

Mid-week Lent - March 24, 2021

“Jesus, On the Way”



Faith Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

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

MINISTERS

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Every Member

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PRELUDER

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.

CONFESSTION & FORGIVENESS

God of presence,

You are the one who journeys by our side,

the one who lights our path,

the one who guides us back to the road when we've wandered off,

Father, Son , Spirit.

Move in us as we come before you now.

Amen.

We have wandered off and again we call out to you confessing how we've turned away from you.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We have looked everywhere other than to you for our happiness, our joy, our fulfillment.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We have seen your creation as something to be used instead of something to be cherished.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We see people as strangers and enemies instead of as siblings and children of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We cannot see the path because we are too busy seeing ourselves.

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Silence is kept for reflection.

Open our eyes, our ears, our spirits to you. Help us to see the way back to the path which you have laid out for us that we might walk hand in hand together with you.

Amen.

God, whose love lights all paths and whose forgiveness finds all those who have wandered off, walks with us on the way -- sometimes side by side, sometimes pulling or prodding, sometimes carrying us, but always God is with us on our journey. You are forgiven in the name of the one who reconciled all those who wander, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

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

READING: Genesis 31:49

The Lord watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other.

SERMON - Pastor Lisa Ahlness from Lutheran Church of the Cross

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With God's presence, Jesus' example, and the Holy Spirit's movement to help guide our way, we pray for the church, the world, and all those who are lost or in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

For the church across our community and around the world, that it would be your light of hope in the world. *Moment of silence.*

On our way we pray, **Sustain us with your presence.**

For all of your creation which you called "good," that we would see it as yours, call it good, and seek to protect it. *Moment of silence.*

On our way we pray, **Sustain us with your presence.**

For all nations and elected leaders, that they work for justice and peace for all people. *Moment of silence.*

On our way we pray, **Sustain us with your presence.**

For all of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, those who are hungry, oppressed, or bullied, those who battle addiction, mental illness, and loneliness. Especially... *Moment of silence.*

On our way we pray, **Sustain us with your presence.**

For all of those saints who have gone before us, that their memory would continue to be beacons showing us your way and your love. *Moment of silence.*
On our way we pray, **Sustain us with your presence.**

We lift up all of these prayers and the many silent prayers still left on our hearts to you, knowing that you hear them and know them as you journey with us wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE - House Blessing

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 Lisa Ahlness

Liturgy: Pastor Derek & Pastor Sylvia

Musician: Vicki Martel

Stewardship Snippet - March 21, 2021 ~ 5th, 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.

Source: Faith Simonieg, Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity



Thank you for your gifts of \$11,076 in general fund offerings for last week.

Altar flowers are from Vanessa & Rus Kroshus.

Benefit for Scott Wagner will be held on **March 27th** at the Bismarck Moose, 312 N. 20th 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.

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.

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

Struggling during this time apart? Visit our website: faithbismarck.com/get-help for resources on mental wellness, parenting, financial assistance, addiction recovery, and more. You are not alone. *God loves you.* We want to walk with you through this hard time. You can also call the office at 701-223-2236 for assistance. Be well and safe!

Looking for ways to serve God and neighbor during this time? Check out our new "Serve" page on our website 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!*

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.*

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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AT A GLANCE...

Wednesday, March 24

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

Thursday, March 25

- 10:30 Allen Wanner Funeral

Friday, March 26

- 8:00 NA

Saturday, March 27

Sunday, March 28

- 8:30 Worship - Indoor*
11:00 Worship - Indoor*
12:00-2:00 ELCA Easter Egg
Story Hunt

*Starts at Lord of Life Lutheran
Church.

Monday, March 29

- 6:30 Cub Scouts
7:00 AA

Tuesday, March 30

- 7:00 Scouts

Wednesday, March 31

- 10:00 Bible Study - ZOOM
NO CHURCH SCHOOL

Maundy Thursday, April 1

- 9:00 Esther Circle
9:00 Men of Faith
1:30 Mary Martha Circle
7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship*

Friday, April 2

OFFICE CLOSED

- 12:00 Good Friday Worship*
7:00 Good Friday Worship*
8:00 NA

Saturday, April 3

- 9:00 Altar Guild

Easter Sunday, April 4

- NO CHURCH SCHOOL
6:30 Easter Worship*
8:00 Easter Worship*
9:30 Easter Worship*
11:00 Easter Worship*

***Please make a reservation for which Easter Service
you wish to attend at faithbismarck.com.***

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

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

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