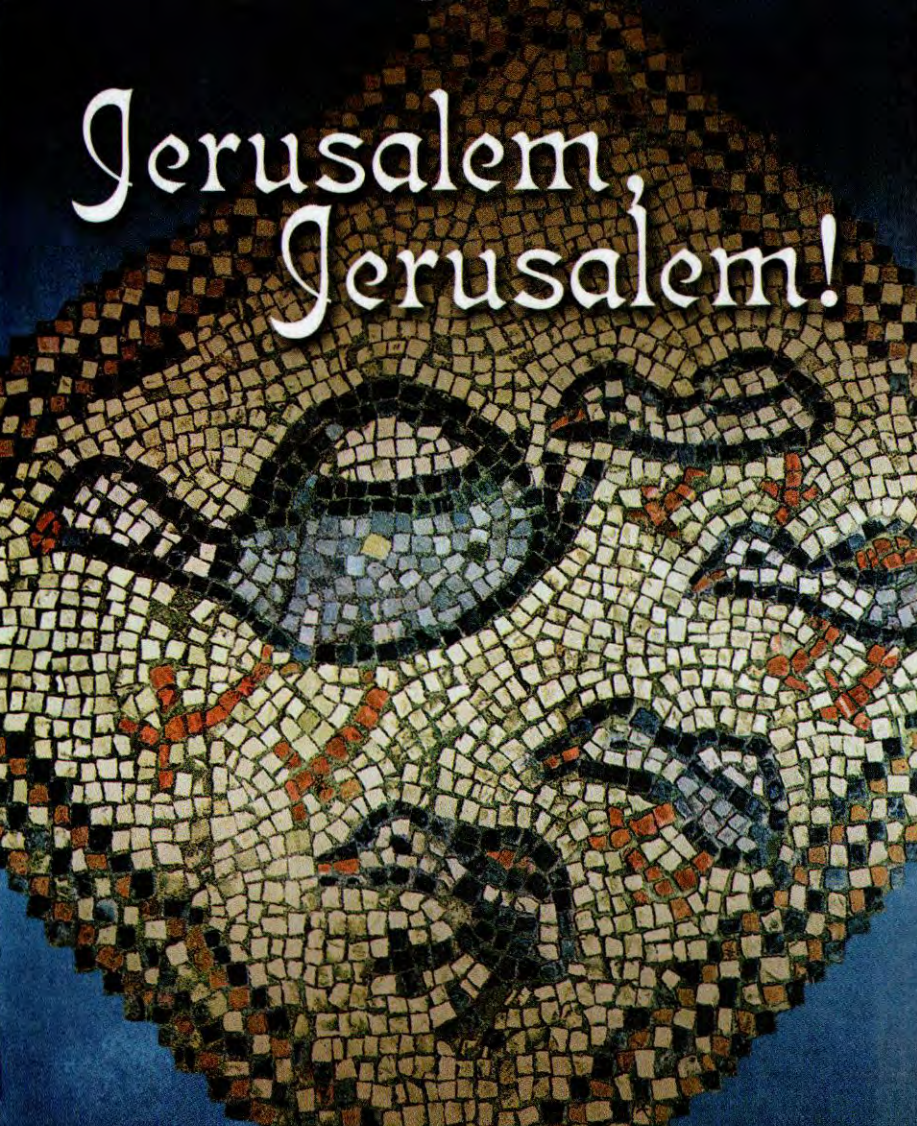


Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

A circular mosaic depicting a hen with her chicks. The hen is in the center, facing left, with her wings spread. She is surrounded by several chicks of various colors (white, brown, blue, orange) scattered around her. The mosaic is made of small, irregular tiles in shades of brown, tan, blue, and red. The background is a dark blue color.

How often have I desired
to gather your children together
as a hen gathers her brood
under her wings

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it. A red Fellowship Pad is at the end of each pew, please pass it down the pew so everyone can sign for the day, this helps us know visitors and have vital information

The Flowers today were given to the glory of God by the Ed & Fammie Peter in celebration of their wedding anniversary today.

LAST WEEK AT FAITH:

OFFERINGS:

Current	\$ 3230.25
Other	\$ <u>40.00</u>
Total	\$ 3270.25

ATTENDANCE:

Worship	129
Nursery	<u>0</u>
	129

We need at least \$3236.00 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH:

Pastor... Scott Meier

Leader... Bev Haire	Acolyte.. Jake Zimmerman
Assistant... Beth Wright	Crucifer.. Will Czerwonka
Organist... Barb Brewster	Greeters..Rife
Fin. Asst... Jim Hegenbarth	Social.. Czerwonka
NurseryLisa Peter	Audio.. Lyle Gernand
Altar Guild..Beth Landis	
Ushers... Nancy Vogt, Edie Maas, Cathy Holman, Vivian Smith	

Next week: Assistant; C. Taylor , Crucifer; S. McCoy Acolyte; D. Jancosek Greeters; E.& F. Peter Social; E.& F. Peter, Audio; J. Hegenbarth

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

Today, Feb. 28	9:15 am	Sunday Church School
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship
Mon., Mar. 1	10:00 am	Faithful Quilters
Tues., Mar. 2	9:00 am	Weekday Church School
	12:45 pm	Staff Meeting
Wed., Mar. 3	6:00 pm	Lenten Dinner
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
	7:30 pm	Confirmation
Thurs., Mar. 4	9:00 am	Weekday Church School
	2:00 pm	Bible Study
Sun., Mar. 7	9:15 am	Sunday Church School
	10:30 am	Worship After; Coffee Fellowship Choir Rehearsal, Youth meet Visitation Team Meeting
	4:00 pm	Faithful Losers

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Betty McLaughlin Billie Williams Dorothy Clerici Barbara Sorenson

Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Announcements

LENTEN DINNERS: WELCA is once again sponsoring a dinner prior to the Wednesday Lenten Services. Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so our ladies know how many to prepare for.

VISITATION TEAM: This team will hold it's first meeting on March 7 following the worship service. This team will work in conjunction with Pastor and Council in making visits to those needed. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

BIBLE STUDY: Pastor is leading the Bible Study once again on Thursday afternoon at 2:00. See Pastor for more information

RELIEF IN HAITI: The ELCA International Disaster Response is currently accepting financial donations for the relief efforts going on in Haiti. Also, Thrivent Financial is in the process of setting up relief and will match donations. Please see today's insert for information on how to help the people of Haiti.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Psalm 27**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Jesus' Sheltering Arms

It's a hard and ugly world out there. Every day there are new stories of greed and hypocrisy, violence, and abuse. All too often those stories touch your life in painful ways. You know far too much about living with heart disease and cancer, arthritis and HIV/AIDS. You know far too well the pain of lost jobs, divorce, addiction, and more.

Sadly, we add to the pain in this world. We cause pain to those around us through things done and left undone. We cause pain by things we say and by things we leave left unsaid. Not only do we cause pain, but we get hurt as well. The one we worship, this God we pray to, knows our suffering. When we suffer, God suffers. When we grieve, God grieves.

Rather than turn away from this pain, rather than abandon this world, God sent Jesus to live among us, to be one with us, and finally to die for us. We see the love of God for the world most clearly as Jesus stretches out his arms on the cross, embracing the whole world. Through the cross we see the fullness of God's mercy and love.

Luke's gospel reminds us that God's love looks like a loving mother placing herself between her children and all that might harm them. This is Jesus, wrapping his arms around us, shielding us with his body. As you worship today, look around and see that same protection. The church is Christ's body in the world, called to walk with you, support you, pray for you, and comfort you. The church, the body of Christ, cares for this pain-filled world, gathering all under God's wings, into God's merciful embrace.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.

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