



# Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name

## Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost Leaders' Bulletin

8 a.m., October 20, 2024



Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power.

Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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 Andrea & Sergio Gamboa in honor of Rodrigo Gamboa wedding.**

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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *WE STAND*

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (brief silence)

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.**

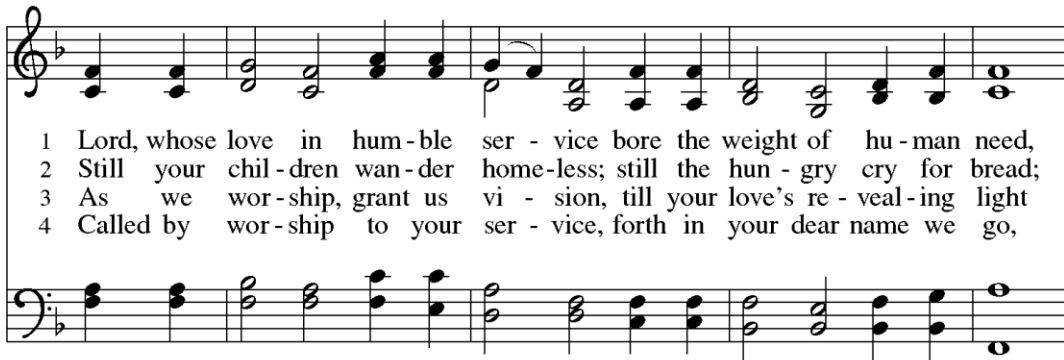
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

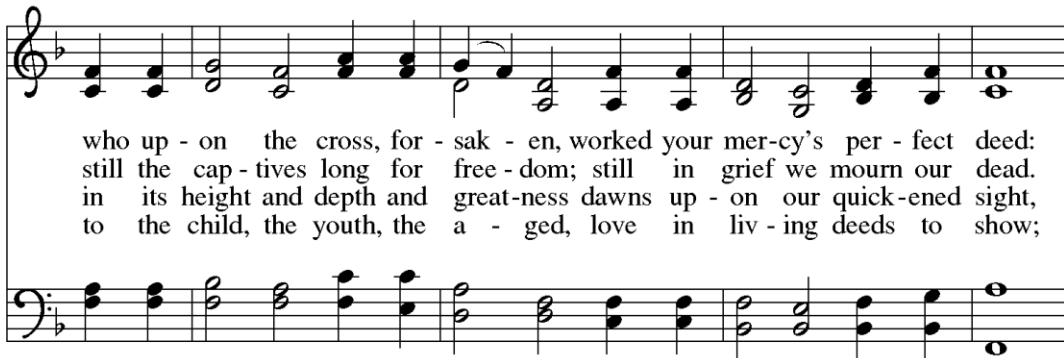
P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

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.

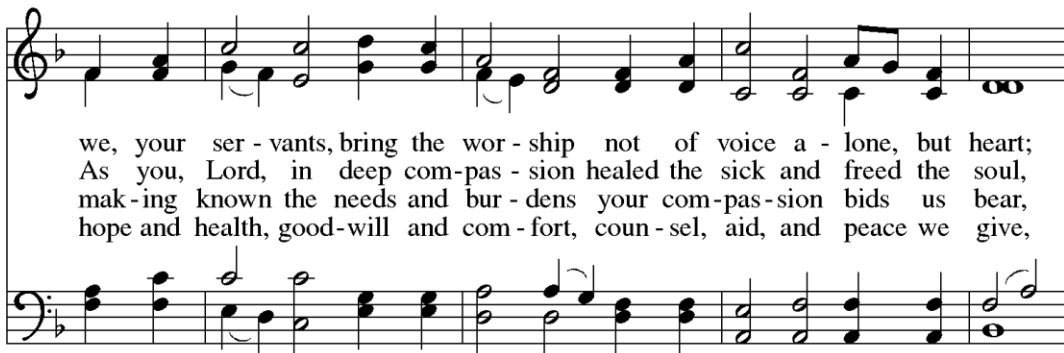
**C: Amen.**

*We sing together*


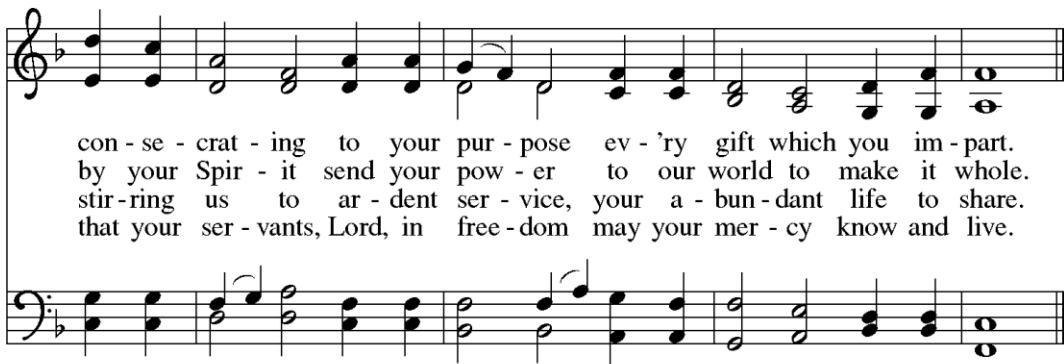
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## *WE SIT*

## **First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12**

L: A reading from Isaiah

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<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalmody: Psalm 91:9-16**

L: We read Psalm 91 responsively.

L: You have made the Lord your refuge, and he Most High your habitation.

**C: You have made the Lord your refuge, and he Most High your habitation.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, <sup>10</sup>no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

**C: You have made the Lord your refuge, and he Most High your habitation.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent. <sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name. <sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

**C: You have made the Lord your refuge, and he Most High your habitation.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10**

L: A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” <sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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: Mark 10:35-45

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

P: <sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

WE SIT

Sermon

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

ELW 708

We sing together

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
 this is the way we will live with you.

*Refrain*

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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: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

L: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons (local leaders may be named) with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, hear our prayer.

L: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, hear our prayer.

L: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering especially in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, Myanmar, Venezuela and more than 15 war-torn areas in Africa. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, hear our prayer.

L: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. Tend to those who are close to our hearts, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in silence. (*pause*). God of grace, hear our prayer.

L: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians (local clergy or seminarians may be named) to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, hear our prayer.

L: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**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**



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### *WE STAND*

*We sing together  
(See next page)*

## 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. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### 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 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

## 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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

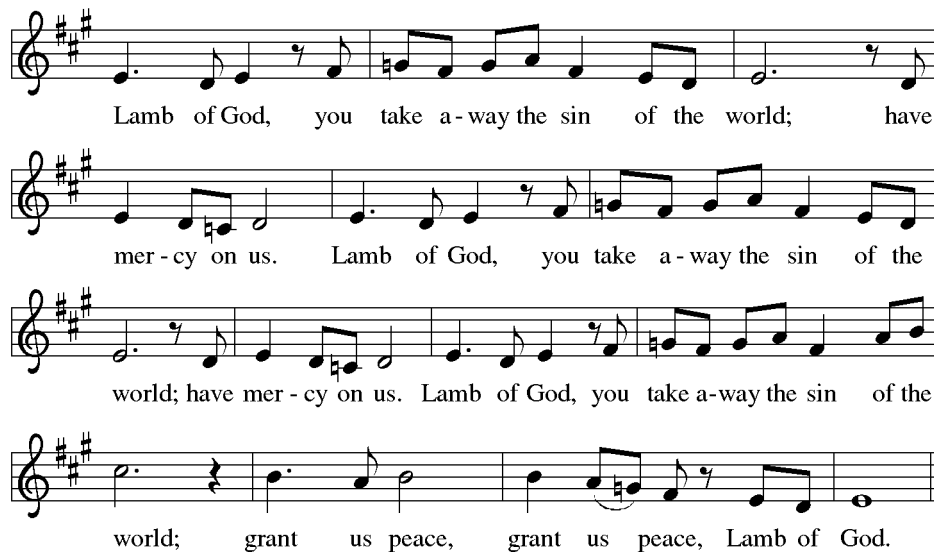
**Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## 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.*

### *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. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen**

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the blind to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

## ***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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### ***Join in Prayer and Bible Study***

- **Adult Forum meets between services in the conference room.** Next week, participants will continue the study of the "Path to the Cross" video series.
  - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. each Tuesday at Skillets, 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** will continue each **continuing each Wednesday through November 13<sup>th</sup>.** Each one-hour session begins at **9:30 a.m. and meets in the second-floor classroom** across from the elevator.
  - **The Prayer 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. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.
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### ***Bereavement Group Meets This Wednesday at Beckham's***

The Bereavement Group is meeting this Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at Beckham's, 8579 S. Tamiami Trail, Plaza at Palmer Ranch.

If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.

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### ***You Can Help Needy through Pastor's Discretionary Fund***

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. **The need currently is great so, if you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.** You can give through the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com), or by designating a check or cash contribution. Thank you!

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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.**



## ***Experiencing the Joy of Generosity! The Joy of Receiving God's Blessings***

God gives us the talents, abilities and gifts necessary for our tasks, and then God grants us the glorious privilege of serving in the kingdom.

“For we are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9).

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

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

- **1:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 21**, at Sarabella Senior Living, 5650 Gantt Road. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel and will carpool to the facility.
- **10:45 a.m., this Tuesday, Oct. 22**, in the independent living facility’s Tiffany Room at Elancé, next door to Faith. Volunteers will review the service at 10 a.m. in the chapel.
- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the chapel and will carpool to the facility.

To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!

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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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### ***Readers Club***

Please join us at Readers Club!

- **Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**, library  
We will discuss ***Spy Coast*** by Tess Gerritson
- November date tbd – we will discuss ***A Fall of Marigolds*** by Susan Meissner

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### ***Hope Seeds Coming in November***

All members of Faith are invited to a very exciting meeting of **Mary Circle on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall.**

To be informed about a new mission opportunity for the church. Lunch will be provided, afterwards we will begin to participate in this important work.

So, what is it? Our opportunity is to be able to participate in bagging seeds for Hope Seeds International, a group started by Hope Lutheran Church, Bradenton in 1999. This

organization is dedicated to providing those who are food needy with seeds to grow their own food. Currently the group has over 1,000 volunteers in many churches and organizations.

Last year 816,961 packets were created and sent to over 25 countries. Each packet also contains the Gospel Message of Hope in language of the recipients.

Listen to Maxine Balsbaugh, executive assistant at Hope Seeds explain the group's mission. Lastly, help to bag the seeds! We are hoping people here at Faith will embrace this mission and bag once a month.

Please sign upon the sheet provided in the narthex or email Janet Petersen at [luvstitches55@gmail.com](mailto:luvstitches55@gmail.com). or Donna Pappalardo at [donna326@aol.com](mailto:donna326@aol.com).

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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 date is November 3rd.** 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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### ***First Workshop on New Pictorial Church Directory***

On October 27th we will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM, to learn how to use our church software for the purpose of creating a digital pictorial directory and to maintain our own personal information. You are welcome to bring your laptop, tablet or mobile phone as members or long-term visitors of the congregation.

Our Evangelism Ministry Team and Finance Committee will offer an informational presentation to talk through the easy steps necessary. If you are familiar with downloading apps, you are welcome to download the IconCMO app on your mobile device in advance of the workshop.

During the session, you'll learn how to use Faith's safe and secure church software system to:

- Keep your own records up to date.
- See your donations to Faith.
- Choose what personal information you would like to share in the new pictorial directory.
- View the digital pictorial directory that includes your church friends. Paper copies will be available on request.
- Schedule a directory photo appointment with our own Kelly Ashlock by choosing a time on the sign-up sheet.

Adult Forum will not meet Oct. 27.

Prior to the Oct. 27 sessions, please be sure to fill out a Household Email Form. The forms will be distributed as you enter the sanctuary on several Sundays earlier in October. You can complete the form and place it in the offering plate.

The other two dates for the same information will be held on Nov. 17 and Jan. 12, 2025. For more information or to ask questions, contact Lauren Wardach, 941-529-6879 or [LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com).

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# *Worship and Service Calendar*

## **Worship Services**

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

### **Sunday, Oct. 14**

Online views	240
8 a.m. in person	22
10:15 a.m. in person	80

### **Next Sunday, Oct. 27**

#### **First Reading**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
The Lord gathers the remnant of Israel

#### **Psalmody**

Psalm 126  
Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

#### **Second Reading**

Hebrews 7:23-28  
Christ the merciful high priest

#### **Gospel**

Mark 10:46-52  
Christ healing the blind man Bartimaeus

## **This Week at Faith**

### **Monday, Oct. 21**

12:45 p.m. Woship to Go Prep, chapel  
1:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Sarabella  
6:30 p.m. S.U.R.E Board Meeting, 12Springs  
7:00 p.m. Zumba Class, gym

### **Tuesday, Oct. 22**

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts  
9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library  
10 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel  
10:45 a.m. Worship to Go at Elance Senior  
12:45 p.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel  
1:30 p.m. Worship to Go at Angels Senior Living  
5 p.m. Congregational Council, conference  
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

### **Wednesday, Oct. 23**

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel  
12:30 p.m. Bereavement Group Luncheon, Beckham's, 8579 S. Tamiami Tr., Plaza @ Palmer Ranch  
6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith Rehearsal, choir room

### **Thursday, Oct. 24**

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery, food pantry  
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting, conference room  
1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, Room 212  
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep  
5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

### **Friday, Oct. 25**

8 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### **Saturday, Oct. 26**

8 a.m. Mid-Gulf Conference, fellowship hall  
8 a.m. Jazzercise  
9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room

### **Sunday, Oct. 27**

8 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary  
9 a.m. Voices of Faith Rehersal, choir room  
9:10 a.m. Adult Forum  
9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith Rehearsal, choir rom  
10:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary

**Contact [officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto: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***

Alan  
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri Copper  
Alex  
Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips  
Chuck & Tani Banta  
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald  
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis &  
Michael Leonhardt  
Dee Burlingame  
Judy Carlsen  
Evelyn Conlon  
Merle Cusmano  
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of  
Karen & John White  
Eloise Dettmer  
Ryan Donahue, friend of Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia  
Andrea Gamboa  
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  
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita & Jon Wooton  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Kevin Lasko  
Chick Lehmann, husband of Suzie Lehmann  
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
Michael Leonhardt  
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of Susan Wakefield  
Kimberly MacDonald & Barbara, self and mother  
Julie & Eli Maresch, niece & grandnephew  
of Patty McKee  
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law  
of Patty McKee  
Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling  
Kim McDonald

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  
Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max &  
Pastor Marianne Powrie  
Fran Perkins  
Jean Peters, friend of Faye Adkin  
Family & Friends of Wally Pina  
Family & Friends of Cindy Press, friend of Kevin &  
Linda Fewell  
Richard Keith Radcliffe, brother of  
Gail Radcliffe Brown  
Annabel Ryan  
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  
Pastor John Spittal  
Dr. Heather Stark, friend of Cliff Hornsby  
Mark Stengel  
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene  
Radesk  
David Turnbull, husband of Patricia White  
Brittany Wanko & her premature newborn  
infants, Olivia Mae & Emmet Walter  
Friends & Family of Paul Wick  
Jon Wooton  
Celeste & John Yee, daughter and father of Marlene  
Radesk