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**Leading our community into a deep connection in Christ**

**Worship Service for March 26, 2023, at 11 AM**

**Welcome**

**Invocation**

**Song: The Steadfast Love**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases

His mercies never come to an end

They are new every morning, New every morning

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord. Great is Thy faithfulness

*(repeat)* © 1974, 1975 Celebration

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

**P:** When God created mankind, He said mankind was very good. Then man rebelled against God and sin entered the world. Immediately after, God promised a savior to save His rebellious creation.
**C:** Praise be to God whose mercies are new every day.

**P:** In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law.
**C:** Praise be to God whose mercies are new every day.

**P:** At His baptism, Jesus was numbered among us sinners that He might offer Himself as a sacrifice upon the cross for sinners.
**C:** Praise be to God whose mercies are new every day.

**P:** Through Jesus Christ, God bids us come to Him and confess our sins, promising to forgive our sins and purify us.

**C:** Praise be to God whose mercies are new every day. Let us confess our sins and seek God's mercy.

*(a time of silence to reflect and personally confess our sins)*

**C:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and His suffering and death on the cross, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen

**P:** The Lord our God is merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. Therefore, I announce unto you the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His 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.
**C:** Amen.Praise be to God whose mercies are new every day.

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**Song of Praise and Thanksgiving -** Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise! © Public Domain

**Old Testament Reading -** Isaiah 43:8-12

Bring out the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them can declare this, and show us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to prove them right, and let them hear and say, It is true. “You are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses,” declares the Lord, “and I am God.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle Reading -** 1 Peter 4:8-11

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—

in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord.
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Reading -** Luke 24:44-49

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C:** Praise be to You, o Christ.

**Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn -** Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.

Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead

Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;

Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.

Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;

Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone.

The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.

Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not belong;

This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.

The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see

And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally. © Public Domain

**Sermon -** Series: The Red Letter Challenge - "Going"

**Prayers:** *Text in prayer requests to (813) 326-5255‬*

**Apostles' Creed**

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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

**Offering**

**Words of Institution**

**Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
**C:** And also, with you.
**P:** We greet each other in the peace of Christ.

**Distribution**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song -**I Will Follow

Where You go, I’ll go. Where You stay, I’ll stay.

When You move, I’ll move. I will follow...

All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure.

I will trust in You alone.

Higher than my sight, high above my life,

I will trust in You alone.

Chorus:

Where You go, I’ll go. Where You stay, I’ll stay.

When You move, I’ll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah.

I will follow You.

Light unto the world, Light unto my life

I will live for You alone.

You're the one I seek knowing I will find,

All I need in You alone, in You alone.

*(Chorus)*

Bridge:

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.

In You there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow.

*(Chorus 2x)* *© 2010 SHOUT! Publishing, Vamos Publishing, and So Essential Tunes*

**Serving This Week:**

**O.T. Reader:** Ginger Dunn

**Epistle Reader:** Gretchen Pifer

**Acolyte:** Gunner Torgrimson

**Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel

**Children’s Church Teacher:** Melissa Steinbrueck

**Children’s Church Assistant:** Jakob Torgrimson

**Serving Next Week:**

**1st Reader:** Jakob Torgrimson

**2nd Reader:** Kaylee Steinbrueck

**Acolyte:** Griffin Frost

**Com. Asst:** Larry Chmiel

**Children’s Church Teacher:** N/A - Youth Service

**Children’s Church Assistant:** N/A - Youth Service

**Upcoming Events**

**April 2, After the Service, Confirmation**Faith Lutheran Church

**April 6, 7PM, Maundy Thursday Worship Service**Grace Community Church

**April 7, 7PM, Good Friday Worship Service**Faith Lutheran Church

**April 9, 9:30AM, Easter Breakfast**Faith Lutheran Church

**April 9, 11AM, Easter Worship Service**Faith Lutheran Church

**Red Letter Challenge Small Groups**

Mar 28 @7PM at Renee’s
Mar 28 @7PM Online and at Rich and Judy’s
Apr 1 @10AM at the McConnell’s

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