



PRAYERS  
OF THE  
CHURCH



*Faith*  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

LENT & HOLY  
WEEK 2024



And they devoted themselves  
to the apostles' teaching and  
the fellowship, to the breaking  
of bread and the prayers.

ACTS 2:42



# WELCOME

On a Jesus-shaped path we are ALL IN with God, each other, and the people we encounter.

These prayers are about that path - specifically, asking the the Holy Spirit to call us to be ALL IN over the next two years. Like the forty days of Lent, we are marking these days to consider what God has done and where God is calling us.

These prayers about this path were written by nearly 200 Faith members. Each day we will encounter God's Word from the daily lectionary and several prayers of God's people. I pray as we encounter the Gospel in His Word and are united in prayer throughout these forty days, that we, like the early disciples, might devote ourselves ALL IN on this Jesus-shaped path.

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Pastor Jerry Watts

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## READINGS

Joel 2:12-19; Psalm 51:1-17;  
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. - Ps. 51:1 (ESV)*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, to listen to where You want me to serve. Give me Your eyes to see the needs that I am best qualified to meet. Fill me with Your Spirit to see Your children as You do, with generosity and compassion. Forgive me for my selfish ways and turn me towards Your purpose for me. You are my magnificent Savior. I love You and want my life to reflect Your glory.

Please lay on our hearts, each individual, ways we are being called to use our time, talent, and treasure. Make us eager to follow your leading in these matters. Please bless Faith Lutheran beyond our wildest imaginations.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we will be led to know Jesus better and share that with others.

... For God's will to be done; for us to be humble and show God's love to others through example.

... That 1) we would be open to supporting this initiative in whatever ways are appropriate and helpful; 2) we would be empowered to reach out to others to help fulfill the goals stated; and 3) our hearts and minds would be open to overcoming obstacles.

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# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10

*"Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths." - Psalm 25:4*

Lord, let me be an instrument / servant for You. I pray in Your holy name, Lord. May my family be unified in Your name. I pray fervently; make me a prayer warrior.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That God will use me, show me how He wants me to be involved in this initiative. That the Holy Spirit will light a fire in us, so that we invite others in, that we share the love of Christ and that we glorify God through this process.

... That Faith will be a place where ALL feel welcome. Where families grow and find others to do life with. I pray that our church will grow both within and outside its walls, to be the light our city, country and world so desperately needs. I pray that Faith Lutheran will remain a place where we feel at home.

... 1) That God will open hearts and minds to hear His truth and the gift He has given us through His Son, Jesus; and 2) for boldness to share and to step up to help the initiative succeed and help us step out of our comfort zones.

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# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

*“Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.” - Psalm 25:5*

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together for a time of planning, of vision, and fellowship. Lord, I pray that as we enter into conversations with You in the coming months, that You give us receptive hearts, and ears to listen to Your will. As You have led the trailblazers of our church 70 years ago, we pray that the trailblazing work that we are doing today will have great impact on Your kingdom on earth from today forward. We pray that our work will be pleasing to You.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For the courage to seek the wisdom of God for church, to listen to others' concerns and hopes for our life together, and to do the hard work required.

... That I would do my part as a member of the body of Christ to get out of my routine / comfort zone in how I serve the Lord - in my home and at Faith - in ways that honor Him. To be more all in in my faith, which will then bear fruit in how I show His love to those around me.

... That more of us inside and outside of Faith would come to feel a part of the church and feel and experience God's love - not only from Him but also through His people (His hands and feet). And that we would see God at work in and through each one of us and in our community and beyond.

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# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13

*“Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!”  
- Psalm 25:7*

Heavenly Father, bless us with the presence of Your Holy Spirit. Convict, convert and consecrate us as we strive to be All In on the Jesus-shaped path. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That 1) prayer would be abundant throughout this initiative; 2) prayer will be in our hearts and minds; 3) prayer will be for our church and for our members. That God’s awesome power will be recognized in answer to all these prayers - and our church will see both abundant giving and abundant population growth - and that people’s lives will be changed and strengthened via connections made at Faith.

... For 1) increased involvement in the life of our church; 2) addition of new outreach areas; 3) new ideas for ministry; 4) strength for our staff and pastors as they fulfill their duties each day.

... That there will be increased / deeper / stronger relationships within the body of Christ at Faith.

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# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## READINGS

Psalm 25:1-10

*“Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.” - Psalm 25:8*

## SERMON READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5

Mark 6:30-43

### **Isaiah 55:1-5 (NRSV)**

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;

and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of  
Israel,

for he has glorified you.

# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## Mark 6:30-43 (NRSV)

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.





# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## **OBSERVATION**

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## **INTERPRETATION**

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## **APPLICATION**

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# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

*"In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted." - Psalm 77:2*

Lord, we ask that You lead us; guide our hearts and minds to do Your will. Help us take care of Your people here and keep our eyes and focus on You. All in Christ Jesus we pray, Amen.

I ask God's blessing on this endeavor and pray that we can reach all members in the best Christian way, so everyone feels included and special.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For us not to fear but to trust and obey. I pray for creative ideas and solutions to fiscal challenges. I pray for strength of the saints, strength of the church - above all that this increase initiative would ultimately result in thousands of people who have not known Christ to come to salvation along with those who have walked away or have felt wounded by the church - that they would come to know the Person, the Godhead, the Holy Spirit, Jesus the Savior of the world. Amen.

... For FLC to increase in making a difference in our culture 1) by bringing people in as fellow followers of Christ with outreach; and 2) through mission assistance to a growing number of charities.

... That we honor and glorify God in our work and reach many more people with the Gospel.

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# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a

*“Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?’ Selah” - Psalm 77:9*

Heavenly Father, we ask Your guidance as we begin the All In walk. We know You have a vision for us. I pray for Your guidance as we begin our new tithing, and help us discern new ways we can share our time and talent.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For hearts to be softened, souls to be enriched, minds to be opened, hands to be busy and community to be built stronger.

... That Your Holy Spirit will enable, empower and equip us to boldly share Your plan(s) of salvation and for Faith Lutheran Church. That we might find favor and be a pleasing aroma to attract all we come in contact with for Your glory. For new opportunities, to be bold, and for success.

... For better understanding of God and each other and that we all feel comfortable at Faith and grow in faith.

... For us to find more person-to-person connections to go through life together.

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# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 77; Proverbs 30:1-9; Matthew 4:1-11

*"Then I said, 'I will appeal to this, to the years of the right hand of the Most High.'" - Psalm 77:10*

Dear Lord, guide us with Your wisdom as we move forward. Help us to meet people where they are, find our commonalities and listen to their concerns and reservations. Help us to share our faith with others with confidence, but humbly, with hope, love and perseverance - and our family at Faith will grow. In the Name of Jesus, Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... To find a way to bring the message of love shown by Jesus to a suffering and mistrustful world. Help us show how loving one another is necessary for peace in the world.

... That God will inspire us and fill us with His powerful Holy Spirit to achieve His will.

... For the time and talent contribution to have a meaningful impact on our congregation and our community.

... That this program can be successful.

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# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18;  
Romans 3:21-31

*“For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.” - Psalm 22:24*

Oh Lord, “Comfort, comfort, oh My people.” But sometimes we get too comfortable, Oh Lord. Tickle our consciousness, stir up within us a sense of our own need, a sense of empty places, our rotting cores - and then guide us to move forward. To fill those spaces with Your will and Your word. Heal us so we may follow You more fully, more faithfully.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... To find a way to bring the message of love shown by Jesus to a suffering and mistrustful world. Help us show how loving one another is necessary for peace in the world.

... For a local outreach to people in the Albuquerque area who are hurting and needing the peace and truth of the gospel.

... That 1) we would be open to unconventional ideas; 2) we continue to learn the names of and about fellow worshipers, growing the sense of community here; 3) FLC would help many, many people find Christ; 4) FLC would be fully funded and debt free, and 5) people suffering alone in Albuquerque can find peace and solace here at FLC.

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# FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:1-6; Romans 4:1-12

*"The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!"  
- Psalm 22:26*

Take me, Lord, and use me for Your good. Take doubt and self-centeredness away from me. Give our leaders wisdom and discernment; don't let them be discouraged. Take me out of my comfort zone. Give me courage to speak and witness what I know to be true. Thank You for being with us every step forward.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we would 1) spread the gospel of Christ to those who do not know the Lord; 2) support overseas missions; 3) improve local outreach; and 4) make prudent financial decisions.

... That All In means each of us takes part, in whatever stage of life we are.

... That we would all grow stronger in God!

... For a generous heart financially and works we can contribute to the function of the church.

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# SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 16:7-15; Mark 8:27-30

*“All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.” - Psalm 22:27*

I pray that this initiative leads to ways to bring people to Jesus that didn't know Him - ways that can bring people into the building and start their journey to a lasting relationship with Jesus.

Bless us, O God; move in our hearts to be All In and to increase in our mission involvement both locally and internationally.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That God's Spirit will move mightily within FLC to draw His people into a closer relationship with Him and experience His love and blessings on another level as we walk in obedience to all of His word. That through His people at FLC He would turn the hearts of the lost and give them the truth that will set them free from the lies of the world. That all we do be for His glory and His kingdom.

... For 1) increased engagement (discipleship, time, talent, resources); 2) mission outreach (local and global); and 3) being a resource for our community.

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# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## READINGS

Psalm 22:23-31

*“All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.” - Psalm 22:29*

## SERMON READING

Mark 7:14-30

### **Mark 7:14-30 (ESV)**

And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.



# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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# MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7;  
Hebrews 1:8-12

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!” - Psalm 105:1*

Thank You, Lord, for our pastors. Continue to inspire them with Your Holy Spirit. Thank You for our LCMC congregation and its unity in purpose and love for Jesus Christ. Thank You, Lord, for our country and freedom to worship You. Guide and protect our country from the evil one.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For the health and vitality of our pastors as they lead this initiative.

... That I would 1) ask God to reveal to me how to fully trust Him; 2) begin with myself to be All In; 3) “Just do it.”; 4) help others to do the same.

... That we would be unified in supporting and sharing in the All In vision – longtime and newer members, across the age spectrum.

... For 1) my ability to increase my donations; 2) my ability to spend more time helping at church; 3) us to figure out ways to reach out to young couples to try Faith; and 4) us to figure out how to increase our draw to Faith.

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# TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19;  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19

*"He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations" - Psalm 105:8*

Lord God, we pray that You will help and guide us with this All In process. Bring in our old members and help us find new families to bring Your word to. Give us the knowledge and words to be successful in the endeavor. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That all giving, whether time, talents or treasure, springs from a willingness to trust God that He will not let us fall. In our time, that it wouldn't be wasted; in our treasure, that it would not be squandered or cause us to default; and with our talents, that they would not be scorned, marginalized, unappreciated, or, worse yet, give the wrong message. That takes trust that God will take what we give, fulfill our needs, and increase our giving - the yield of it, anyway. We need to trust God and understand He is always trustworthy.

... That we would help engage others spiritually; for example with new classes, more small group gatherings, with people praying for others, and sharing our stories with each other - trusting God to provide for all our needs.

... That we would be inclusive with newcomers and oldcomers - recognize and communicate with all in a variety of ways.

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# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22;  
John 12:36-43

*“So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.” - Psalm 105:43*

Dear Lord, we give you thanks for this church and the staff. Bless us with Your Holy Spirit, with strength and ideas to bring all members back in Your grace. Call the hearts of those who are absent and bring them back to us. We pray for Your guidance. In Your Name, Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we would follow the teachings of Jesus to spread His Word and support His church in the world.

... For 1) more people to come to know Christ and His love for them; 2) Faith Lutheran to come together in unity as the body of Christ; 3) those who don't know their place or purpose in the body of Christ to come to understand where they fit or belong in the body of Christ and to grow in their purpose and belonging; and 4) this initiative to have the love of Christ at its front and center.

... That we 1) develop talents for discipleship throughout the church; 2) use our talents to serve people inside and outside the church; and 3) be fully in tune with the Holy Spirit's leading, guided by God's wisdom.

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# THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10

*"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork." - Psalm 19:1*

Heavenly Father, turn our hearts to be obedient to Your will. Help us to grow in all ways to make our lives reflective of Jesus' life and love.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That 1) we might be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led; and 2) when we think / reflect on Faith Lutheran, we all might consider it an important community - that fellow members are "our people" in this world.

... For 1) peace and healing; 2) understanding of truth from fiction; and 3) understanding of others' points of view.

... That I personally, and we as a congregation, will be committed to discipleship. To not only invite others, but to ensure they grow and remain in the body of Christ - "Fruit that Remains." That we allow Jesus to shift the shape of this mission to how He wants it to look. Allow Him to define success, even if we do not reach our originally stated goals.

... For 1) success for the initiative to bring more people to know Jesus (growth); 2) the church to remain strong, unified and healthy - filled with love, peace and harmony; and 3) hearts and minds to be infused with the Holy Spirit in all we say and do.

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# FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

*"...the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes..." - Psalm 19:8*

My prayer is that each of us would reflect sincerely, and be willing to be honest with ourselves about our sacrificial giving. I pray that the Lord will provide opportunities for us to find others and minister to each other through this. And I pray that this will bring each of us into further worship and relationship with You, our Father. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That I would be a light, an example of what All In means. I pray that the Lord shows me where to best use my time and talents to His glory while putting Him first.

... That we find many paths that can bring in new members.

... For excitement, engagement and gospel focus. That we might 1) be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led; 2) grow to be more intentional together; and 3) grow in wisdom and knowledge of our God.

... That those who are in need will receive what they require.

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8

*"Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults." - Psalm 19:12*

Is this Your will, Lord? If it is, make that clear to us. Guide us step by step, Lord, in this journey. Give us the wisdom, strength, courage and gentleness of Your call. I ask that You be with and bless Faith Lutheran Church; keep our eyes, minds, and souls on You. Thank You, God, for this opportunity. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That our church will always seek to do God's will (not ours) first and foremost. I pray that God will lead us, and that we, as a church, will listen to Him. I pray that God will give us the strength, time, talent, and treasure to do His will. Please God, inspire the people in our congregation to see this as an opportunity, not a burden.

... That each of us would examine our own commitment.

... That we each find new strength and new focus and new ways to use our time, talent, and money to support the power, the people, and the potential of All In.

... That we would become more aware of the needs and mission of Faith and the church as a whole.

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# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## READINGS

Psalm 19

*“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.” - Psalm 19:14*

## SERMON READING

Mark 8:27-38

### **Mark 8:27-38 (ESV)**

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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## **APPLICATION**

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# MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22;  
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

*“My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.” - Psalm 84:2*

All we have is God's - a trust from Him - He sent Jesus as a sacrifice - What can I sacrifice for Him? I pray that the Holy Spirit would guide and enable each of us to see the need and to trust Him to provide. That we would each give sacrificially of our money, time and abilities to bring glory to God. Knowing that He is able to do more than we could ever ask and imagine - What He calls us to do, He enables us to do. That I would trust Him, put myself aside and seek His will - all to God's glory. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... To engage and connect with those outside of our congregation who are seeking to find their identity in Christ. They may not know that they are searching for this, but I pray that by building a strong community as a church, we would boldly welcome these into the fold.

... That something good happens.

... That we all feel touched by this initiative and welcomed and invited to participate in whatever way(s) we are able.

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# TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19;  
Hebrews 9:23-28

*“O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah” – Psalm 84:8*

Dear Lord, I thank You for this church, pastors and friends. Please bless our efforts and help us grow in Your grace. Heal this world and bring peace. May those hurting and needing comfort find You and our church. We have confidence that You are with us and hear us. We give You the glory. In Your name, Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That 1) we would prayerfully consider all elements of the initiative; 2) that the initiative is successful if that is the will of God; and 3) that we would see ourselves included in the initiative; and 4) that each of us is included as the initiative moves forward.

... That we think in terms of what people outside our church may need, and how we might help them find that here.

... That God would lead me to where I can serve.

... That every voice is heard; that the Holy Spirit moves every voice to the common goal of knowing, and to reach out to others to know, the importance of faith in Jesus Christ, and how corporate worship enriches and grows that knowledge.

## NOTES

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# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19

*“For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.” - Psalm 84:11*

May the Lord lead us in the way He would have us take. Not our will but Thine be done.

Heavenly Father, I pray for discernment as to how You want me to use my time and talents in being a part of the All In initiative. May we be prayerful in our giving.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For 1) increased attendance; 2) increased participation; 3) visitors to feel welcome; and 4) that we would be challenged to give.

... For 1) help to avoid/overcome any skepticism; 2) more involvement; 3) thankfulness for our leaders; 4) people to be primary, money secondary; 5) me to share - all.

... That God will reach out to our church community and lead us forward in this initiative, to help us meet His goals for Faith Lutheran Church going forward.

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# THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17;  
Ephesians 1:3-6

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" - Psalm 107:1*

Guide me, Lord, to be Your servant, to use my talents, time and treasure to glorify You. Guide us to preach and teach God's word truthfully from Genesis to Revelation.

Lord, we want to seek You first! If this is Your will, lead us and make this so smooth, easy and clear that we can't miss it. Thank You for Your provision and blessings! Thank You for this family at Faith. We love You, Lord. Amen.

I pray for all of us to engage others with love and acceptance as Jesus has shown us.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we all will be truly intentional in being All In - help us find our faith, our path, and lead us to a deeper understanding of who You are, God, and to gain a better relationship with You.

... That I am all in: All in with my time, talent and treasures that have been given to me by God. I pray I can be a worthy servant and do what I am asked.

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# FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13;  
Ephesians 1:7-14

*“Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction...” - Psalm 107:17*

Let us pray! May we get plugged in with God (devotions), with each other (small groups), and with the people we encounter (community / member).

God, inspire us and give us the words to relate to others (especially the unchurched) and invite them into Your family of believers.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That 1) we all (members of Faith) and those that don't know Christ already come to know Him and know Him more intimately; 2) it strengthens our bond with family and to God; and 3) we come together as a congregation in Faith to witness the blessings we have, to reach out to others and to bless them by helping with their needs.

... That God will excite us and re-ignite devotion, communication, teamwork and heartfelt love for one another, in unity together.

... That God will help us grow in numbers and generosity, help us lead people to Christ and make people feel at home.

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29;  
John 3:1-13

*“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.” - Psalm 107:19*

Calm our hearts by filling us with Your Spirit! May we go forward and serve the Lord.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... 1) for God’s will to be discerned; 2) that the Spirit would move among us and nudge us where He has planned for us; 3) for sensitivity in the midst of enthusiasm; 4) for leaders to clearly assess the status of the initiative and be flexible to make needed adjustments; 5) that this would not devolve into a financial campaign, but that the message of engagement would remain front and center; 6) for success as God sees fit for us at this time; and 7) that God would be glorified in our efforts.

... That we grow our church so more people can benefit from the experiences that I have had these past several years and the bonds that I have developed in this Christian community.

... That church will continue to prepare Christians for a life of faith.

... For God’s help and support to allow us all to contribute means to reach goals for All In.

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# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

*"He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction." - Psalm 107:20*

## SERMON READING

Mark 9:14-29

### **Mark 9:14-29 (ESV)**

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."



# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## **OBSERVATION**

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## **INTERPRETATION**

What does this passage mean to me?

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## **APPLICATION**

What does this passage mean to me and our church right now?

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# MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6

*“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble...” - Psalm 107:2*

May Jesus work a mighty revival in Faith Lutheran to achieve all His goals.

Father! I pray for Your blessing on this initiative. Spread Your Holy Spirit over us all. Inspire us with Your holy Word to gather Your lost sheep into the fold. Bless our leaders Jerry and Mark! Thank You for this opportunity to worship You!

Dear God - Open our minds to giving, and reaching others and opening their hearts to Your work.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we are a united congregation on a path of 1) further engagement; 2) discipleship; 3) engaging our community (evangelism); 4) mission focus, and 5) debt reduction.

... That 1) our love for each other increases; 2) our youth attendance increases, as they are our future; 3) talent, time and pledging increases; and 4) that our attendance and more attendees to our church increases.

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# TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13;  
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

*“For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul  
he fills with good things.” - Psalm 107:9*

Lord, bless our All In vision and action plan to serve others and glorify You. Please fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit to guide us individually and as Your church.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... 1) to generate a generous heart and an open mind; 2) that You would help me / us to see the needs to fulfill the church initiatives; and 3) that God’s hand would be on each of us to fulfill His mission for us.

... That our service / initiative demonstrate joy to those who are without – who haven’t known joy or it has been lost – that our congregational lives of service can demonstrate what a life with joy, grace, love and mercy can be through Christ.

... To succeed in Faith’s initiative to achieve the goal and mission for the benefit of God.

... 1) For a spirit of goodwill, that we will jump in and encourage one another; 2) that we will be renewed and excited about our faith; and 3) that we will speak in a positive way about this experience.

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# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20

*“Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!” - Psalm 107:15*

Heavenly Father, I thank You for all that You do, and all that You have done for Your creation. I pray that hearts and lives will be changed and that You will become a priority and first in our and others' lives, in furtherance of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For the Holy Spirit to breathe a renewed sense of excitement for my love for my church. Allow me to come out of my comfort zone and lead a life more joyful and Spirit-filled. Allow me to be an example of a Christ-led life. Tell others about my walk with Christ. Have others ask me where I go to church. Have others ask me why I'm so on fire for the Lord! Pray for all members of our church!

... That we become more equipped to engage those we encounter (despite being Lutherans).

... That we grow closer to one another, sharing ownership of Faith Lutheran and each assuming more responsibility for this shared mission to which we've been called.

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# THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13

*“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.” - Psalm 51:4*

Lord, You have always been with me and my family. Continue to guide me with Your Holy Spirit and word. I want to engage and be generous. Please help me to be a trailblazer for and with You.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That the Holy Spirit stirs up a desire in each of our hearts to leave comfortable routines behind and be excited about making sacrificial gifts to the Lord and His people. My prayer is that we all trust in His word when it says He will provide and bless when we do His will.

... That each of us responds in a positive way to all possibilities presented to whatever extent possible.

That the initiative brings more people into our church, that they continue to come and grow within our church family as a lot of us have done.

... To keep the focus of this initiative in the forefront (on our hearts and on our lips).

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# FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10;  
Hebrews 4:14-5:4

*"Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart." - Psalm 51:6*

I pray that we, the body of Christ at Faith Lutheran, experience renewed life and joy so that everyone we encounter experiences Christ through us and comes to share in the joy we've found.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we remember Jesus first - the purpose of His church: that we grow in His will and way, that our hearts grow in His will and Holy Spirit.

... For 1) an increased number of families; 2) the youth to be fortified in their faith; 3) that we all would be active and connected; and 4) everyone would feel welcome.

... That we would be unified and driven - that as a congregation we would follow the path of Jesus and His disciples in realizing the gifts He has given us and that each one of us would find ways to share those gifts with others.

... For the freedom to approach our mission without fear of lack of willing people or resources, whether physical or financial.

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11

*“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” – Psalm 51:7*

Bless this congregation in fully committing and meeting the goals of this initiative by using the many talents, resources, and the willingness to come together as the body of Christ.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That we would glorify God and lift up our neighbors in our efforts to grow Faith.

... That God will recognize our commitment to growing His kingdom here, and that the Holy Spirit will lead us to an ongoing, unending success – for the benefit of our members, our church, and our community.

... That the initiative will foster additional participation and financial commitment.

... To have open hearts and minds to all God can do in our church as we truly engage with the Word and the community. For God to quiet fears or doubts we may have so that our joy is palpable to others. So those that may be searching find a welcoming and loving place to call home.

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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## READINGS

Psalm 51:1-12

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10*

## SERMON READING

Mark 10:13-16, 46-52

### **Mark 10:13-16, 46-52 (ESV)**

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.





# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## **OBSERVATION**

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## **INTERPRETATION**

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## **APPLICATION**

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# MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13;  
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

*"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word." - Psalm 119:9*

Dear Lord, pressure is a privilege; therefore, let us pray about uncomfortable and non-routine decisions. Help guide those decisions to help FLC. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For success in raising the funds and the congregational support to make this initiative a success, and to spread the Word successfully.

... That 1) God would guide me in my commitment through His Spirit; 2) He would lead us to others who need Christ in their lives; 3) we would be bold as a church in our common goal; 4) we as a couple / family would share in our faith and commitment to our church; and 5) God would use us in His work in this world.

... That I am all in; that God will open my eyes and my heart to go where I am called in this vision of All In. That I will know how I can use my time, talent and treasure to glorify His name.

... That the Trinity would be present and move us to commit ourselves to the All In program.

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# TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24

*"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." - Psalm 119:11*

God, please show us how You want us to serve You and how that is to look in our life with Faith Lutheran Church.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That God would guide us in our lives as ambassadors, that we would keep in mind those in our lives who are handicapped, and that we would see and touch those in need. Amen.

... That each of us would be all in with our time, talent, and treasure.

... That 1) we put this initiative into action; and 2) that we open our hearts to trying something new and being uncomfortable as we do something new.

... That we would see our church grow in membership and funding.

... That 1) we would embrace the initiative; 2) we would see evidence of increases in time, talent, and money; 3) we would experience an increase in community; and 4) we would not become discouraged.

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# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23;  
John 12:34-50

*"I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways." – Psalm 119:15*

Lord, may Your will be done with this initiative. May FLC's focus be on You and Your people. Guide us, Lord! Lead us to Your will. Amen!

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... I pray that we would receive this call to increase our commitment to our church with open minds and open hearts.

... My prayer is that all of us at Faith will engage and open our hearts to how we can become All In and make a difference.

... That 1) our fellowship and resolve continues as this initiative rolls out; 2) the description of All In focuses on the people results that we are looking for and not on dollars raised; and 3) God abundantly blesses these efforts to grow His number of faithful souls in an awesome way. In Christ's Name, we ask these things. Amen.

... For 1) an increase in donations; 2) an increase in participation in church programs; and 3) an increase in programs offered by the church.

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# THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8;  
Philippians 2:1-11

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" - Psalm 118:1*

Show us, Lord, what we can do to bring in new, younger members. And what can my household do specifically to help our church 'get there'?

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... 1) For collective agreement; 2) that missions will be supported; and 3) for formation of more small groups to develop personal relationships.

... For a successful and enriching experience for our church, where we can serve our Lord through more engagement, expanding our mission to reach others here at our church, our community and our world, and to lower our debt.

... That God will provide clear communication pathways so that the All In vision is effectively communicated throughout our congregation.

... That we increase our church membership and that we see more children in church.

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# FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9;  
Philippians 2:12-18

*“Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.” - Psalm 118:19*

Dear Father in heaven, please open our hearts to both financially and physically participate in this program, to actively invite unchurched people to become members. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That each of us would try to interest someone not going to church, to consider Faith Lutheran for a start.

... That 1) through this process, we engage families in a way that brings the gospel into homes, not just the church; 2) kids, teens and families are encouraged in their faith; 3) we continue preaching the Law and Gospel faithfully; 4) we are guided in all we do together by the Holy Spirit; and 5) most of all, the Lord's will be done.

... That more families would come to Faith.

... That this initiative helps us to be better taught and equipped to reach out to a community that doesn't even know they desperately need Jesus.

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# SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

## READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16;  
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

*"I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation." - Psalm 118:21*

I pray for a deep sense of being all in together with Jesus. That there would be a strong sense of community among all of us who call Faith home.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That 1) not only will we focus on our church health from within but also bring others to Christ through outreach; and 2) also that we would influence the health of our nation in a public way as members of the church and as God's people.

... 1) To focus on God; 2) to lead more people to Christ; 3) to be closer to Christ, growing on my path along the way, allowing me to love more and become more loving to others; and 4) to honor God, FLC and all people.

... That we can reach out and that people will be receptive to be All In.

... That we bring more of our community together at Faith. That our vision remains clear and we never lose sight of it and God.

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# PALM SUNDAY

## READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord." - Psalm 118:26*

## SERMON READING

Mark 11:1-11

### **Mark 11:1-11 (ESV)**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.





# PALM SUNDAY

## **OBSERVATION**

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## **INTERPRETATION**

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## **APPLICATION**

What does this passage mean to me and our church right now?

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# MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

## READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15;  
John 12:1-11

*“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.” - Psalm 36:7*

I pray for a positive and enthusiastic response to the initiative. I pray that we would be engaged and excited about our faith journeys.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That 1) I stay as excited tomorrow as I am today; 2) I do not lose focus on Jesus and the goals we have set; 3) I provide an example to others, that they may see through Jesus and me the passion and love that this church has to offer; and 4) I do not lose faith and stay the course, established today and tomorrow.

... That each of us would become involved in the initiative, and that it would be successful.

... That we will all be encouraged to be involved in building our programs and relationships; that we can connect people with varying needs so that everyone is known to someone.

... That 1) we all get involved; 2) the initiative is successful; 3) all our goals are met; and 4) we lead new people to Christ.

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# TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

## READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

*"In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;  
incline your ear to me, and save me!" – Psalm 71:2*

Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name I cancel any and all forces, principalities and demonic spirits that would want to operate against FLC and the plan that our pastors and members have for this church to grow. I pray this in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... For success for the initiative and the good of the church as a whole and the congregation. That discipleship will remain the focus of the initiative.

... That we increase our membership participation at Faith and that after two years we see that we were All In!

... That we would all know that we're part of FLC – that all of our contributions are needed and appreciated, as we do what we are comfortable and led to do. Being part of the whole is being all in.

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# WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

## READINGS

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3;  
John 13:21-32

*"But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!" - Psalm 70:5*

God lead us. Lead me in my home. Protect me from the pride of working for You. Humble me in confession, redemption and compassion to be worked through. Break my heart for the lost so I can celebrate the opportunity to share the joy, hope, peace, love, purpose and adoption You died to give me. Let the initiative grow out of a renewed focus on our relationship - You and me. You and my family and our love for You. Protect us from the busyness and distraction of doing and bring us into the presence of Your work.

My prayer for Faith daily is that God makes His will known to us for where He is leading us in our mission, whether growth or new directions.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... That it would bring people together to meet others and make friends, to enjoy each other and the church services.

... For the Holy Spirit to move in our midst.

... That 1) God will show me and my family what He wants me to do; 2) God will light up our path like a runway so we can't miss it; 3) God will bless this church and its future; and 4) I will deeply know that the Ancient of Days will be on His throne whatever may come in the future.

... For 1) softening of our hearts; 2) opening of our minds; 3) coming together of our wills; and 4) a spreading of salvation and the peace of God that comes with a deepening of community and of the Lordship of Christ in our lives.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY

## READINGS

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." – Psalm 116:15*

## SERMON READING

Mark 14:12-26

### **Mark 14:12-26 (ESV)**

And on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, his disciples said to him, "Where will you have us go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" And he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" And he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; there prepare for us." And the disciples set out and went to the city and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

And when it was evening, he came with the twelve. And as they were reclining at table and eating, Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be sorrowful and to say to him one after another, "Is it I?" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the dish with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born."

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." and when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

# GOOD FRIDAY

## READINGS

Psalm 22

*“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?” - Psalm 22:1*

## SERMON READING

Mark 15:33-41

### **Mark 15:33-41 (ESV)**

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

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# HOLY SATURDAY

## READINGS

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16;  
1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66

*"In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!" - Psalm 31:1*

Heavenly Father, thank You for all that You have done for us. Everything we are, everything we have, are because of You. We know that You hear our prayers. We ask that You will help us to hear Your response and challenge to us.

### **My prayer for the ALL IN Initiative is...**

... 1) for the strength to step out of my comfort zone and do what is asked of me, even if it makes me uncomfortable; 2) that we as a congregation see the value in the initiative and are willing to support it in any way(s) that we can; and 3) that visitors and newer members of the congregation will see and feel the love that Faith has to offer.

... That this initiative won't be marred by chaos or gossip; that it would be successful - That we would grow and be willing to jump in and help. That we realize it's not about us but about blessing others, including missionaries with far less comfort and resources than we have.

... That we would come together with open minds and hearts - not judgmental, and having no preconceived ideas of others' motivations; that we would be Spirit-filled.

## NOTES

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# RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## READINGS

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ ... The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: ‘The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord exalts, the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!’” – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-16*

## SERMON READING

Mark 16:1-8

### **Mark 16:1-8 (ESV)**

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.





# RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

## **OBSERVATION**

What does this passage say that I need to know?

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## **INTERPRETATION**

What does this passage mean to me?

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## **APPLICATION**

What does this passage mean to me and our church right now?

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## SERMON NOTES

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