

**Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church
March 20, 2024 | 5th Wednesday of Lent**

Welcome and Prayer

*Opening Song – “God You’re So Good”

*Litany of Loss (*adapted from God of This City, by Aaron Boyd*)

Loving God, we are not living the way You intended us to live.

Instead of living a life rooted in peace, charity, compassion and contentment, we live with loss.

We have lost love. | **We have lost hope.**

We have lost faith. | **We have lost mothers and fathers.**

We have lost children. | **We have lost husbands and wives.**

We have lost work. | **We have lost health.**

We have lost trust and security.

We have lost the dream of how our lives were supposed to be.

But, we know that Your steadfast love is offered despite our sinfulness.

We believe, Lord Jesus, that Your life, death, and resurrection open for us a better way to live – with clean hands and pure hearts.

We believe, Holy Spirit, that by Your presence and power we are renewed in faith and life. **Before you, O God, we stand, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Prayer of the Evening

Most holy and most loving God, by Your Spirit unclutter our hearts and minds, and enlarge within us an honored place for Christ. Expose our choices and activities that hinder Your work in our hearts. When discipleship proves costly, help us to embrace sacrifice as readily as we accept our many blessings. Amen.

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Message – “No More Chances” by Dan Antoine

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*Closing Song – “Jesus Paid It All”

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²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. ²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. ²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

¹ What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. ² The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. ³ So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir.

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Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Cassie Simcox | Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks
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