



# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name**

## **Presentation of Our Lord Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

10:15 a.m., February 2, 2025



The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

***Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church  
Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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**All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.**

***The flowers on the altar today are given by Joan Hirsch in loving memory of Hal Hirsch.***

**Ministers**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. Larry Wright

**Lector  
Crucifer**

Ronald Trostel  
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Flutist  
Vocals**

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Voices of Faith Choir

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**Pastor  
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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Larry Wright  
Rev. John Hilficker  
Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. John Spittal

**Interim Executive Assistant  
to the Pastor for Administration**

Linda Fewell

- Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation
- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*WE STAND*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*(pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

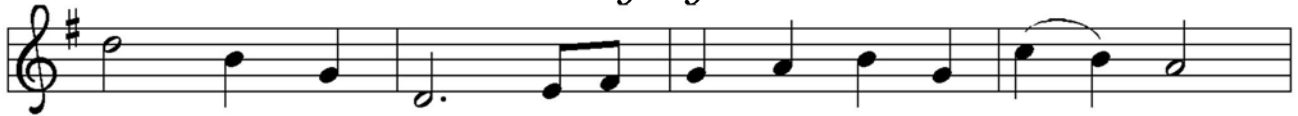
I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
 4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
 though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
 to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
 through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
 that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

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## GREETING

**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.

# KYRIE

*We sing together*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

# CANTICLE

We sing together

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.

**C: Refrain**

L: <sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.  
<sup>6</sup> Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.  
<sup>7</sup> They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.  
<sup>8</sup> Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.

**C: Refrain**

L: <sup>9</sup> Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.  
<sup>10</sup> For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.  
<sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;  
no good thing will the Lord withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.  
<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

**C: Refrain**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18**

L: A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## WE STAND

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We sing together*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

P: <sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

<sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”

<sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.

<sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY He Comes to Us as One Unknown

ELW 737

*We sing together*



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
 dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
 cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
 not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

P: Together, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at  
 the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

*WE SIT*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

L: God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home, and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism, and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. We also pray for a just and enduring peace in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Russia, Ukraine, Haiti and all areas of the world that are rocked by unrest. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all people longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, silently or aloud (*pause*). God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as communion servers, homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors, confirmation mentors, and as prayer support. Reveal yourself in the neighborly care we give and receive. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**C: Amen.**

## WE STAND

### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.*

## WE SIT

### OFFERTORY



*The offering is collected at this time. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come, My Light, My Life  
*Voices of Faith Choir*

Eugene Butler

## WE STAND

*We sing together*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

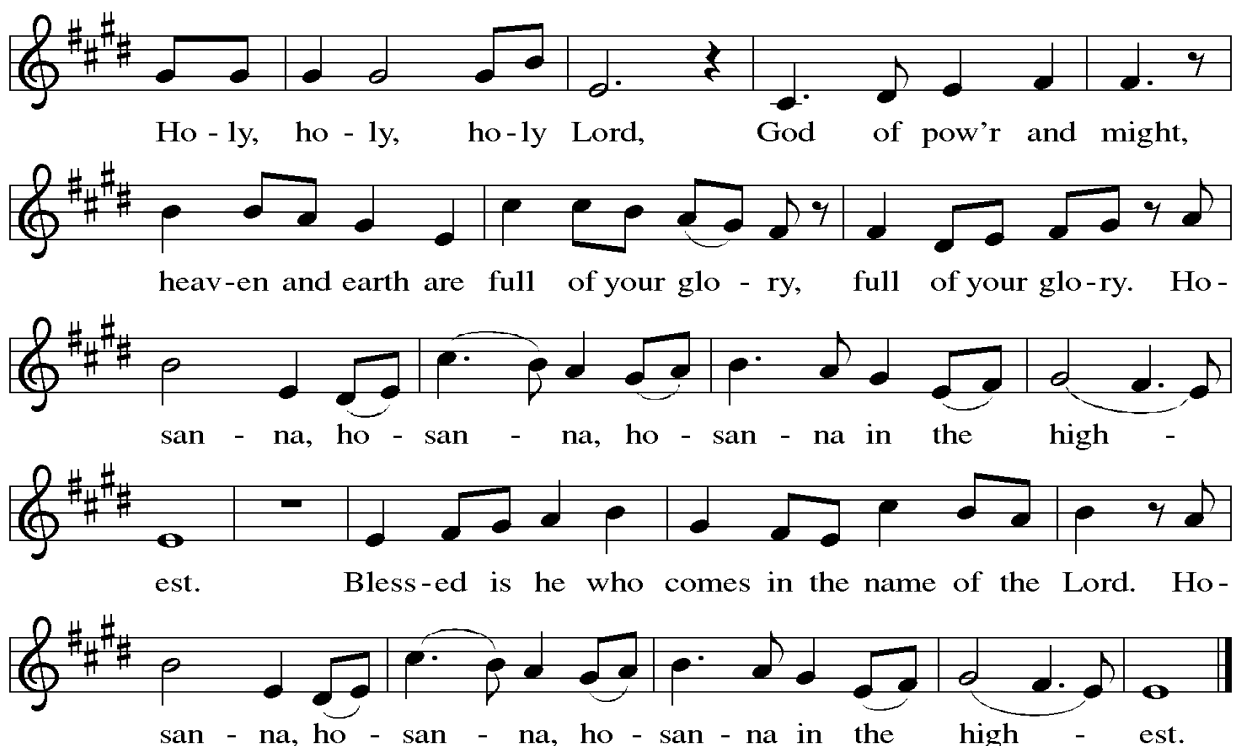
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*We sing together*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

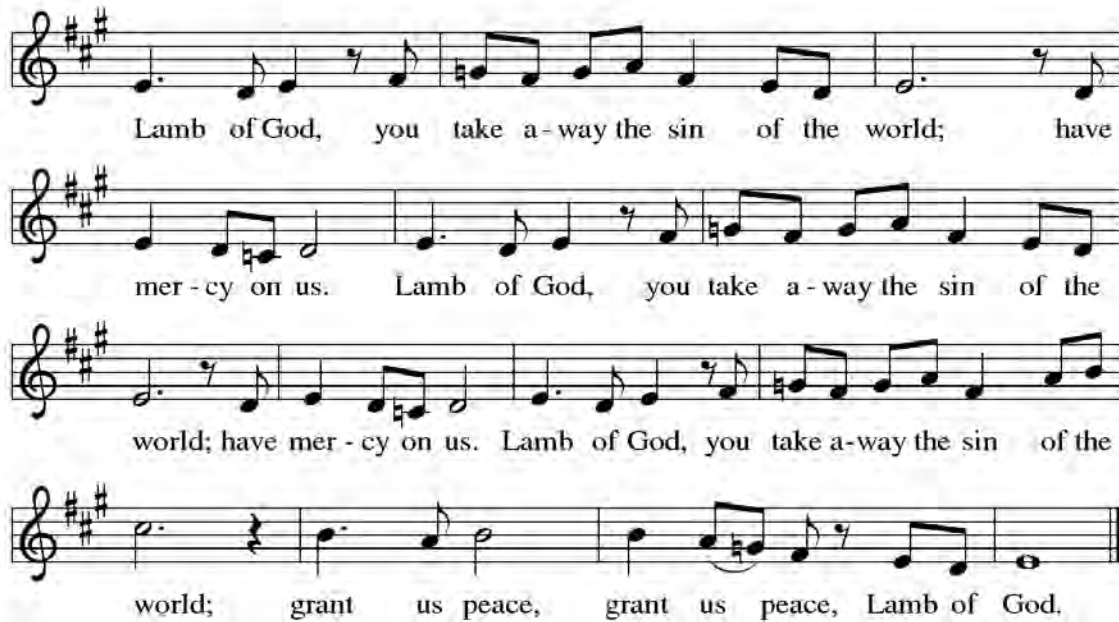
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

## COMMUNION SONG

*We sing together*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### *WE SIT*

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.*

### COMMUNION ANTHEM

As We Break the Bread  
*Voices of Faith Choir*

Jay Althouse

### *WE STAND*

### TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

**C: Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C: Amen.**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!



## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Choral Arrangement for Organ

J.S. Bach

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## *Welcome, Visitors!*

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by signing our guestbook and/or filling out a Visitor Card located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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## *Today is Pledge Sunday*

**Today is Pledge Sunday**, the annual day on which we have the opportunity to commit to the Lord by pledging our gifts to the ministry at Faith Lutheran for the coming year. In thanksgiving for God's blessings in the past and in anticipation of God's provisions in the future, please place your pledge card in the offering plate today; extra pledge cards are available on the table in the narthex. "Remember this: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

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## *Join in Prayer and Bible Study*

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Next week, the group will delve into the first of five lessons in the "Mission of Jesus" series. All are welcome!
- Please join the **Women of Faith** for breakfast, prayer, and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m., tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 3, at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. See Pastor Marianne with questions or email her, [pastorp2.0@gmail.com](mailto:pastorp2.0@gmail.com).
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. this Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Skilletts, 8635 S Tamiami Trail.
- **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women's Bible study** meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the library to focus on "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength."
- **Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry** meets 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 19 in the second-floor classroom across from the elevator. Participants sit at the feet of Professor Amy-Jill Levine as they read from study books and the Bible. First timers are warmly welcome!

- **The Prayer Support Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion.
  - **The Bereavement Group** meets at 3:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.
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### ***Mary Circle Meets Feb. 11***

**Mary Circle** meets at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 11, in fellowship hall for a monthly luncheon meeting featuring a talk by Linda Burton. She will discuss the impact of the Faith Food Pantry on our community and how it changes lives. All women are warmly invited. Come and try it out! Bring your lunch. Dessert is provided.

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### ***Need a Ride to Church?***

Faith will pay for Uber or Lyft to bring you or others to worship or other events. Contact Pastor Eric to make arrangements, 716-352-0055.

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### ***Coffee Hour Is Important! Please Volunteer!***

Coffee hour needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is provide and put out snacks, and clean up afterward. Faith can cover the cost of the snacks if you would like to volunteer but don't have resources to purchase them. **Sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall.**

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### ***Worship to Go Needs Your Help!!***

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! You can participate at:

- **10:45 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11**, at Elancé, 3260 Lake Pointe Blvd., Tiffany Room.
- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave.
- **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25**, at Avavilla Memory Care, 3251 Proctor Road.

Volunteers will meet in the chapel and can carpool to the facility (30 minutes prior). To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055, or show up at the chapel. No experience necessary!

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### ***Pictorial Directory: Have Your Photo Taken Today***

Please remember to have your photo taken. Sign up at the studio door at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you! Questions? Contact Lauren Wardach, LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com.

## ***Dedicate a Memorial Garden Bench to a Loved One***

The safety and property teams have removed the old, rusty benches from the Memorial Garden and have procured 10 new weatherproof benches that will soon be delivered and installed. You are invited to dedicate a bench in honor of a loved one or to the glory of God. Bench dedications are \$500 each and are available on a first come basis while supplies last – **at this printing, only a few remain.** Please understand that we expect that there will be more interest in dedication than benches available. To dedicate a bench, bring a check or cash to Faith Lutheran's office during office hours. Thank you!

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## ***Please Consider Donating to Faith's Food Pantry***

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## ***Check Out Our Contemporary Service at 5 p.m. Sundays***

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## ***Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory***

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with "altar flowers" in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open dates are Feb. 16 and March 9.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday.

To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

If you have questions or specific requests about who or what organization should receive flowers that you purchased and choose to donate, contact Joan Hirsch, 941-726-7885.

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## ***Move with the Music During Zumba Class***

Zumba class begins at 6 p.m. Mondays in the Community Center (gym). All fitness levels are welcome! It is free for congregation members, and a voluntary donation from non-members is appreciated. Join in the fun!

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## ***Look for Year-End Giving Statement, Pick Up Giving Envelopes***

- Year-end giving statements from Faith were sent out Jan. 8-9, either by email or USPS per your opt in/out preferences. Check your spam or junk folder if you did not receive an email. If you don't use email and did not receive a letter in the mail, contact the church office.
  - 2025 Giving Envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex.
  - If you have questions or concerns, please contact Patty McKee, 941-228-1192 (cell), 941-921-3709 or [financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com).
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## ***Be There for Special Music, Learning Opportunities***

### ***Love is in the air in February***

- As part of the Lutheran Concert Series, don't miss The Sean Fitzpatrick Trio with Emma Apsel's hypnotic vocals at 7 p.m., Feb. 15, at Faith. You can purchase tickets, which are \$30 each, through the Online Giving page on Faith's website. Under the Worship tab, click Online Giving, then click the Make Offering button. Scroll down to find "Sean Fitzpatrick Jazz Trio Concert."
- In lieu of our contemporary worship service, Sean and Emma will also lead us in a special Jazz Mass at 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16.

### ***Brunch & Learn***

Please join us as Dr. Richard Crank, board certified orthopedic surgeon, shares vital information and practices that lead to enhanced wellbeing. Breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m., and presentations begin at 10 a.m. on two upcoming Saturdays in fellowship hall.

- Feb. 22: Bursitis, tendonitis and fasciitis – understanding your options.
  - March 1: Bone health and fall prevention – what can you do?
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## ***Plan to Attend the Feb. 23 Annual Meeting***

The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. All voting members are encouraged to attend either in person, by video, or by phone (call-in):

- Attend in person at Faith Lutheran in the sanctuary. Voting will be anonymous.
- Attend by video using the Zoom program on your computer, tablet or phone. During the meeting, a Zoom coordinator will seek an anonymous vote from each person separately. To connect via Zoom on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. (before the meeting begins), type or copy the following link into your internet browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88459156804?pwd=aDscxBRY1NCx9AcG5n915DbHscUt7d.1>  
Meeting ID: 884 5915 6804, Passcode: 729720

- Attend by phone (voice only) by calling +1 646 558 8656 at 11:30 a.m. (before the meeting begins). You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID 884 5915 6804 and Passcode 729720. You will then be able to hear and participate in the live meeting.

Please note that this option does not allow for anonymous voting. You will be able to vote if you wish, but it will not be anonymous.

Those attending the meeting by video or phone should log in or call at 11:30 a.m. so we can run the virtual side of this meeting with ease and make sure that everyone is linked up appropriately.

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## ***Souper Bowl! Support the Team of Your Choice with a Donation***

It's time for the Souper Bowl! Today and next Sunday, place donations of canned soup on one of the tables in fellowship hall – one table for the Philadelphia Eagles and one for the Kansas City Chiefs. Donations of toilet paper, which are much needed, also count. The team with the most donations wins this year's Faith Souper Bowl ... and our neighbors who visit the Faith Food Pantry will be winners as they benefit from your generosity.

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# Worship and Service Calendar

## Services

Sundays at 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. in person.  
Live streamed and recorded at  
[www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service)  
and at [facebook.com/faithlutheransrq](https://facebook.com/faithlutheransrq).

## Sunday, Jan. 26

Online views	336
8 a.m. in person	42
10:15 a.m. in person	135
5 p.m. in person	18

## Next Sunday, Feb. 9

Isaiah 6:1-9 [9-13]  
*Isaiah says, Here I am; send me.*

Psalm 138  
*I will bow down toward your holy temple (Ps. 138:2)*

1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
*I am the least of the apostles.*

Luke 5:1-11  
*Jesus calls the disciples to fish for people.*

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, Feb. 3

- 8:30 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail
- 6 p.m. Zumba, community center

### Tuesday, Feb. 4

- 8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami
- 9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library
- 6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

### Wednesday, Feb. 5

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry, second-floor classroom
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel
- 3:15 pm Bereavement Group, chapel

### Thursday, Feb. 6

- 9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
- 5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

### Friday, Feb. 7

- 8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

### Saturday, Feb. 8

- 8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center
- 9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room

**Contact officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com:**

- If you or someone you know would appreciate a communion, hospital or home visit; to be contacted; or to receive a card in the mail.
- To add or remove a name from the Prayer List.

## *Prayer List*

Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri Copper  
Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips  
Michele Bajor  
Tani Banta  
Randy Boid  
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald  
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael  
Leonhardt  
Dee Burlingame  
Judy Carlsen  
Terry Copper  
Evelyn Conlon  
Merle Cusmano  
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd  
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of Karen  
& John White  
Eloise Dettmer  
Beth & Mary Farmer  
Andrea Gamboa  
Vicki Goffinet  
Hope Hall and Family, sister of Faye Adkins  
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles  
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head  
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock  
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen  
Bob Hurdle, friend of the Kolschowskys & Coppers  
Pete Inkrott  
Jan and Michele  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Michael Kolschowsky  
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Kevin Lasko  
Friends & Family of Marilyn Hirsch  
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
Michael Leonhardt  
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of Susan Wakefield  
Julie & Eli Maresch, niece & grandnephew of Patty  
McKee  
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law of  
Patty McKee

Kim McDonald  
Matt McKelvey, friend of Lois Weaverling  
Judi Melander  
Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael  
Leonhardt  
Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen  
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan  
Sue Ostrom  
Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max &  
Pastor Marianne Powrie  
Fran Perkins  
Carl Petersen  
Richard Keith Radcliffe, brother of  
Gail Radcliffe Brown  
Annabel Ryan  
Floyd Ryder  
Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder &  
sister of Gail Murphy  
Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of Jeremy & Yvonne  
Mullins  
Kathy Schilio  
Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush  
Joan Searles  
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller  
Shirley Schimke  
Pastor John Spittal  
Pamela Spry, mother of Hannah Boyd  
Mark Stengel  
Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino  
Tess Stransky, cousin of Lynn Clancy  
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen  
Friends & Family of Tyler Tynefield,  
loved one of Dee Burlingame  
Friends & Family of Paul Wick  
Dr. Patty White  
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith  
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith  
Ophelia Urbanski, granddaughter of  
Mark and Ann Greenwood  
Jon Wooton  
Celeste & John Yee, friends of Marlene Radesk