



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m., June 1, 2025



It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

***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.

The flowers on the altar today are given by the Bolon and Puebla families in memory of Bob Bolon.

Ministers	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen Rev. Larry Wright
Lector	Joan Searles
Music Director Vocals	Andi Zdrava Voices of Faith Quartet
Greeters & Ushers	Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Deacon Scott Rice, Jane Sanks, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach
Media Team	Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell, Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Deacon Mark Greenwood
Altar Guild	Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson, Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan
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Pastor	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Assistant to the Pastor	Rev. Larry Wright
Retired Pastors in Residence	Rev. John Hilficker Rev. Marianne Powrie
Congregational Council	Ann Greenwood, president; Joan Searles, vice president; Lauren Wardach, secretary; Anita Wooton, treasurer; Jane Sanks, assistant treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Quyen Dang; Julianne Geyser; Mark Nelson; Peggy Ragan; Deacon Scott Rice
Executive Assistant	Carrie Christenson

- 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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE STAND

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.

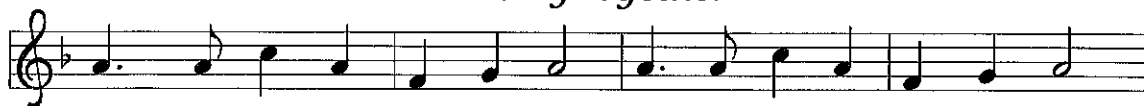
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN Come Ye Thankful People Come

ELW 693

We sing together



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak-er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear.
give his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner to a-bide.



Come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har-vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit-ful ears to store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

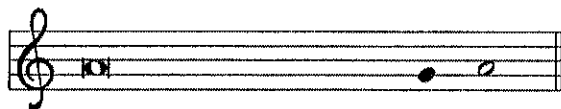
GREETING

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

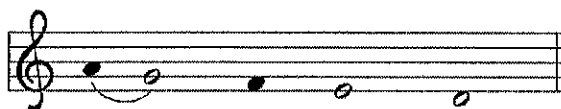
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

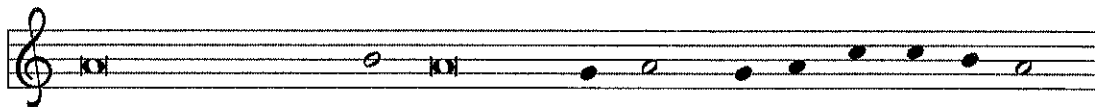
We sing responsively



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer-cy.



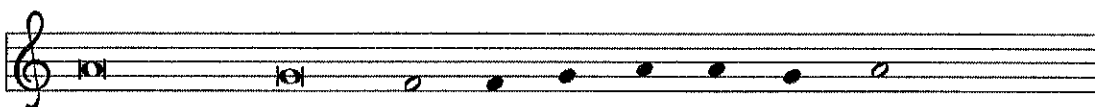
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



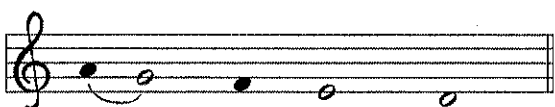
Lord, have mer - cy.



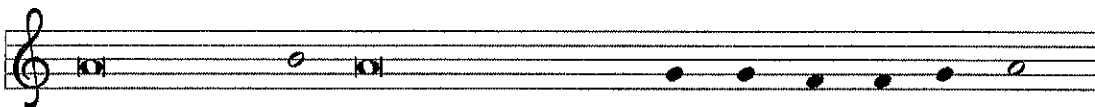
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity 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,



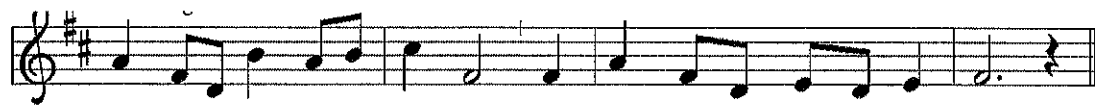
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

GLORIA

Cantor sings



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

We sing together

All

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.
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.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 16: 16-34

L: A reading from Acts.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

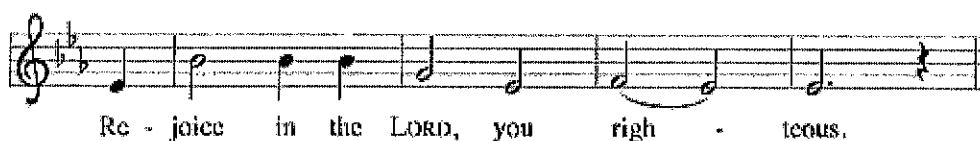
²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 97

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



Psalm 97:12

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PSALM: Psalm 97

- L: ¹ The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- ² Clouds and darkness surround the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.
- ³ Fire goes before the LORD,
burning up enemies on every side.
- ⁴ Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens declare your righteousness, O LORD,
and all the peoples see your glory.

C: Refrain

- L: ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, all you gods.
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ You who love the LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the
hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.
- ¹² Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name.

C: Refrain

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L: A reading from Revelation.

¹² "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together.



GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and

have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

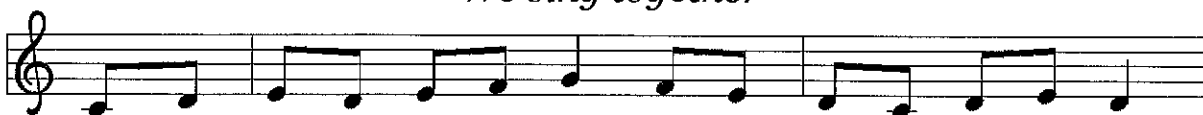
Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine the Amen
We sing together

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1	Thine the	a - men	thine the	praise	al - le -	lu - ias	an - gels	raise
2	Thine the	life	e - ter -	nal - ly	thine the	prom - ise	let there	be
3	Thine the	tru - ly	thine the	yes	thine the	ta - ble	we the	guest
4	Thine the	king - dom	thine the	prize	thine the	won - der	full sur -	prise
5	Thine the	glo - ry	in the	night	no more	dy - ing	on - ly	light



thine the	ev - er -	last - ing	head	thine the	break - ing	of the	bread
thine the	vi - sion	thine the	tree	all the	earth on	bend - ed	knee
thine the	mer - cy	all from	thee	thine the	glo - ry	yet to	be
thine the	ban - quet	then the	praise	then the	jus - tice	of thy	ways
thine the	riv - er	thine the	tree	then the	Lamb	e - ter -	nal - ly



thine the	glo - ry	thine the	sto - ry	thine the	har - vest	then the	cup
gone the	nail - ing	gone the	rail - ing	gone the	plead - ing	gone the	cry
then the	ring - ing	and the	sing - ing	then the	end of	all the	war
thine the	glo - ry	thine the	sto - ry	then the	wel - come	to the	least
then the	ho - ly	ho - ly	ho - ly	cel - e -	bra - tion	ju - bi -	lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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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: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where fire,

earthquake, hurricane, or tornado destroy, shelter your people and restore your land. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts (*pause*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins in the northern hemisphere. Keep travelers safe. Keep the vulnerable cool. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of children and young people (*VBS, camp, summer series or other programs may be named*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Empowering God, enable new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in all places of war and strife, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen 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



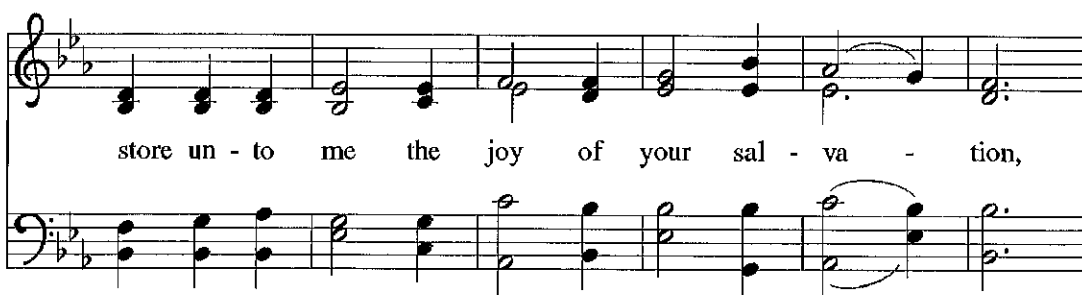
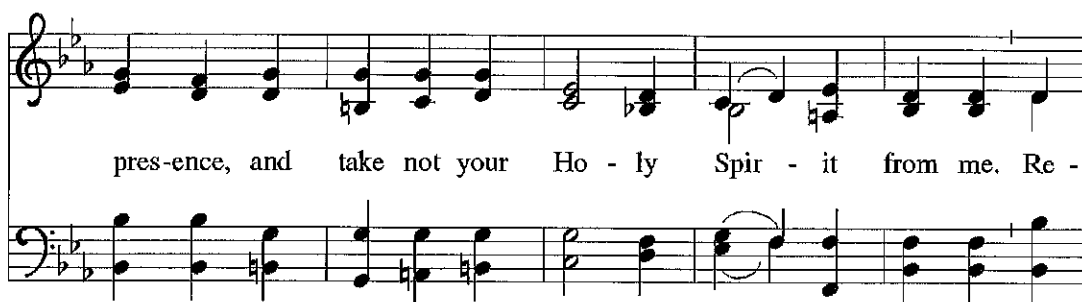
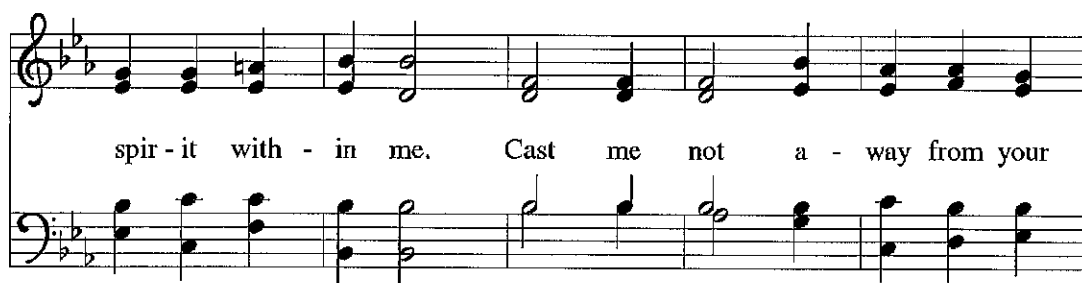
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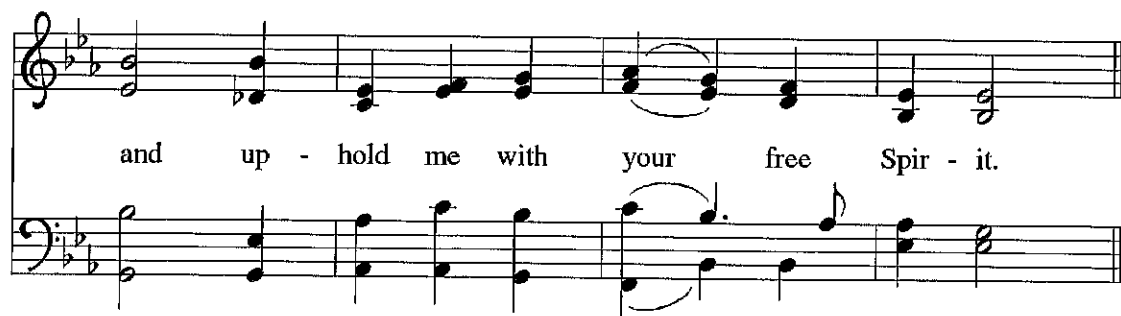
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Come with Joy

Eugene Englert
Voices of Faith Quartet

WE STAND *We sing together* **Create in Me a Clean Heart** *Offering Song*





Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

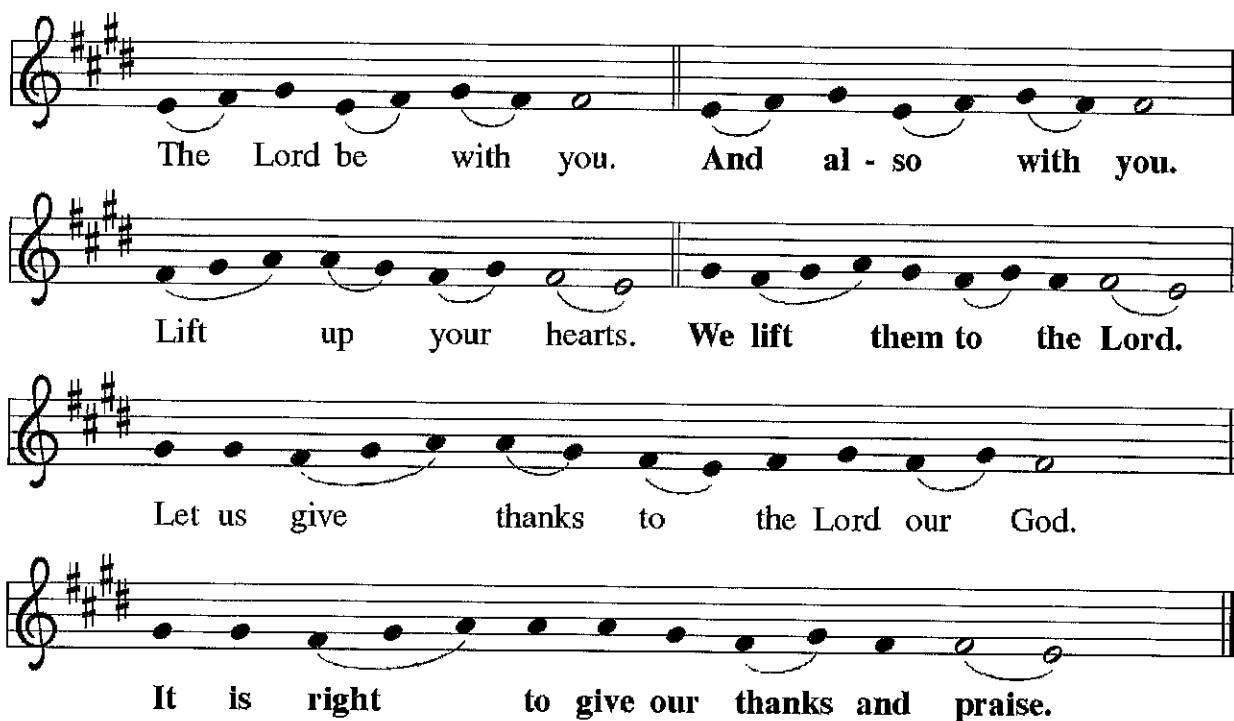
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

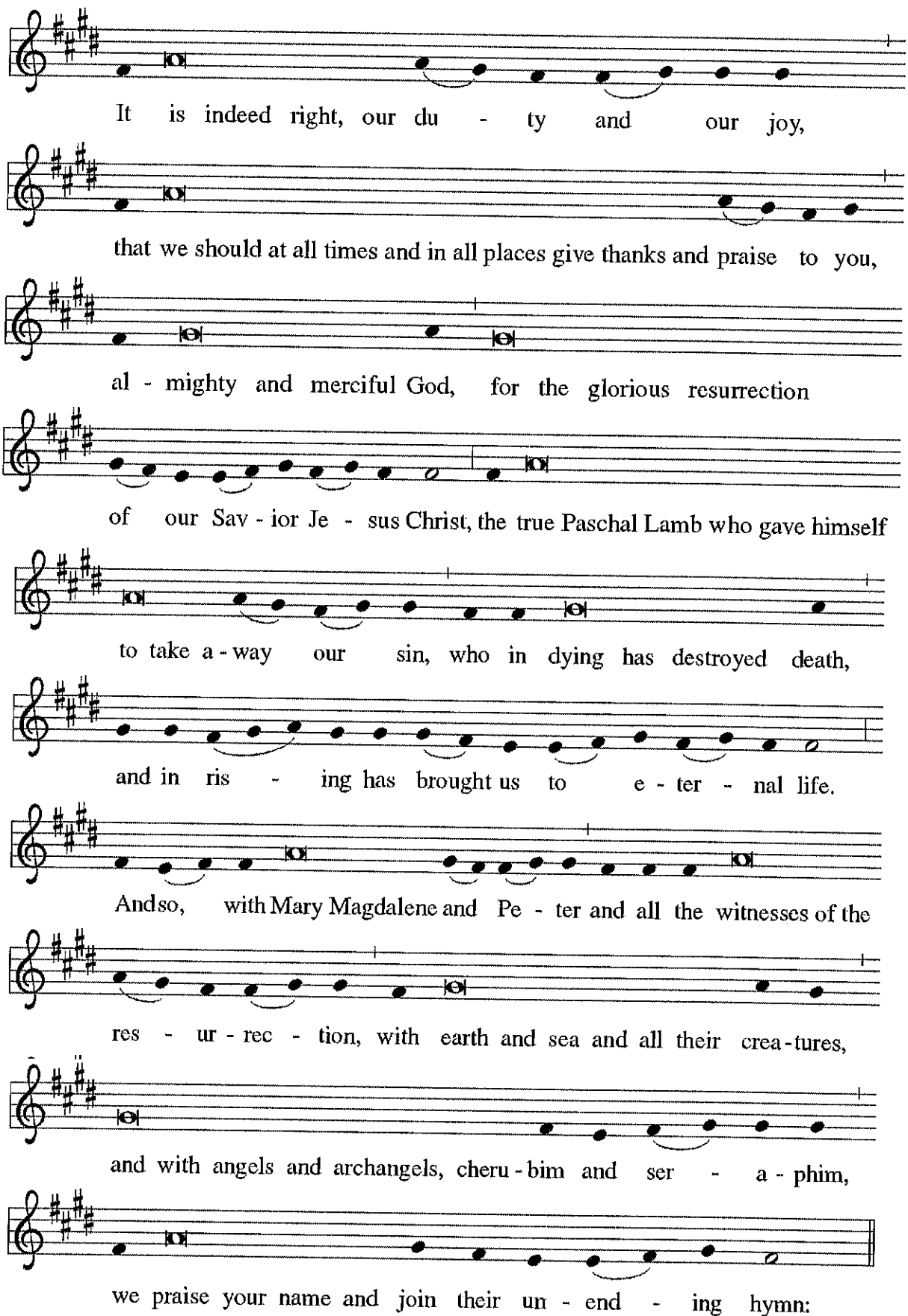
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We sing responsively



PREFACE

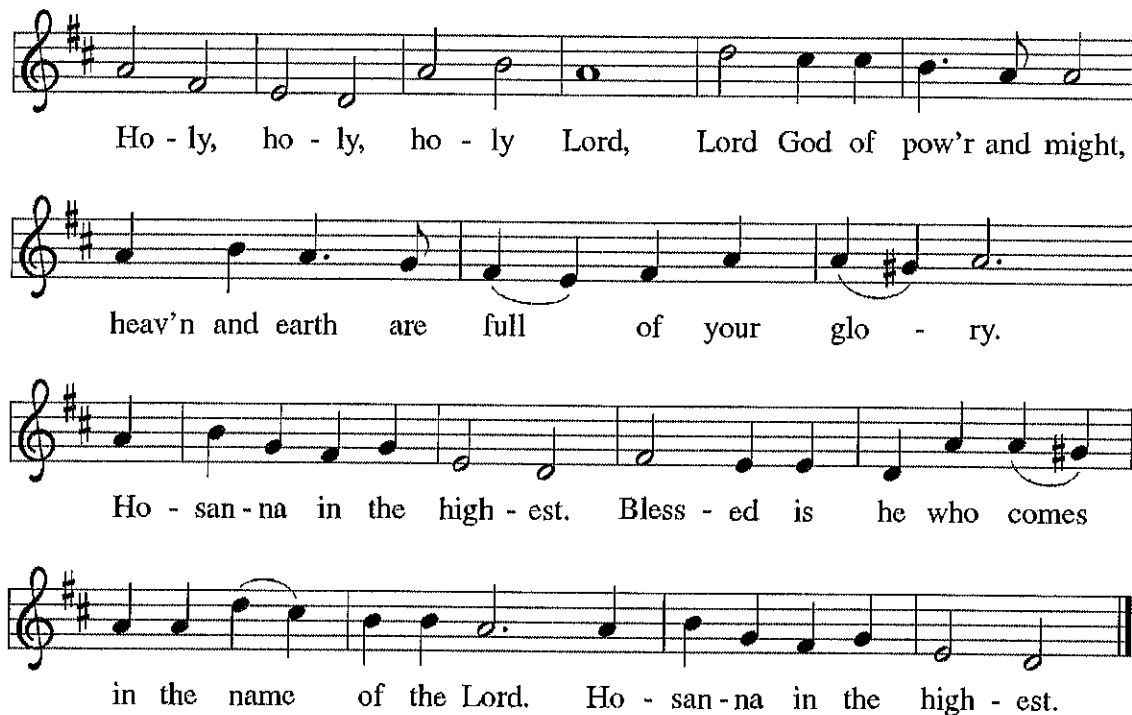
The minister sings



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, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We sing together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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 - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

COMMUNION SONG

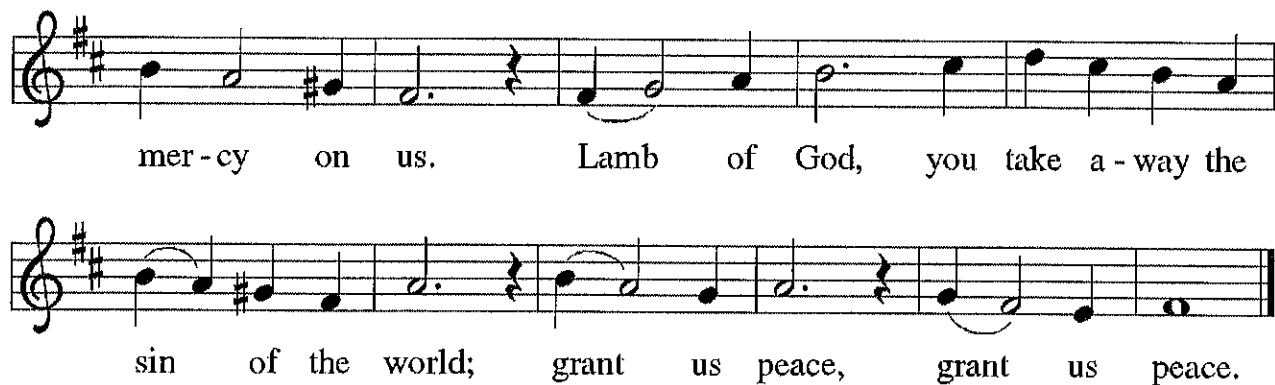
We sing together



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



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION ANTHEM One Bread, One Body
Voices of Faith Quartet

Mark Hayes

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. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

We sing together

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
- 3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Today, the group will study lesson 5, *Transforming the Chaos*, in the “Cultures in Conflict” series.
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Max’s Table, 115 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey.
- **The Prayer Support Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion.

- **The Bereavement Group** meets at 3:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.
 - **Women of Faith will meet on Monday, June 9.** Join us then for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m. at Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, pastorp2.o@gmail.com.
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Family Promise Open House

Come learn about the new Restock Room and the many volunteer opportunities at Family Promise (located in the west classroom off the recreation center/gym). Stop in **June 4 between 4-5 pm or June 5 between 10-11 am** to meet the team and take a tour. Donation needs always include basic home essentials (dishes, linens, small appliances), paper products (paper towels, tissue, toilet paper) and cleaning products (including laundry detergent).

Donations for Cuban Mission Trip

Sarasota's Iglesia Gamino de Fe is once again organizing a mission to Cuba and is asking the people of Faith to donate over-the-counter medical supplies, personal care items, food and/or money to help improve unsanitary living conditions there. Please consider placing items in the bin in the narthex **by no later than 4 pm, Thursday, June 5.**

Move to the Music During Zumba Class

Zumba begins at 6 p.m. Wednesdays in the Community Center (gym). All fitness levels are welcome! It is free for congregation members, and a voluntary donation from non-members is appreciated. Be there to move with the music and join in the fun!

Media Team Seeks New Volunteers

We're expanding and looking for passionate individuals to join our media team. No experience? No problem — volunteers will receive full training! If you're interested in video production and in helping Faith spread God's word through online channels, this is your opportunity to get involved. Contact Carrie in the church office by calling or emailing officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com.

Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith

Thank you all for a successful four weeks of engaging and insightful sessions! Due to upcoming travel schedules, we will be cancelling this week's class. We plan to resume in the fall, when we'll have the opportunity to schedule additional guest speakers and continue building on the great momentum we've created. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to September.

Consider Donating to SURE

Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE) is a faith-based ministry that equips volunteer leaders to engage with community stakeholders and government authorities to address disparities within our community, particularly those impacting the vulnerable. The organization's mission is to foster a more just and equitable future for all residents. The lack of affordable housing and education disparities are the current priorities.

Pastor Eric and a number of other Faith volunteers provide time and talent to SURE, which also needs financial resources. Please consider a donation so SURE can continue its important work. If you use giving envelopes, you will find a special SURE envelope in your packet this month. You also can give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com.

Lutheran World Relief Love Thy Neighbor Matching Gift Challenge

A group of compassionate friends of faith will match all gifts — dollar for dollar — now through June 30! Your donation will provide healthy food to God's hungry children. You will also help loving parents get the tools and training they need to make nutritious meals for their babies to grow and thrive. Go to: give.lwr.org to donate.

Luther Springs Summer Camps

Luther Springs offers a place where children in grades 1st -12th can unplug from technology for a week, experience exciting adventures, get inspired by nature, and grow in faith! It is a great experience for first-time campers or campers that aren't quite as adventurous as others. For thrill-seeking children in grades 6-12 they offer "Outdoor Adventure Programs" where kids can challenge themselves with new adventures like zip lining, horseback riding and more. A week of camp is an investment that will impact the life of your child for years to come! Get info and register at luthersprings.org.

Sunday School Summer Break

Sunday School is taking a break for the summer! Thank you for a wonderful year of learning and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you again next school year!

Notary Services at Faith

Our new Executive Assistant is a certified notary! Church members and friends are welcome to stop by during office hours for notary services. Feel free to call ahead if you have questions.

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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 July 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 at 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.

Email Scam Alert

Several people have received bogus emails and texts from someone pretending to be Pastor Eric. Please block and report any email not from pastor@faithlutheransrq.com. Pastor Eric and other leaders of the church will not ask for gift cards, or any other type of monetary support directly via email or text. Note: small variations in email addresses are intended to confuse. The current scammers are using an email that is very similar to official emails but in a different order.

Mary Circle Update

Mary Circle ended its "season" of meetings in May with a wonderful presentation by our Bold Woman, Linda Burton. Linda recounted her faith journey and how it led her to Faith LC. We are on hiatus for June and July and will return with lunch out in August. This has been a very productive year for the Circle. We were able to initiate conduct with Hope Seeds and helped to package seeds for worldwide distribution. We will be doing this in the future also. In April, Faith had the privilege of hosting the WELCA Spring Gathering for the Mid-Gulf region. One highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Al Ernst who infected us with his brand of Lutheran humor. Pastor Marianne also gave a

heartfelt presentation on the work of Lutheran Services Florida. As a result of this talk, we were able to raise \$340.00 for the organization. We were also able to purchase a bench for the Memorial Garden with funds raised during the year.

As always the Circle sponsored the adoption of LSF guardianship clients for Christmas. We have an ongoing mission to collect and pack supplies for Lutheran World Relief. This year we packed both personal care kits, school kits and fabric kits. None of this work could have been done without the help of you, the members of the congregation, who so generously donate when we ask for things. Thank you seems so inadequate a phrase to express our gratitude for all your continued support. All ladies of Faith are invited to attend a meeting, perhaps more than one. Look for our announcements in the upcoming church publications.

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
Billy Bajor
Stephanie Bollinger, friend of Marlene Radesk
Gail Brown
Dee Burlingame
Rick Chauncey, son of Wess Chauncey
Jerry Clancy
Linda Craley, sister-in-law of
 Dick & Jetty Zarfos
Lindsey Dacey
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd
Nancy Dandino
Tyeann Dillon
Ken Dixon, online worshipper
Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate
Mark Evan
Beth and Maggie Farmer, daughter & granddaughter
 of Lynn & Jerry Clancy
John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine Flower
Marty Friedman, friend of Marlene Radesk
Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate
Anatoliy Gurov
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Jon & Anita Wooton
Pete Inkrott
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
Dick Mejchar, brother-in-law of Patty McKee
Judy McMahon, friend of Kristine Ordman
Family & Friends of Judi Melander
John Millard
Bob Miller, friend of Bill Greenaway
Dulce Mogan, friend of Nancy Flanagan
Valerie Nicolls, mother of Pastor Ashley Nicolls
Kathy Ocker, friend of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen
Sue Ostrom, friend of Marlene Radesk
Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz
Kathy Schilio
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of
 Carolyn Winemiller
Ken Sons, friend of Al Ernst and Cliff Hornsby
Family & Friends of Rev. John Spittal
Norman Stoll, brother of Dottie Gustavson
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk
Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Darren Thomsen, son of John & Tricia Thomsen
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith
Carol Wambold
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith
Jon Wooton
Rev. Melvin Younger, friend of Bill Greenaway
Mike Zuba, friend of Marlene Radesk

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, May 25

Online views	153
8 a.m. in person	23
10:15 a.m. in person	88
5 p.m.	15

Next Sunday, June 8

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit makes us children of God

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

The Father will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth

This Week at Faith

Monday, June 2

Tuesday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Max's Table

Wednesday, June 4

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel

10:30 a.m. Balletone, upstairs classroom

3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

4:00 p.m. Family Promise Open House,
community center

6 p.m. Zumba, community center

Thursday, June 5

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall

10 a.m. Family Promise Open House,
community center

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

5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution

Friday, June 6

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

Saturday, June 7

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room