



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

8 a.m., January 28, 2024



In Deuteronomy, God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God and, in Psalm 111, God shows the people the power of God's works.

These are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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
an anonymous donor
in honor and celebration of Faith's amazing kitchen crew.



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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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Mark Nelson; Joan Searles; Lauren Wardach

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- 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.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Gilbert Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
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: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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First and last verses

We sing together



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

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| 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace! | 6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n. |
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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

L: A Reading from Deuteronomy.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.”

¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

¹⁹“Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 111

L: We read Psalm 111 responsively.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

L: ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.

C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

L: ⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.

C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

L: ⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.

C: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

L: A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together



GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."

²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God

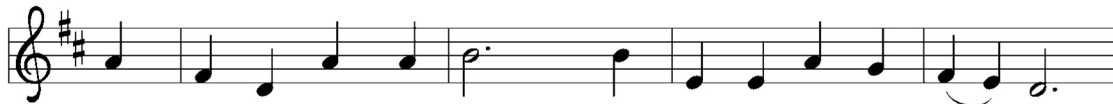
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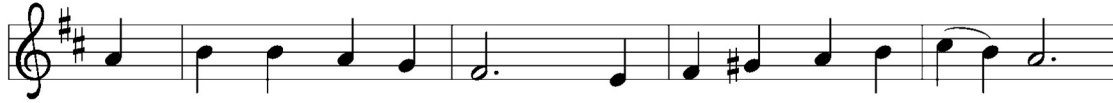
First and last verses

We sing together

O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com-mand, my call-ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con-science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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

We respond following each prayer petition

P: ... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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. Online giving is available by scanning the QR Code printed here or at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

WE STAND

We sing together
Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup, you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we may receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them 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...

The presiding minister continues ...

The presiding minister concludes...

... 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

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life ...

The presiding minister continues.

The presiding minister concludes ...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

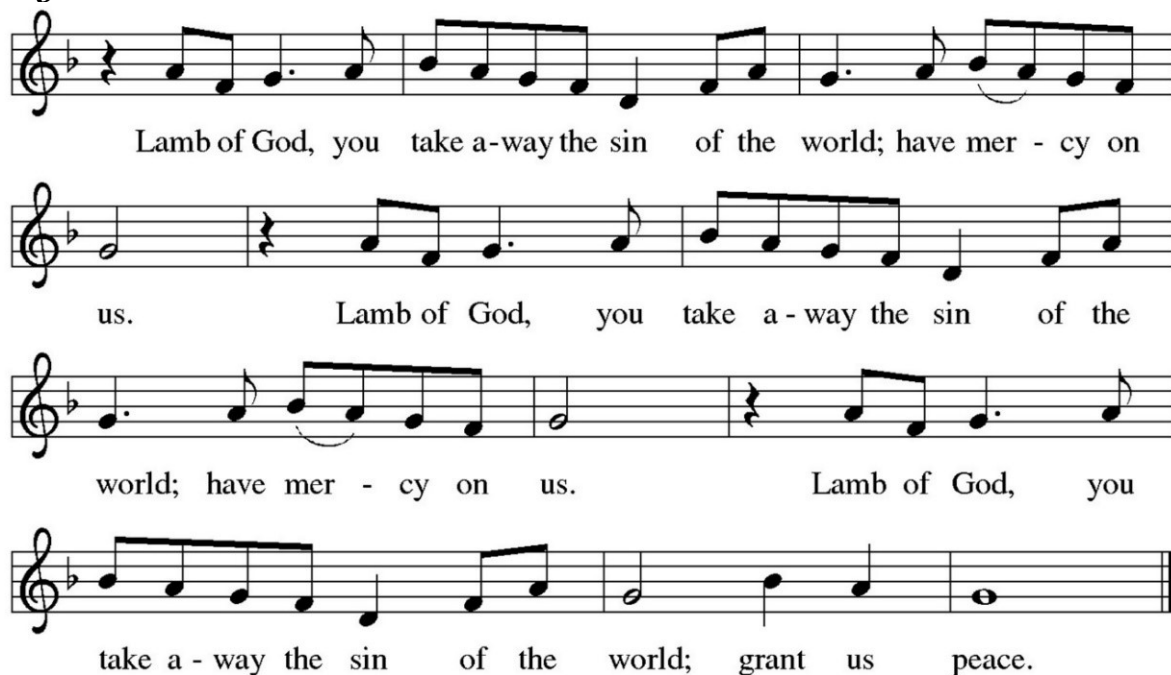
Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

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.

WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you ... The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GIVING TESTIMONY

BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG When In Our Music God Is Glorified ELW 851

First and last verses *We sing together*



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome, Visitors!

We are 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.



Faith Sunday School Welcomes All Young People

Following the Children's Sermon during the 10:15 a.m. service, Director of Family and Child Ministry Deborah Dornemann and volunteers show young people to the classroom where they learn about the gospel of the day through age-appropriate lessons and fun activities. The children rejoin the congregation for Holy Communion.

Adult Forum Meets Between Services

Adult Forum meets between services, **9:10-9:50 a.m. in the conference room.** Today, the group will focus on Lesson 4, "Watch With Me – Israel Leaves Egypt" of Volume 8, "Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials," in the "That the World May Know" video series.



Pastor's Discretionary Fund Helps Needy

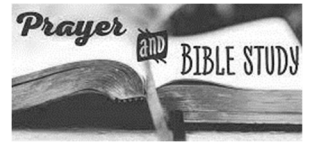
Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. If you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.

Coffee Hour: Volunteer to Set Up, Clean Up

Coffee hour is an important fellowship ministry at Faith that needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is put out snacks and clean up afterward. Please sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall or contact Karen Naulty, knaulty@yahoo.com or 406-334-1063; or Denise Kirkeeng, kirkeengd@verizon.net or 941-468-6668.



Join in Prayer and Bible Study



- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 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 second-floor library** to focus on "Be Still and Know — A Study of Rest and Refuge" by Deb Burma. Questions? Contact Peggy Ragan, pragan12@aol.com or 941-302-7722.
- **Adult Bible Study delves into Mark's gospel at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 7 in the upstairs classroom across from the elevator.** Light refreshments! Great discussion! Fun fellowship!
- **The Prayer Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel** to pray for all in need, our community, our nation and our world. The gathering concludes with Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.**

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity: Joyful Giving



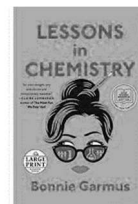
This is the final week in our stewardship emphasis, *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. May you be blessed by the insert, "The Joy of Sharing God's Blessings," which reveals today's theme.

One day, a boy came to school without his lunch. He didn't think about it until his classmates started getting out their lunchboxes. He was shy, and didn't want to say anything, but his stomach was really growling. Against his will, his lip started to quiver, and his eyes filled with tears. Soon, his teacher noticed and then all the students did, and he was forced to tell them his problem. No sooner were the words out of his mouth than his classmates were looking into their lunches. One student had two sandwiches and gave the hungry boy one. Another child had an apple and an orange, and gave his friend his choice of fruit. Another had too many cookies (could that be?!) and shared them. The hungry boy had a feast because of the generosity of others. This is just as God planned. One person is in need, and others give so that the need is met. The Bible says that "your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness" (2 Corinthians 8:14).

God wants our giving to be joyful and fulfilling. Through giving, we worship and honor our Lord. Giving can fill the hunger pains of a little boy. It also can help the homeless and helpless, and support the ministry of our church. Through faith, we can share the abundance God has given us. As we do, we will find "joy in sharing God's blessings."

Readers Club Meets Tomorrow

Readers Club will meet at **2 p.m. tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 29, in the library** to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Questions? Contact Kathy Schilio, schilmo@yahoo.com. Please join!



Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel**. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you. There is strength and hope in community.

Stitch 'n' Chatter Meets Thursdays

Grab your hooks and needles for Stitch 'n' Chatter, **1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays in room 212**.



Confirmation Class Meets Thursday Evenings

Confirmation Class meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054124705?pwd=jkQYOlazk519ubngIAeJxxa6USxWOA.1>, Meeting ID 830 5412 4705, Passcode 688400.
Contact Pastor Eric with questions.

Faith Food Pantry Needs Your Donations, Assistance

The Faith Food Pantry needs your help on Thursdays! Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table, via the online sign-up in the Faith Friday Update email, or contact Karen Naulty, 406-334-1063 or knaulty@yahoo.com. **Remember BOGO – Buy**



One Give One – for food and paper products (toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, etc.), then leave them in the car so you don't forget to bring them to church. Place donations in the barrel in fellowship hall.



Safety Committee Seeks Volunteers

Members of the safety committee review Faith's building and grounds for hazards that could cause tripping or slipping -- raised sidewalks, rugs that don't lay flat, wet floors, parking-lot bumpers with rebar that should be pounded back to ground level, etc. They report concerns to the property committee. Interested in joining the committee? Please contact the church office.

Help Advocate for Affordable Housing

Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (S.U.R.E.), a faith-based community organizing entity of which Faith is a covenant member, is focused on **affordable and accessible housing**.

While this problem might not affect every member of our parish, we are compelled by the gospel of Jesus Christ to care deeply about our neighbors' needs. Interested in getting involved? Contact Pastor Eric.



Look for 2023 Statement, Pick Up 2024 Envelopes

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt: 6:21

My Offering

Name _____
Address _____
Amount _____

If you did not receive your giving statement for tax year 2023, or if you need a paper copy and haven't received it, contact the church office, officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-924-4664; or Patty McKee, financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-921-3709.

If you ordered 2024 giving envelopes, they are available in the narthex. If you did not order envelopes but would like to have them, use the sign-up form to request either Full Packets or Special Offering Packets.

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, please choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, March 17.**



When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication will be published in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with your 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.

If you have specific requests about who or what facility should receive your donated flowers, contact Judi Melander, judimelander629@gmail.com or 941-927-2502.



Worship to Go Expands with Your Help

Worship to Go has expanded to two facilities this year! The next service at **Elancé kicks off at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the independent living facility's Tiffany Room next door to Faith.** Worship to Go

volunteers will **meet at 10 a.m. Feb. 13 in the Faith chapel** to discuss the service.

The next service at **Angel Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave., is set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the facility's second-floor theatre.** Volunteers will meet at **12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel** and will carpool to the facility.

We need additional Worship to Go helpers. If you can help, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!

Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's Lutheran

From 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, be part of the crew that will cook and serve for about 70 food-insecure and homeless siblings in Christ at St. Paul's Lutheran in downtown Sarasota. **To volunteer, sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.**



Join the Sunday Morning Media Team

Both of Faith's Sunday services now are live-streamed and recorded, so we need more volunteers to operate the equipment. If you have used a computer, it's easy! Questions or interest? Contact Pastor Marianne, pastorp2.0@gmail.com or (330) 464-0985.



Next Sunday, Feb. 4, is Commitment Sunday

If you haven't yet made a financial pledge to Faith Lutheran for the coming year, bring your completed pledge form to place in the offering plate next Sunday.

Faith Welcomes New Members Feb. 11

Are you contemplating membership at Faith? Please contact Pastor Eric. We will welcome new members during both services on Sunday, Feb. 11.



Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Live-streamed and recorded at:

www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, Jan. 21

Online views 48

8 a.m. in person 38

10:15 a.m. in person 146

Next Sunday, Feb. 4

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

The creator of all cares for the powerless

Psalmody

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

The Lord heals the brokenhearted (*Ps. 147:3*)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

A servant for the sake of the gospel

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

The healing of Peter's mother-in-law

This Week at Faith

Monday, Jan. 29

9 a.m. Organ Repair, sanctuary

2 p.m. Readers Club, library

5 p.m. Evangelism Ministry Committee, conference room

Tuesday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast, Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, conference room

3 p.m. Feed the Hungry, St. Paul's Lutheran, 2256 Bahia Vista

6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, Sanctuary

Wednesday, Jan. 31

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, upstairs classroom

10:30 a.m. Prayer Group, chapel

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, Feb. 1

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery, food pantry

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep

5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

6 p.m. Jazzercise, gym

7 p.m. Confirmation, Zoom

Friday, Feb. 2

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Saturday, Feb. 3

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room

Sunday, Feb. 4: Commitment Sunday

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, conference room

9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

10:25 a.m. Sunday School, classroom



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers this week:



Marsha Anderson, sister of Gail Murphy
Tim Anderson, son-in-law of Dick and Jetty Zarfos
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old
 friend of Alyene Weaver
Chuck Banta
Sean Brett, son of Alyene Weaver
Sandra Brinker
Charles Budreau
Family & Friends of David Bunce,
 friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell
Jason Byrne, friend of Anita Wooton
Elise Carmona
Evelyn Conlon
Jordan Demers, cousin of Hannah Boyd
Eloise Dettmer
Philomena Dimichelle, friend of Conrad Zabor
Ken Dixon
Ryan and Valerie Donahue
Elizabeth Farmer
Judy & Robert Ferguson
Carolyn & Marty Friedman,
 friends of Marlene Radesk
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler
Andrea Gamboa
Amanda Gerber,
 daughter of Sandy Gerber
Laurie Good, friend of Ann Greenwood
Elaine Graham
Paula Haas, friend of Eloise Dettmer
Jon Hale
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head
Michael Helpin, friend of Marlene Radesk
Christiana Holmes
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of
 Anita and Jon Wooton

Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Lillian Lapenckas
Jacqueline Laurent,
 friend of Margaret Borrows
Lois Light
Shirley Manning, friend of Margaret Borrows
Paul & Debby Maresch
Vincenzo Mariani, friend of Conrad Zabor
Kathleen McBride
Judi Melander
Family & Friends of Rev. Van C. Miller
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Beverly Novak, cousin of Patty McKee
Olaf Olsen, father of Pastor Eric Olsen
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
James & Virginia Pease
Fran Perkins
Wally Pina
Kristen Pizan
Marlene Radesk
Fritz Rappold
Gabriel Rockwell
Ted and Carol Rodi
Floyd Ryder
Phillip Schlueter
Rev. John Spittal
Dianne Stoll, friend of Dorothy Gustavson
Cathy Stubenvoll
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino
Werner Thomsen, brother of John Thomsen
Colette Thornbloom
David Turnbull
Aylene Weaver
Nancy Wilborn
Jon Wooton
Family & Friends of Angelo Yerace

- **Contact officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com** if you or someone you know would appreciate a **communion visit, hospital or home visit, to be contacted or to receive a card in the mail.**
- **Contact communications@faithlutheransrq.com** if you have an **addition to the Prayer List.** Please send updates when prayers are answered.