

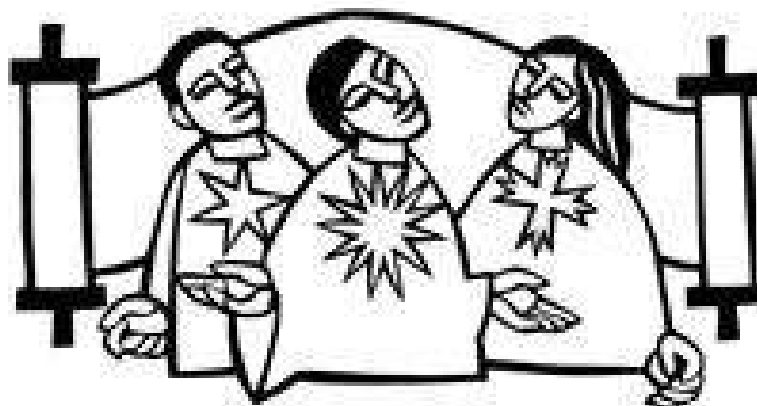


Faith Lutheran Church

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

Reformation Sunday

10:15 a.m., October 29, 2023



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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 presented
to the Glory of God.



Presiding Ministers

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector

Bill Kimbell

Director of Music/Organist

David V. Patrick

Cantor

Kiran Kimbell

Vocals

Voices of Faith Choir

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Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng,
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Joan Searles; Lauren Wardach

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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

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Rev. Larry Wright

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Lead Cantor/Music Librarian

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Linda Fewell

Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**

Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.

NOTE: This service is being live-streamed and recorded. We try to avoid filming congregants, but it may happen at times.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 505


We sing together



1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

 for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

 is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

We sing responsively



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

 For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

 pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

 For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

GLORIA

We sing together

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit, renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

L: A Reading from Leviticus.

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of

your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: PSALM 1:2

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



Psalm 1:2

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PSALMODY: Psalm 1

L: ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

C: Refrain

L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

C: Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

L: A Reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor

did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²"What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

ELW 517

We sing together



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need. *(brief silence)*

L: Holy God, you give the law so your people may live by it and flourish. Write your law on the hearts of all who bear your name, and teach us to love your commandments, that we may live as you intend. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, you plant the earth and water it and bring forth a fruitful harvest. Send favorable weather, just wages and the bounty of your abundance to all who are engaged in the labor of harvest. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, you watch over the righteous and judge your people with fairness. Guide judges, courts, elected officials, those tasked with upholding the law and others who wield power over innocent people. Inspire them with your wisdom. Lead them to quell violence and bring peace to all people who are in harm's way, especially those in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, you surround your people with love and mercy. Draw near to all in need, especially those who are victims of gun violence, those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. (pause) Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, you call us to love one another as we love ourselves. Give us the will and patience to love those who are difficult to love. Bless the ministries of this congregation through which we show love for our neighbors. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, you have broken the chains of death and daily make all things new. We give you thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all the saints who now rest in you, especially Nancy Iverson, John Burns and Rob Morris. We pray that your reforming spirit may be at work in us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's Ministries.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ, The Sure Foundation
Voices of Faith Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone. Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one. To this temple, where we call thee, Lord, come, Lord. For we are laborers together with God. According to the grace of God, I've laid my foundation, and builded another on. So take heed this day, as you order your life, that no foundation can be laid than Jesus Christ! Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son. Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one. Alleluia, Amen!

WE STAND

We sing together

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song

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.

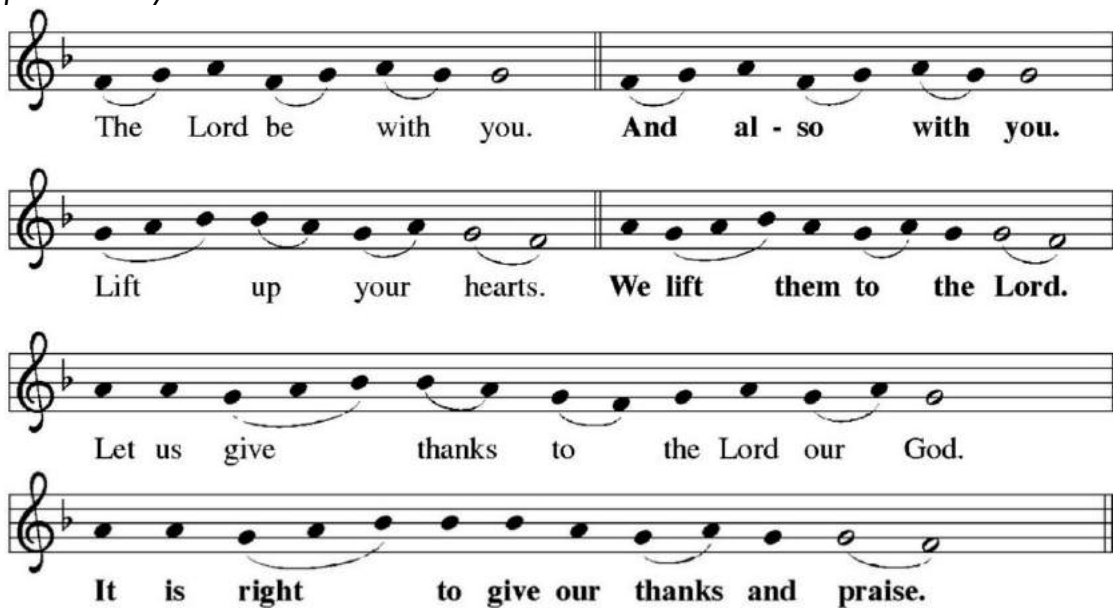
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

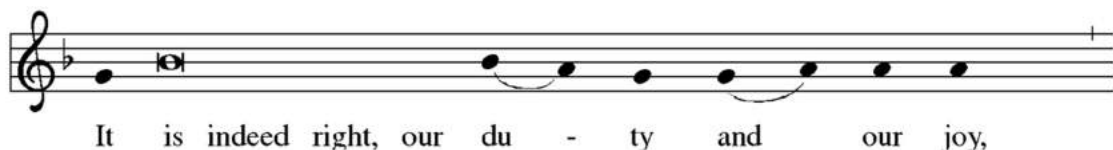
We sing reponsively



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister sings



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resur - rec - tion

opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We sing together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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: 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: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

We sing together



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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM If You Search With All Your Heart Craig Courtney
Voices of Faith Choir

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you home to Me.

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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.

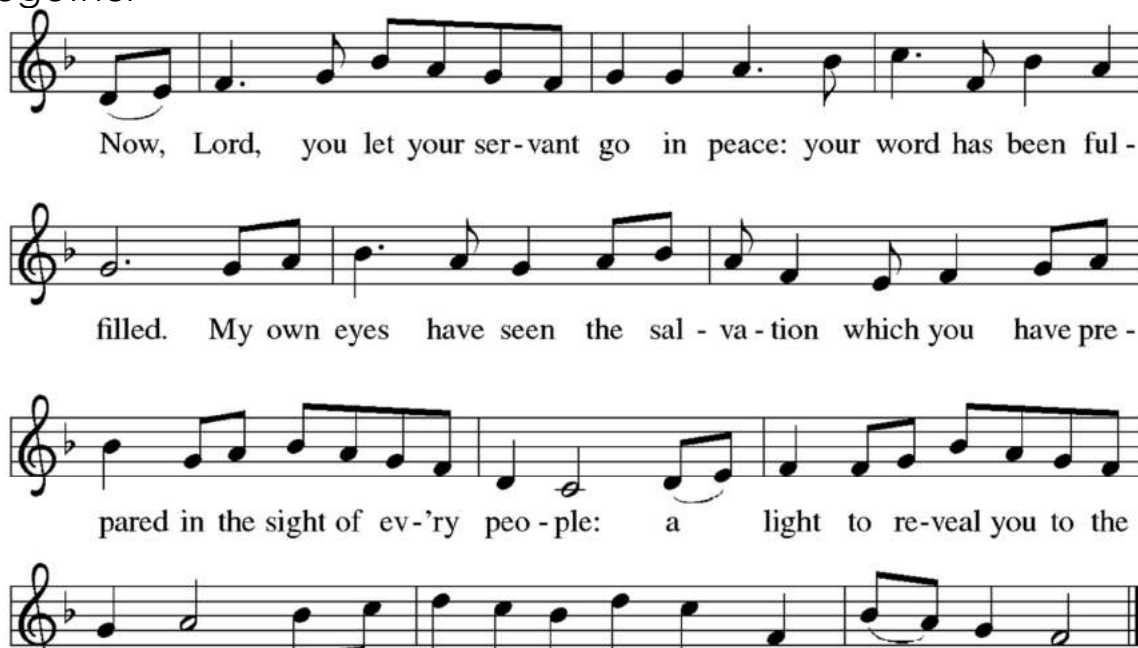
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

We sing together



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

P: The God of glory, ✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

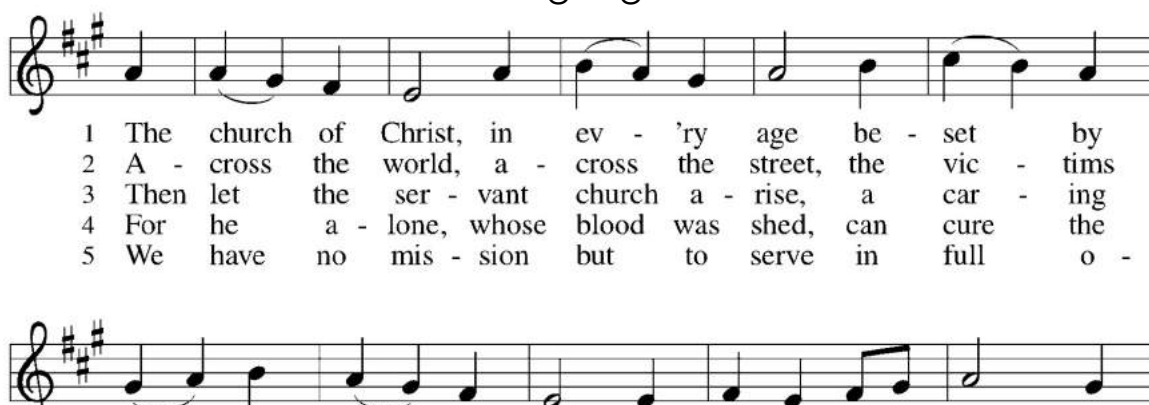
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

The Church of Christ, In Every Age

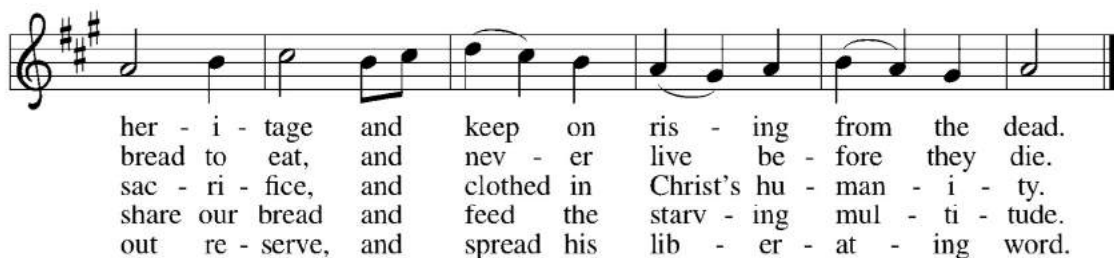
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We sing together



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

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Welcome, Visitors!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by 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, Director of Family and Child Ministry Deborah Dornemann and volunteers will show young people to the classroom, where they will learn about the gospel of the day through age-appropriate lessons and fun activities. The children and teachers will rejoin the congregation for Holy Communion. Deborah will be available after worship to meet with parents and

answer questions about the curriculum. Help spread the word about Sunday School! All young people are welcome!

Women's Bible Study Meets Tuesdays

G.I.F.T.S (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women's Bible Study meets **9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the conference room.** The group is focusing 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. All women are welcome!



GRAPHIC DESIGNER WANTED!

Are You Artistically Inclined? The Stewardship Committee Needs You!

The Faith Stewardship Committee needs a volunteer to design and produce visuals for Faith's upcoming stewardship campaign. If you can help, please call or email the church office. Thank you!

Confirmation Class Meets Tuesdays Online

Pastor Eric leads Confirmation Class at **4:45 p.m. each Tuesday via Zoom**. Contact him with questions or to receive the Zoom link.



Let's Pray Together

Join in prayer at **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel**. We pray for ourselves, loved ones, those in need, our church community, the larger community, our nation and the world. We conclude with Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? Please join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661, Passcode 041291**.

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.



Adult Forum Meets Between Worship Services

Adult Forum meets between worship services, **9:10-9:50 a.m., in the conference room**. Today, the group focused on Lesson 1, "Run! The Passion of Elijah," of Volume 7, "Walk As Jesus Walked," in the "That the World May Know" video series.

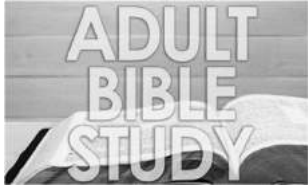
Coffee Hour: Volunteer to Set Up, Clean Up

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 to help on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Karen Naulty, knaulty@yahoo.com or 406-334-1063; or Denise Kirkeeng, kirkeengd@verizon.net or 941-468-6668.



Stitch 'n' Chatter Meets Thursdays

Ladies and gents, pick up your hooks and needles for Stitch 'n' Chatter, **1-2:30 p.m. each Thursday in room 212**. For info, contact Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia, 941-266-8101.



Adult Bible Study Continues on Wednesdays

Pastor Larry is leading a Bible study on **Wednesdays through Nov. 15**. The one-hour sessions begin at **9:30 a.m. in the second-floor classroom** across from the elevator. Luther Seminary Professor Dr. Craig Koester shares insights about **Romans and more: Paul and the Roman Empire; I and II Corinthians: Paul's Letters to a Community in Conflict; and Hebrews, James and I Peter: Letters for Sojourners**. All welcome! Light refreshments! Great discussion! Fun fellowship!

Readers Club Meets Tomorrow

Readers Club will meet at **2 p.m. tomorrow, Oct. 30, in the library** to discuss *The Five-Star Weekend* by Elin Hilderbrand. To learn more, contact Kathy Schilio, schilmo@yahoo.com. Please join!



You Can 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, Nov. 5, All Saints Day.**

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 Faith website, www.faithlutheransrq.com.

Men of Faith Meet for Breakfast, Prayer

Men of Faith are invited to meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. this Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.**



Faith Food Pantry Needs You and Paper Goods

The Faith Food Pantry needs help on Thursdays! There are tasks for people of every age, stage and ability. Questions? Contact Karen Naulty, knaulty@yahoo.com or 406-334-1063. Or stop by on Thursdays! **The pantry also has an ongoing need for paper products (toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, etc.). Place donations in the barrel in fellowship hall. Thanks!**

Volunteer for 'Worship to Go' at Elancé Assisted Living Center



Pastor Eric will lead worship at **10:45 a.m. on the first Tuesday of November and December, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5,** (and perhaps on first Tuesdays going forward) **in the second-floor gathering space of Elancé's assisted living building next door to Faith.** Worship to Go volunteers will **meet at 10 a.m. on each of those two Tuesdays in the chapel at Faith** to review the service. Please contact Pastor Eric if you could be there to assist. No experience necessary!



Bloodmobile Visits Faith Nov. 12

The Suncoast Bloodmobile will visit Faith **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.** All donors will receive a free Culver's "Pint for a Pint" coupon. One pint of donated blood can save three lives, so **sign up for a donation time on the sheets on the narthex table or by contacting the Suncoast Blood Center, 1-866-97-BLOOD or suncoastblood.org.**

Remembering the Dearly Departed

Nancy Iverson, John Burns and Rob Morris joined the church triumphant earlier this month. We mourn their passing but rejoice in their eternal life with our Savior. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.



October Stewardship Message

We should seek to make the Lord's work a priority in our lives as we seek first God's kingdom and righteousness.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33



From Your Stewardship Team: The Spiritual Gift of Giving

The subject of spiritual gifts can be controversial. Christian people often debate whether spiritual gifts are for today, how many gifts exist, how to obtain them, who can have them, how they are used, etc.

... there's at least one gift you may very well possess. That's the spiritual gift of giving. It's the ability to contribute material resources to the Lord's work with generosity, frequency and cheerfulness. People with this gift consider giving to be a wonderful opportunity rather than a sacrificial burden. Contributing to needs even makes their hearts stir. You have certainly shown evidence of this gift!

Whether you know it or not, and whether you consider yourself to have the spiritual gift of giving, your faithful support of Faith Lutheran Church demonstrates the earmarks of spiritual giving. By giving of the resources that God has entrusted to you, you make a significant difference for Christ, more so than you might realize. For that, we truly thank you and give God thanks for you!

Fundraiser Helps Defray Mission Trip Expenses

Ashley Garlitz, a graduate student clinician in speech therapy who is a Sunday-morning greeter and food pantry volunteer at Faith, is among those who will travel to Grenada this February to provide free speech therapy services to those in need. You can be part of her work for God's children across the globe by purchasing fundraising items from an array of gifts that includes bath and body items; candles; edible goodies; socks, toys; small electronics and more. A generous portion of the sale from each item will help to fund Ashley's work in Grenada.

To participate, register by choosing one of these options:

- Scan the QR Code printed here, or
- Go to <https://needsyour support.org> and enter **group ID KE88S**, or
- Text "fund" to 833-943-1979.



Then shop to your heart's content! **When you check out, be sure to click the drop-down arrow in the box that says "Click Here to Select a Seller," and choose Ashley Garlitz. The deadline to purchase items is Thursday, Nov 9.**

All Are Invited: Learn How to Avoid Falling Prey to Scams

Have you received phone calls or emails that seem bogus or too good to be true? How about the email or text message "from Pastor Eric" asking you to buy

a gift card? **Be there Tuesday, Nov. 14, for a noon lunch meeting in fellowship**

hall to hear Karen Rushing, Sarasota County's elected Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller, outline how to spot scams and avoid falling prey to them. **The event is open to all Faith members and guests. Bring your lunch.**

Members of Mary Circle will provide dessert. Please indicate that you'll be there by signing the sheet on the narthex table. (If you don't have an opportunity to sign up, you still are welcome.)



With many years of experience, Karen Rushing is committed to providing citizens high-quality customer service, transparency and effective cost controls. She completed post-graduate work at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and has been honored with numerous awards for excellence. First appointed by the Florida Supreme Court in 2010, she also serves on the commission that addresses statewide standardization of court-related technology. Ms. Rushing advised the United States Department of Commerce about developing democracy in Angola, Africa, following the assassination of the country's rebel leader in 2002. She also is on the United Way Suncoast board of directors, and leads a focus group that inspires citizens to create a better community.

Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's Lutheran

From 3 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, 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. **Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.**



Safety Committee Seeks Volunteers

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

Help Needy Neighbors Through Pastor's Discretionary Fund



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

WORSHIP AND SERVICE CALENDAR

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. in person &
10:15 a.m. in person and live streamed at
www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, Oct. 22

8 a.m. in person	29
10:15 a.m. in person	126

Next Sunday, Nov. 5

First Reading

Micah 3:5-12

Judgment upon corrupt rulers

Psalmody

Psalm 43

Send out your light and truth that they may
lead me (Ps. 43:3)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

The apostle's teaching accepted as God's
word

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

All who humble themselves will be exalted

This Week at Faith

Monday, Oct. 30

2 p.m. Readers Club, library

Tuesday, Oct. 31

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 at St. Paul's,
2256 Bahia Vista

4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class, Zoom

6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,
sanctuary

Wednesday, Nov. 1

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, room 217

10:30 a.m. Prayer Group, chapel

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

Thursday, Nov. 2

9 a.m. Food Pantry Delivery and
Prep, fellowship hall

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

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall

5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

6 p.m. Jazzercise, gym

Friday, Nov. 3

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Saturday, Nov. 4

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room

Sunday, Nov. 5

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
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old
 friend of Alyene Weaver
Chuck Banta
Sean Brett, son of Alyene Weaver
Sandra Brinker
Charles Budreau
Dee Burlingame
Family & Friends of John Burns
Elise Carmona
Casey, friend of Faith Lutheran
Priscilla Chansky, sister of Linda Burton
Evelyn Conlon
Jordan Demers, cousin of Hannah Boyd
Eloise Dettmer
Ken Dixon
Ryan and Valerie Donahue
Elizabeth Farmer
Judy & Robert Ferguson
Fin, 2-year-old friend of Gail Lidinsky
Carolyn & Marty Friedman,
 friends of Marlene Radesk
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler
Andrea Gamboa
Amanda Gerber,
 daughter of Sandy Gerber
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
Christiana Holmes

Mary Janice Holt
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of
 Anita and Jon Wooton
Family & Friends of Nancy Iverson
Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Lois Light
Paul & Debby Maresch
Alexis Martincek, 13-year-old
 friend of Heather Stuebe
Kathleen McBride
Judi Melander
Family & Friends of Rob Morris
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
James & Virginia Pease
Fran Perkins
Wally Pina
Kristen Pizan
Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia
Marlene Radesk
Fritz Rappold
Gabriel Rockwell
Ted and Carol Rodi
Floyd Ryder
Ralph Searles
Rev. John Spittal
Dianne Stoll, friend of Dorothy Gustavson
Cathy Stubenvoll
John Stuemke, brother of Terry Copper
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino
Colette Thornbloom
David Turnbull
Aylene Weaver
Jon Wooton

- **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.