

**Endowment Fund:** The Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund committee will be accepting grant applications. If you are a member of the congregation, or on a Board, Committee, or on the staff here at Faith and have an idea for a need that is non-budgeted, please feel free to request a grant. Our next grant request period will be March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023. Our next grant request review will be at our April 3rd Endowment Fund meeting. Thank you for your prayers, contributions and support.

**The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service** will be held on April 7, 2023, at the Horizons Conference Center at 6200 State Street in Saginaw Township at 1pm. The Reverend David A. Davis, President of the Michigan District-LCMS, will be the preacher. See today's bulletin insert for more information.

**A Heads Up On What Is Happening on Saturday, April 29-A Wonderful Opportunity** to join other Christian women in the Bay Area Zone LWML Prayer Day Service with Faith being the host this year. The Theme is -My Soul Rejoices. The time is 9:00-11:30 am with breakfast at 9:00 and service following. Cost is \$5. RSVP by April 20 by signing the sheet on the bulletin board under LWML in the Beyer Gathering Room. Bring a friend-hope to see many there since we are hosting. Questions: contact Barb Evans or Kathy Kube.



Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 26 & 27, 2023

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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**Worship Services**  
Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Monday 7:00 PM  
Gathering Time Between Services

**Bible Study**  
Sunday 9:15 AM

Pastor Gary Bender  
[gbender@faithbaycity.org](mailto:gbender@faithbaycity.org)

## Welcome and Announcements

10:30 Service is followed on the screens

Provided in our pews for your convenience are:

**LSB-** Our hymnal title Lutheran Service Book; hymn numbers are listed below.

**PB-** Our Pew Bible; page numbers of each reading are listed below.

**Opening Hymn** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LSB 686

**Invocation**

**Confession and Absolution** LSB p.151

**Kyrie**

**Salutation and Collect**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Old Testament Lesson** Ezekiel 37:1-14 PB 724

**Epistle Lesson** Romans 8:1-11 PB 944

**Gospel Lesson** John 11:17-27, 38-53 PB 897

**Sermon Hymn** "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB 421

**Sermon** "Flesh vs. Spirit" Romans 8:1-11

**Nicene Creed**

**Service of the Sacrament** LSB p.160

**Lord's Prayer** LSB p.162

**Communion**

**Hymns** "Not All the Blood of Beasts" LSB 431

"O Christ, You Walked the Road" LSB 424

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" LSB 437

### 10:30AM Service Worship Songs

Holy Spirit; Broken Vessels; Jesus Messiah; Another In The Fire;  
Who You Say I Am

## FAITH'S WEEK AHEAD

Sunday	3/26/23	8:00 AM	Worship w/Communion
		9:15 AM	Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship w/Communion
		11:45 AM	Public School Confirmation
Monday	3/27/23	7:00 PM	Worship w/Communion
Tuesday	3/28/23	6:00 PM	Board of Ed Meeting
		6:30 PM	Elder Meeting
Wednesday	3/29/23	9:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
		5:20-6:20 PM	Lenten Dinner
		6:30 PM	Lenten Worship
Thursday	3/30/23	10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
Saturday	4/1/23	6:00 PM	Confirmation Practice
Palm Sunday	4/2/23	8:00 AM	Worship
		9:15 AM	Bible Study
		10:30 AM	Worship (Confirmation)

Managing God's Blessings				
General Fund as of 3/22/2023				
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
RECEIPTS NEEDED TO MEET				
OUR MINISTRY BUDGET		\$36,455.00	\$145,819.00	\$1,044,189.00
		<u>Weekly</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
RECEIPTS/OFFERINGS/				
TUITION		\$ 15,376.00	\$49,749.00	\$934,398.00
DISBURSEMENTS		\$ 62,394.00	\$118,915.00	\$1,026,707.00
MORTGAGE BALANCE			\$141,885.98	

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

Elders for March Randy Schmidt/John Mueller

Elders for April Jack Kidwell/Noah Trombley

### Ushers March 26

8:00AM Don Flory, Rick Pavlik, Nik Caspers, Marty Caspers

10:30AM Scott Sturm, Barry VanWert, John Mueller

Ushers Wednesday, March 29 Larry DeSloover, Brent Gettel, Terri DeSloover, Paul Gaiser

### Ushers April 2

8:00AM Bill Frank, Terry Miller, Scott Miller, Jason Harris, Betty Waldie

10:30AM Larry DeSloover, Brent Gettel, Terri DeSloover, Paul Gaiser

### Greeters March 26

8:00AM Jim Behmlander

10:30AM George and Mary Klepser

### Greeters April 2

8:00AM Terry and Mary Townsend

10:30AM Marilyn Garlinghouse

### Readers March 26

8:00AM Tom Mueller

10:30AM Dwain Grimpo

### Readers April 2

8:00AM Melissa Smith

10:30AM Jeff Roscoe

Altar Guild March 26 Karrie Gatzka, Beth Gettel, Alisa Caspers

Altar Guild April 2 Patricia Schlicker

Organist March 26 Laurie Habedank

Organist March 29 Laurie Habedank

Organist April 2 Laurie Habedank

## Old Testament Reading from Ezekiel 37:1-8

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley;<sup>[a]</sup> it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath<sup>[b]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling,<sup>[c]</sup> and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

## Epistle Lesson from Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you<sup>[b]</sup> free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,<sup>[c]</sup> he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.<sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.<sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.<sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

### **Gospel Reading from John 11:17-27, 38-53**

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles<sup>[a]</sup> off,<sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.<sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."<sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>[b]</sup> Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,<sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"<sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days."<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.<sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me."<sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."<sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,<sup>46</sup> but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.<sup>47</sup> So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.<sup>48</sup> If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."<sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.<sup>50</sup> Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."<sup>51</sup> He did not say this of his own

accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,<sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.<sup>53</sup> So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet Thursday, March 30th at 9:00 AM. Come join us for the study of Ruth. All women are welcome!

**Giving Envelopes-** 2023 Faith Lutheran Giving envelopes are still available on the table in the back of church. You may also use your box of envelopes from last year.



This QR code is available for you to scan if you choose to give electronically. Scan this code and follow the instructions for giving through Kindred.

**Easter Breakfast-** The Elders will be providing Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. Signup forms are available in the back of church. Breakfast will be served between services on Easter Sunday.

**Join us for a Meatball Dinner** provided by the Parish Service Guild on Wednesday, March 29th from 5:20-6:20 PM before the 6:30 PM worship service.

**Midweek Lenten Service-**6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 29th. Pastor Phillip Baerwolf from Zion, Bay City will be preaching on Mount Zion.

**Pastor Call Updates-**Please check the bulletin board in the Beyer Room for call committee updates.

**Marriage in God's Way**—Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bay City, is sponsoring a marriage seminar entitled "Marriage in God's Way" on Saturday, April 29th, led by Rev. Todd and Heather Biermann. Pastor Biermann is the Senior Pastor at Faith Lutheran, Grand Blanc. For more information and registration information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the hall behind the church.

**Uptown Area Easter Egg Hunt-** Saturday, April 1st at 11am in the green space next to Real Seafood. Sponsored by Grace Church and businesses in the Uptown Area. See poster on the church bulletin board.