make us alive in the Spirit**

**to follow in the way of Jesus,**

**as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**

**Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails.  
The promise rests on grace:  
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,  
the wisdom and power of God,  
your sins are ✝ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
Journey in the way of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

***MEAL: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

*Those joining us online are invited to share in the  
meal using bread and wine or juice.*

## **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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**WORD:** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **Psalm 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgement.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

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Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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

### **READING: John 12:20-33**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

## **SERMON**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **OFFERING MOMENT**

***SENDING: God blesses us and sends us into the world to  
love and serve our neighbors.***

## **SENDING HYMN: ELW 379 “Now the Green Blade Rises”**

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

## **BLESSING**

You are what God made you to be:  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you ☩ that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

Message:

Pastor Derek

Liturgy:

Pastor Sylvia

Musician:

Janine Johannes

Ushers :

8:30 - James & Sharon Eslinger & John Gilbertson

11:00 - Ron & Rose Espeland, Lyle Larson & Troy Olson

**March 21, 2021 ~ 5<sup>th</sup>, Sunday of Lent, John 12: 20-33** *Now is time for judgement on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.: He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.* To believers, following Jesus is a life and death matter. During Lent, we follow Jesus all the way to the cross where we stand with other followers being drawn closer to Jesus. Nothing like the stark reality of death to get our attention.



**Thank you** for your gifts of \$11,163 in general fund offerings for last week.

Thank you to John & Jill Power for the **altar flowers** in memory of John's mom.

The Altar Guild will be selling **Easter flowers** for \$15 each in the Gathering Place on Sunday, March 21 and 28th after Worship. The office can also be contacted to place your order.

**Tuition scholarship:** All students who are members of Faith Lutheran Church and are planning to attend an ELCA college are eligible to apply for a tuition scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. The deadline is April 5. Application forms are available at the Concierge Table and on the FLC website.

**Benefit for Scott Wagner** will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Bismarck Moose, 312 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Doors will open at 4:00, with serving starting at 4:30pm. There will be a silent auction, door prizes and a free will offering. Scott was diagnosed with a brain tumor in June 2020. Many expenses have been incurred and will continue to since Scott's treatments will continue until the end of July, 2021. Follow Scott's story at [www.caringbridge.org/visitscottwagner13](http://www.caringbridge.org/visitscottwagner13). There is also a Go Fund Me account set up to donate go to the link [gofund.me/90347e04](https://gofund.me/90347e04).

**Just a reminder that we still are collecting Dan's receipts.** The receipt bucket is in the entryway, so please drop them off at the Church the next time you stop by! *Thank you.*

**Looking for ways to serve God and neighbor during this time?** Check out our new "Serve" page on our website [faithbismarck.com/serve](http://faithbismarck.com/serve) to learn how you can respond to needs from our partner ministries and the wider community. *Thank you for the many ways you are serving as the church in the world in these days!*

You can **continue to give** to FLC's mission and ministry via mail: (1402 E Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501), directly through your bank's bill pay feature, electronically through our website, or by using the Give+ app. If you do not already give, please consider committing to a sustaining gift of \$5 or \$10 a month as we continue to share in ministry together.



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A purple poster with a white border, featuring a string of blue and white patterned Easter eggs at the top and bottom. The text is centered and reads: "ELCA CHURCHES OF BISMARCK", "EASTER EGG STORY HUNT!", "Join our Easter Egg Hunt throughout Bismarck as we tell the Easter Story! Stay Tuned for More Details", "PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28", "TIMES: TBD", and "Easter Egg & Candy Donations Welcome at your Church!".

ELCA CHURCHES OF BISMARCK

# EASTER EGG STORY HUNT!

Join our Easter Egg Hunt throughout Bismarck as we tell the Easter Story!  
Stay Tuned for More Details

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28**  
**TIMES: TBD**

Easter Egg & Candy Donations  
Welcome at your Church!

# 2021 Summer Camp Programs



- ⇒ Camp of the Cross Ministries offers camps for children and youth that are entering grades 2 through 12!
- ⇒ CCM offers on-site and off-site adventure camps! & Family camps!
- ⇒ CCM offers 2 nights or 5 nights options!
- ⇒ Do you love CCM so much that you want to go twice? Receive half off registration for your second week!

## **Early Bird Registration Deadlines**

**1/2 price before Christmas Eve!!**

**February 1, 2021**

**April 1, 2021**

Check out the amounts for each week on our website!



**Camp of the Cross Ministries**  
PO Box 1257 Garrison, ND 58540  
701-337-2246  
info@campofthecross.com

## **FEATURED CAMPS**

### **Voyagers (entering grades 2-3)**

- 3 days/2 nights at camp exploring with Bible study, games, campfires and much more!
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### **Homesteaders (entering grades 4-5)**

- Specialty Camps— fishing, art & in-tents
- Christmas in July
- Mini Week (3 days, 2 nights)

### **Prairie Dwellers (entering grades 6-7)**

- Specialty Camps
- Trekkers Canoeing Week

### **Pathfinders (entering grades 8-9)**

- Specialty Camps
- Pathfinders Week
- Trekkers Canoe Week
- North Country Backpacking
- Christmas in July

### **Senior High (entering grades 10-12)**

- Trekkers
- North Country Backpacking

**Camps for Families** (check them out!)

# REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

# www.campofthecross.com

## AT A GLANCE...

### Sunday, March 21

8:30 Worship - Indoor\*\*  
9:45 (B) Church School  
11:00 Worship - Indoor\*\*  
5:00 5<sup>th</sup> Grade P/S - ZOOM  
(opt 2)

### Monday, March 22

6:30 Cub Scouts  
7:00 AA

### Tuesday, March 23

5:00 HR Committee  
6:00 Compass Group  
7:00 Executive Committee  
7:00 Scouts

### Wednesday, March 24

10:00 Bible Study - ZOOM  
11:30 Limited Indoor Worship\*  
6:00 (B) Church Schools  
7:00 Worship - Indoor\*\*

### Thursday, March 25

### Friday, March 26

8:00 NA

### Saturday, March 27

### Sunday, March 28

8:30 Worship\*\*  
11:30 Worship\*\*  
12:00-2:00 ELCA Easter Egg  
Story Hunt  
*\*Starts at Lord of Life  
Lutheran Church.*

*\* Reserved for those without online access.*

*\*\* Masks are required for all in-person worship services.*

**EASTER  
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