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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

8:15 AM

Consecrated Stewards

Gifts over Greed



Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own...

God's *Chosen*
STEWARDS



ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	3/2/2025	3/9/2025	3/16/2025	3/23/2025	3/30/2025
8:15 Traditional	Ward Irvin Greg Sinatra	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Tim Lambert Bill Smith	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Tim Lambert Greg Schaag
11:00 Contemporary	Glenn Jones	Russ Couch Ron Shulteiss	Glenn Jones Ward Irvin	Ron Shulteiss	Glenn Jones Ron Shulteiss
Readers	3/2/2025	3/9/2025	3/16/2025	3/23/2025	3/30/2025
8:15 Traditional	Ward Irvin	Karen Cerny	David Barnet	Greg Schaag	Brennan Lambert
11:00 Contemporary	Elder on Duty	Ron Shulteiss	Laura Calfee	Russ Couch	Elder on Duty

WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts
Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	3/2/2025	3/9/25	3/16/25	3/23/25	3/30/25
8:15 Traditional	93/84	70/69			
11:00 Contemporary	49/45	66/56			
Sunday School					
Monthly Budget	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Weekly Giving	\$12,082	\$25,049	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	\$5,153	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$17,235	\$42,284	\$	\$	\$

AS WE GATHER

What are the odds of getting a do-over in our lives? In the world of sports, as in many other arenas, a second opportunity to begin again in a race or other type of competition is generally not possible. A false start in a race can lead to disqualification. Repositioning a move after completing one in a chess match is simply not permitted. Rules are rules, and that's the way it is. There is no room for mercy. But it is different with our God, who offers forgiveness again and again to those who repent and turn to Him with contrite hearts. In his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism, Martin Luther confidently writes, "In this Christian Church He [God] daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers" Thank God for His most gracious do-overs!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

LSB 423

♪ **1. Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.**

**2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

**3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

Know that the Lord had set apart the godly for Himself.

the Lord hears when I call to Him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As we eagerly await our final transformation as citizens of heaven on the day of resurrection, let us above all pursue steadfastness of faith, relying on the power and promises of God our heavenly Father.

O almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You in our weakness seeking and imploring the strength of Your grace and blessing. Our sins wear us down. Make us desire all that You promise and to firmly believe in Your forgiveness and help now and for all our days. We ask this solely for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd.

Even amid the challenges and hardships of life in faith in this world, as citizens of the kingdom of God we have the assurance of grace abounding throughout our days. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, O Lord God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 26:8–15

When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

- ♪ 1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
 We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
 A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.
2. The church from You dear Master received the gift divine,
 and still that light is lifteth o'er all the earth to shine.
 It is the chart and compass, that, all life's voyage through;
 Mid mists and rocks and quick-sand Still guides O Christ to You.
3. O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
 To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!
 O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace
 Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

SERMON

"Gifts Over Greed"

13 Then someone called from the crowd, "Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father's estate with me."

14 Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?" 15 Then he said, "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own."

16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. 17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.' 18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. 19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"'

20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'

21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

To be rich toward God is to believe that God is the giver of all things, including our very lives and salvation. To show that you believe is to share with others the gifts God gives. What stands behind all of this is the fact that God is the greatest Giver of all: He gives forgiveness as His own free gift in Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition ends, "Lord, in Your mercy," the congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

Please be seated.



God's Chosen
STEWARDS



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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name. Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 425

- ♪ 1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.**

3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

When I Behold Jesus Christ

LSB 542

♪ 1. When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

Refrain: What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus there To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

2. For me You gave all Your love, For me, You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. (Refrain)

3. You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. (Refrain)

4. What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God this I owe To You, and You alone. (Refrain)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord, to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Restore in Us, O God

(tune: *LSB 414*)

♪ 1. Restore in us, O God The splendor of your love
Renew your image in our hearts And all our sins remove.

2. O Spirit, wake in us The wonder of your pow'r
From fruitless fear unfurl our lives Like springtime bud and flow'r.

3. Bring us, O Christ, to share The fullness of your joy
Baptize us in Your risen life That death cannot destroy.

**4. Three-personed God, fulfill The promise of your grace
That we, when all our searching ends May see you face to face.**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

Sunday Bible Studies 9:45 a.m.

- ▶ **David** (Cafeteria)
- ▶ **Consecrated Stewards** (Conference Room)
- ▶ **The Wired Word: What does the Bible say about?** (Board Room)
 - ▶ **Isaiah** (LWML Room)
- ▶ **Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6th Grade** (Gathers in Sanctuary)
- ▶ **Youth Confirmation: 7th and 8th Graders** (Confirmation Room)
 - ▶ **High School/College Age Bible Study** (Youth Room)



Recruiting bell ringers for the Lent and Easter Season and going forward. We would love to have you join our group. We practice on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm currently. For More information contact Vaunda Noerenberg vnoerenberg@gmail.com Jill Musgrove jmusgrove@tgsmedia.com



A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Faith for purchasing our crafts and goodies. As a result, we have been able to send \$1,500 to Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School in Asheville, NC. We have received a lovely thank you letter from Emmanuel's pastor. It is posted on the bulletin board outside of the LWML room. Please read and know that we are doing Christ's work. We are continuing to make quilts, table runners, and bags. The proceeds of all our sales go to our missions. If you are interested in any, please come to the LWML room on Sundays.

Lenten Worship, noon and 6:30 worship

Our Midweek Theme: "Our Wounded Savior" (Isaiah 53:5)

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

3/19 Lent 2 MW: "His Battered Back"

3/26 Lent 3 MW: "His Falling Feet"

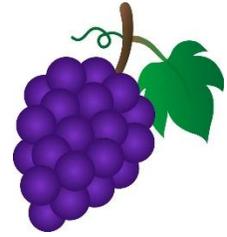
4/2 Lent 4 MW: "His Bloody Brow"

4/9 Lent 5 MW: "His Unbroken Bones"

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)



Taste of Faith 2025



April 26, 2025, 6 p.m., Faith Gym

Enjoy a 6-pour wine tasting, delicious charcuterie and desserts, live music, and the opportunity to bid on special items.

Yes, we are planning to be there! Please return this form and payment to FLS to the front desk or to Ken Wagener by March 30.

Name(s) _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Mobile #: _____

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Diamond (\$1000): Donors receive 8 tickets to the event and a reserved table, 2 bottles of wine, social media and print recognition.

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Gold (\$250): Donors receive 2 tickets, social media and print recognition.

Individual Tickets (\$25): Total number: _____ Names

Thank you for your support of and generosity toward Taste of Faith 2025!

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*Faith over Funds
Gifts over Greed
Witness over Worry
Service over Sin*

CONSECRATED STEWARDS is a grace-based, biblical stewardship program designed to energize members in their service to Jesus and His church.

CONSECRATED STEWARDS...a stewardship education emphasis that:

- Is founded on our Lutheran understanding of biblical stewardship.
- Uses Scripture to awaken in Christians a Spirit-led, free and joyous response to the grace of God through Jesus Christ.
- Puts ministry before money.
- Is easy to organize and implement.
- Can be used any time of the year.
- Typically results in a 15%-35% increase* in annual offering commitments.

CONSECRATED STEWARDS:

- Focuses on Bible-based, grace-inspired management of God's gifts, not on church-budget shortfalls.
- Asks Christian stewards to take a step forward in faith in light of God's grace.
- Raises people to a new level of spiritual commitment and annual giving, as they steward all of God's gifts.

Consecration Sunday

May 4, 2025

“the free and joyous activity of God's family — the church — in managing life's resources for His purposes.”