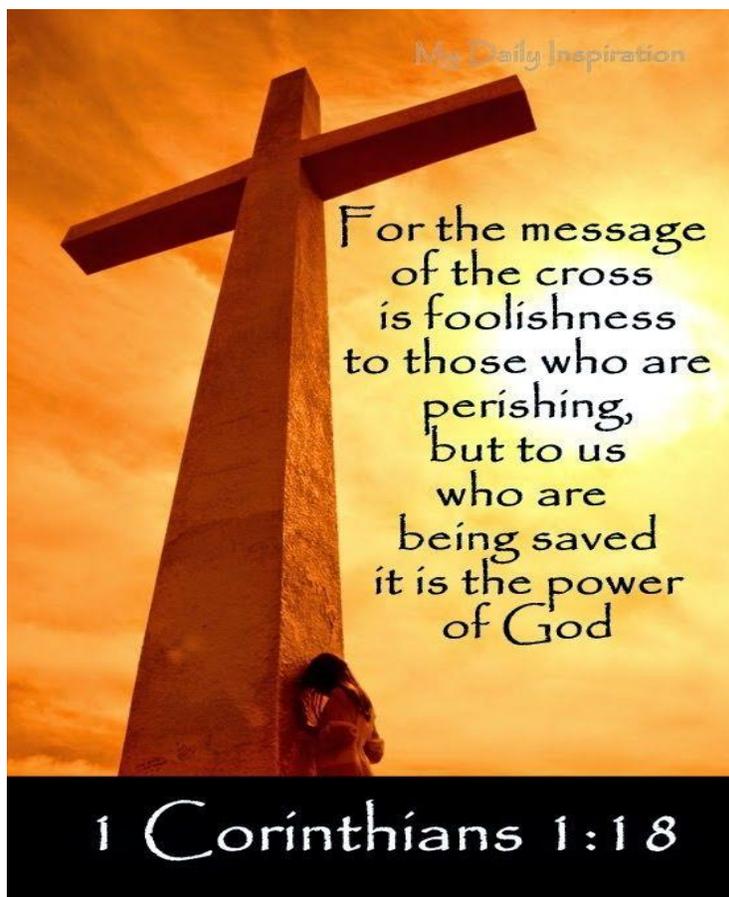




Listening • Caring • Serving

Come as you are. All are welcome.



WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

GATHERING

Prelude

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

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

C **Amen.**

P 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.

P Together we pray,

C **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.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Together we pray,

C Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through

wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

L The word of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind—
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples

remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

L The Gospel of our Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

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HYMN

Spirit of God

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1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A Together we confess our faith,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

A Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the



joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

A Together we pray,

C **Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GOD'S TABLE OF GRACE

P 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.

A Together we pray,

C **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.**

*Instruction for coming to the table.
After communion, worship continues*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Together we pray,

C **God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
 let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Journey with Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending in person this morning!
***Disposable face masks are required and available from
 an usher.***

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this week were given by Margaret Murphy in memory of Larry Murphy.

We Need Some Seasonal Help

If you are willing to serve as an usher for one or more of the Lenten Wednesday or Holy Week worship services, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. This is a one-time opportunity, no long-term commitment!

Want to Join the Family?

If you would like to become a member of Faith, please call Barbra in the church office (941- 697-3313) this week for forms and to set an appointment to meet with the Pastor.

Tis the Season

Easter is just around the corner and, as usual, we would like to decorate the sanctuary with lilies – but we need your help. You may sign up to purchase a lily, which you can take home after the last service on Easter Sunday. Cost is \$9.00 each, and you can make a dedication if you wish. Note: dedications will be printed in the bulletin. Information will be taken from the sign-up sheet, so print legibly. Sheet is in the narthex by the flower chart.

Food Pantry

We have placed a plastic storage container on the ramp by the back door for your donations to the local food bank, or you can leave them in the box in the narthex. The food bank especially needs peanut butter and jelly.

Vacation Help

Our secretary, Barbra, is taking vacation from March 29 through April 6. If you are available to fill in for her on one or more of those days, please call her (697-3313).

Looking Ahead...

The Holy Week schedule is a bit different this year. Please take note of the changes: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at noon inside. Easter Sunday: 8:30 am sunrise service at the Memorial Garden, 10:30 am inside.

Attendance last week: 98

WE PRAY FOR...

Larry Bennett
Marcia Wilkins
Rita Wolfe
Burton family

Elaine Claussen
Rick Luckow
Madison Mougalian

Barb Neilson
Jackie Magee

[Please note, when someone has a long-term issue, we keep them on this list for a time, but move them to the newsletter's long-term prayer list for more daily prayer.]

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at church
Monday	8:00 pm	AA meets at church
Tuesday	8:00 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
Wednesday	Noon	Lenten worship

Serving Today

Altar Guild: Margaret Murphy & Debby Porter

First Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Kathryn Gallagher

Usher: Mary Lou Fitzgerald

Second Service:

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Debby Porter

Ushers: Noma Hickok & Jim Taylor

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*Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....
As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior
As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone
As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit
As a deep FAITH is taught and caught
As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life*