



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

5 p.m., March 30, 2025



The psalm sets the tone today:

“Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!”
Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits
of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has
“rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return
of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Rejoice!

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

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All who are 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.

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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.

WELCOME

SONG: Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose You now.

Ending

Come, just as you are, come.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

(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: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

SONG: Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism, clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

L: A reading from Joshua.

⁹ The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 32:11

To begin, the pianist plays the refrain once, the cantor sings it once and then we all sing it together.



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.

Psalm 32:11

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PSALMODY: Psalm 32

L: ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

C: Refrain.

L: ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow,
they shall not reach them.

C: Refrain.

L: ⁷ You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
⁸ "I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
⁹ Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
¹⁰ Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

C: Refrain.

SONG: In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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WE STAND

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

P: ¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY **Our Father, We Have Wandered**

ELW 606

We sing together



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world and all those in need.

L: God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the wellbeing of all. We pray that our leaders' courage will result in an enduring, just peace in Israel, Gaza, Russia, Ukraine and all areas rocked by unrest. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. (*pause*). Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus may be extended to all. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY



There is an offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

SONG: This I Believe (*The Creed*)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting,
The all-creating One,
God Almighty,
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father.
I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again,
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high.

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection
when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread, and all are welcome at the Lord's Table.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG: The Cross

Verse 1

You've been trying hard to bear
The weight of all your shame.
And if there's a God up there
You're sure He forgot your name.
When your steps are getting heavy
And hope looks all but lost,
Just bring it all to the cross.

Chorus

Come and see a Savior's love
That would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done
Can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder
If you're worth so great a cost,
Look up and see the cross.

Verse 2

Who told you grace can't reach
The messed up ones like you?
Has the devil made you believe
The lies he tells are true?
When you're sure that you're the one
Who's wandered too far off,
It's not too late - Just come home to the cross.

Chorus

Come and see a Savior's love
That would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done
Can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder
If you're worth so great a cost,
Look up and see the cross.

Verse 3

Everybody's got a list at least a mile long
Of every scar and every sin from everywhere that we've gone wrong.
But there's reason for rejoicing, and the reason is because
That list was nailed to the cross.

Chorus

Come and see a Savior's love

That would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done
Can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder
If you're worth so great a cost,
Look up and see the cross.

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BLESSING

P: Receive a blessing. God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

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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.

Remembering John White

Long-time Faith member John White joined the church triumphant March 25. A service of resurrection and life will begin at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 11, in the sanctuary. A light luncheon will follow in fellowship hall. Please keep John's wife, Karen, and all of John's family and friends in your prayers. *Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.*

Your Participation is Important! Be There Tomorrow to Celebrate, Support Justice Ministry

You are invited, and your participation is important! Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE), a faith-based justice ministry of which Faith Lutheran is a covenant member, is welcoming a new executive director and will celebrate a time of renewal with a community gathering at 6 p.m., tomorrow, Monday, March 31, in the Faith sanctuary. The Diversity Chorus of Sarasota will perform, and public officials will be there to express support, but your participation – as faith-filled members of the larger community – is equally important. Please be there!

Our Journey Through Lent to Easter Continues

Lenten Wednesdays: April 2 and 9

Noon Midweek Lenten Worship followed by a common meal, sanctuary/fellowship hall

Palm Sunday/New Member Sunday, April 13

8 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

5 p.m. Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion, sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 17

7 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion with choir, sanctuary

Good Friday, April 18

7 a.m. Multi-Denominational Stations of the Cross, park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave.; take a free trolley to the starting location

2 p.m. Stations of the Cross, sanctuary

7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship with choir, sanctuary

Holy Saturday, April 19

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Part One, parking lot

Easter Sunday, April 20

7 a.m. Easter Vigil Part Two, Memorial Garden

9 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt, fellowship hall and playground

10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion and choir, sanctuary

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Next week, the group will study Lesson 2, *The Believers*, in the “A Clash of Kingdoms” series.

- **Women of Faith** will meet for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 31, at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, pastorp2.0@gmail.com.
 - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays 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." Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 867 2113 5300, Passcode 815433.
 - **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. Can't be there? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 4720 3661, Passcode 041291.
 - **During Lent, the Bereavement Group meets at 1:30 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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Palm Sunday is Also New Member Sunday

Faith will receive new members on Palm Sunday, April 13. If you are considering membership or have questions, please see Pastor Eric or contact him, 941-924-4664 or pastor@faithlutheransrq.com.

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Mary Circle Hosts, Requests Personal Care Donations

- **Women of the church, plan to attend the WELCA Mid-Gulf Spring Gathering, Saturday, April 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Faith.** It will be a day of fellowship, Bible study and a special presentation by Faith's own Al Ernst. Both continental breakfast and lunch will be served at a cost of only \$10. Sign up on the narthex table to indicate that you'll be there.
 - Mary Circle is collecting personal-care items for Lutheran World Relief. **Please place nail clippers, combs, bath-size soap and adult-size toothbrushes in the bin in the narthex. Soap is the most-needed item.** A Thrivent grant will cover the cost of towels for the kits. If you are unable to shop, monetary contributions are welcome.
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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 April 13.** 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.

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

Joy in Managing God's Blessings

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:24). The world sees money as life's report card, and source of all happiness and security. In contrast, we, as faithful stewards, see money as a means to provide for our needs, to help others and to further God's kingdom. Dear heavenly Father, help me to hold money loosely and to have a proper attitude toward it. Amen.

Have You Lost Something?

Have you lost an item? Perhaps a piece of jewelry or a water bottle? Call the church office to describe and claim your item.

Daily Lenten Devotions and Prayers Continue

The Faith Evangelism Ministry team continues emailing daily Lenten devotions and prayers from Luther Seminary with the musical theme "There in God's Garden." Printed devotional booklets also are available on the table in the narthex for people who do not use email.

Readers Club Sets Meeting Dates, Selections

The Faith Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the final Monday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates and reading selections are:

- Tomorrow, March 31: *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Budde, exploring thoughts of the Episcopal bishop of Washington, D.C.

- April 28: *The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared For, and Understood* by Joel P. Bretscher and Kenneth C. Haugk. You can purchase the book from StephenMinistries.org (not Amazon, which has a similar title, but not this book). Come and join the conversation. Or log in via Zoom, Meeting ID: 840 3904 1433 Passcode: 182787. All are welcome.
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Mission Endowment Fund: Grants are Available, Contributions Are Appreciated

It's grant season at Faith! If you need financial support for a mission idea in the areas of youth ministry, Christian missions, evangelism or faith development, please complete a Mission Endowment Fund application. Applications are available from the church office. To learn more about the Mission Endowment Fund, pick up a brochure from the small table in the narthex.

The fund welcomes your donations, which pay for ministries that are not covered by the church budget. If you use giving envelopes, a special Mission Endowment Fund envelope is included in your packet this month. You also can write a check to Faith with "Mission Endowment Fund" in the memo line, or give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com. Any amount great or small is appreciated. Thank you!

You Can Order, Dedicate Easter Lilies or Hydrangeas to Adorn the Altar

You can purchase lilies and/or hydrangeas to adorn the altar and honor loved ones on Easter Day. Dedications to your loved ones will appear in the bulletin. The cost is \$25 per lily plant and \$35 per pink or blue hydrangea plant, and you are welcome to take the plants that you ordered home or donate them following the 10:15 a.m. Easter celebration worship service. The plants are in limited supply, so orders are due no later than **April 6**. To indicate how many lilies and/or hydrangeas you wish to purchase and to whom you would like to dedicate the plants:

- Use a yellow-bordered Easter Lily giving envelope available in the pew racks, in the narthex and on the altar flowers bulletin board in fellowship hall. Indicate how many of each plant you would like to order, add your dedication, enclose your payment, and place the envelope in the offering plate.
- Contact the church office, 941-924-4664 or officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com with your plant order and dedication, then send payment in the mail.
- Order, indicate your dedication and pay online on the Faith website, faithlutheransrq.com/online-giving.

Scam Alert! Beware of False Emails or Text Messages

Beware of false emails or text messages from scammers who pretend to represent Pastor Eric or another church staff person and ask for money or gift cards. Neither Pastor Eric nor any Faith Lutheran staff member will ever ask any individual for money, gift cards or any other item via email or text message. Be on guard, and feel free to contact the church office with questions about any communication to you personally that appears to come from Faith Lutheran or its staff members.

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

Lucy Abbott, sister-in-law of Judy Millard
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri & Terry Copper
Susan Armistead, friend of Patty McKee
Billy Bajor
Family & Friends of Michele Bajor
Gail Brown
Dorothy Burkhart, friend of Marlene Radesk
Dee Burlingame
Rick Chauncey, son of Wess Chauncey
Linda Craley, sister-in-law of
 Dick & Jetty Zarfos
Nancy Dandino
Tyeann Dillon
Ken Dixon, online worshipper
Joe and Joan Dongarra, friends
 of Lois Weaverling
Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate
Family & Friends of Christine Earp
Mark Evan
John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine
Flower
Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Jon & Anita Wooton

Pete Inkrott
Family & Friends of Joan, sister of Bill Greenaway
Bruce Katz, friend of Nancy Flanagan
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch
Juli & Eli Maresch, niece and grand-nephew
 of Patty McKee
Judi Melander
Jay Millard, son of John & Judy Millard
Dulce Mogan, friend of Nancy Flanagan
Kathy Ocker, friend of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen
Family & Friends of Judy Osborn,
sister of Peggy Ragan
Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz
Kathy Schilio
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk
Darren Thomsen, son of John & Tricia Thomsen
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith
Carol Wambold
Family & Friends of John White
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith
Jon Wooton

Worship and Service Calendar

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. in person.
Morning services live streamed and recorded at
www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service
and at facebook.com/faithlutheransrq.

Sunday, March 23

Online views	162
8 a.m. in person	42
10:15 a.m. in person	163
5 p.m. in person	15

Wednesday, March 26

Online views	18
12 p.m. in person	46

Next Sunday, April 6

Isaiah 43:16-21
*The Lord gives water in the wilderness to the
chosen people.*

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

Philippians 3:4b-14
*To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in
his sufferings.*

John 12:1-8
Mary anoints Jesus for his burial.

This Week at Faith

Monday, March 31

8:30 a.m.	Women of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami
2 p.m.	Readers Club, library
5 p.m.	Evangelism Ministry Team, conf. room
6 p.m.	SURE Renewal Rally, sanctuary
6 p.m.	Zumba, community center

Tuesday, April 1

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, April 2

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Support Group, chapel
12 p.m.	Midweek Lenten Worship followed by a Common Meal, sanctuary/ fellowship hall
1:30 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, April 3

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, April 4

8 a.m.	Jazzercise, community center
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Saturday, April 5

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

