



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Baptism of the Lord**

5 p.m., January 12, 2024



Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

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 generously donated by Dick & Jetty Zarfos in honor of their anniversary.***

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Eric Olsen
<b>Asisting Minister</b>	Deacon Scott Rice
<b>Director of Music/Organist</b>	Andi Zdrava
<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz, Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Scott Rice, Jane Sanks, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach
<b>Media Team</b>	Kelly Ashlock, Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell, Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Mark Greenwood
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson, Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan
<b>Congregation Council</b>	Scott Rice, president; Lauren Wardach, vice president; Mark Nelson, secretary; Anita Wooton, treasurer; Jane Sanks, assistant treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Quyen Dang; Ann Greenwood; Peggy Ragan; Joan Searles

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<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
<b>Assistant to the Pastor</b>	Rev. Larry Wright, Rev. Maryanne Powrie
<b>Retired Pastors in Residence</b>	Rev. John Hilficker Rev. Marianne Powrie Rev. John Spittal
<b>Executive Assistant to the Pastor for Administration</b>	Heidi Floyd

- 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

*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

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.**

**C: Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### 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

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**Prayer of the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Isaiah 43:1-7**

A reading from Isaiah

**L:** <sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and

Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalmody: Psalm 29**

*L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

**R**

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

**R**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; <sup>6</sup> the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**R**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!” <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore. <sup>11</sup> O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

**R**

## **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  
Till 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  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of

them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

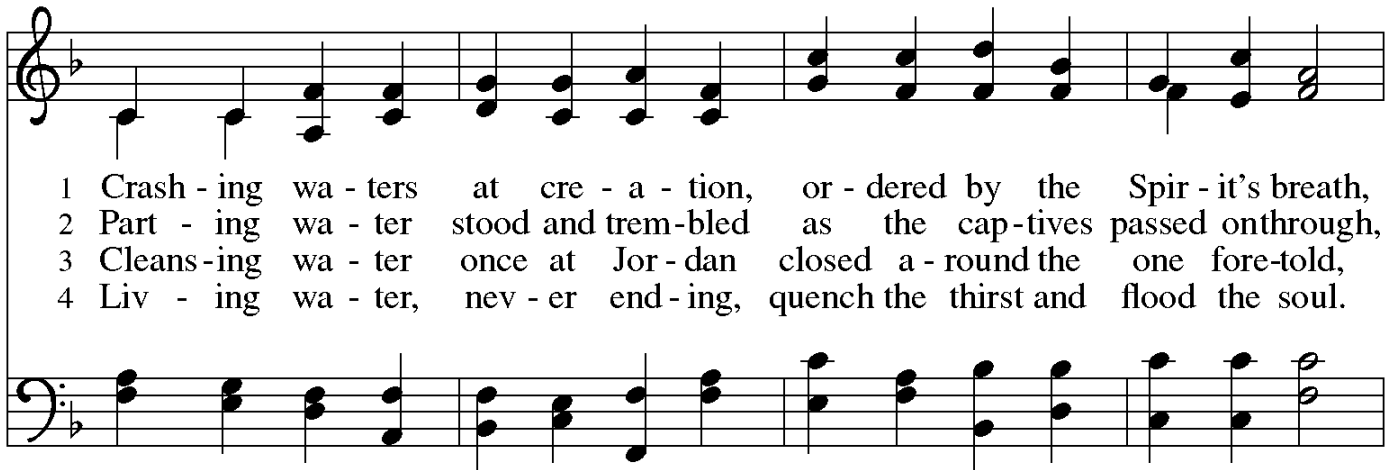
**C: Praise to you, O Christ**

*The Message*

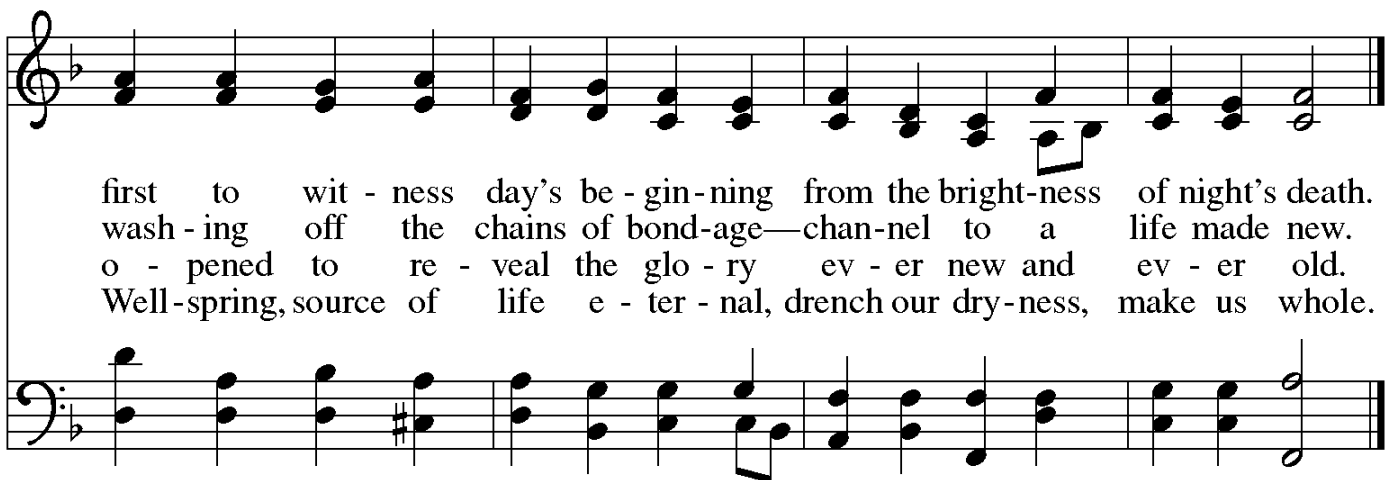
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*First and Last Verse**We sing together**(Next page)*


1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,  
 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed onthrough,  
 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,  
 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.  
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—chan - nel to a life made new.  
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.  
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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**Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

**L:** You call us by name and form us. We give thanks for the gift of baptism. Nurture the baptized and equip people sent to proclaim the good news, especially Young Adults in Global Mission and international congregations. God of grace,

**C:** hear our prayer.

L: Your voice sounds over the waters. Speak words of healing over the rivers and lakes, seas and oceans. Heeding your voice, lead us to care for water, and the land and creatures it nourishes. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You give strength to your people. Uphold all who serve the common good. Guide nations and peoples of the world, federal and state legislators, city and county officials, judges and juries. Strengthen our resolve to serve all in need. We especially pray for a just peace in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Russia, Ukraine, and Haiti. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You are with us in challenging times. Draw near to all who are ill, undergoing treatment, or recovering from surgery. We especially lift up to you those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, silently and aloud (*pause*). Accompany individuals and families affected by addiction or mental health challenges. Uphold each person as your beloved. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You draw us into community. Embolden ministries of racial reconciliation, nurture work on behalf of immigrants and refugees, and equip each to use their gifts for the sake of neighbors near and far. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

L: You grant us peace. Comfort all who grieve. Dwell with us in this life and, at the last, join us with the saints whom you have created, formed, and named. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**C: Amen.**

## **Offertory**



*The offering is collected at this time. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

## **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. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table. All are welcome!

*The Distribution of Holy Communion.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen**

## **SONG - Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)**

### *Verse 1*

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

### *Chorus 1*

And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours and You are mine

### *Verse 2*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now

### *Chorus 2*

I will call upon Your name  
Keep my eyes above the waves  
My soul will rest in Your embrace  
I am Yours and You are mine

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

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

- **Adult Forum** - January 13<sup>th</sup> with Volume 13 – 5 Lessons “Israel’s Mission”. The lesson will be *Lesson 2 – Israel at Sinai: The First Commission*. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> will feature *Lesson 3 – Jesus renews his Mission: Seeking the Lost*.
  - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. each Tuesday**. *During month of January, please meet at **The Toasted Yolk, 3750 S. Tamiami Trl.***
  - **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."
  - **The Prayer Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel** to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion.
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### ***Investing for Time and Eternity***

So “investing for time and eternity” includes how we use our “time” and “talents.” It also includes the use of our “treasure.” We are managers and stewards, not owners. God owns it all! When we give, we are simply giving back to God that which rightfully belongs to God.

Think about Sundays — your church life and the motivation you receive.

Think about your children and their future. And their children’s future.

Think about your neighborhood — unreached individuals by the hundreds.

Think about the possibilities of radio or television outreach, Faith’s Food Pantry, increased “Worship-to-go outreach”, increasing the service use of our Community Center! What’s it worth?

Deciding whether something is worth the cost requires intense, effective, prevailing prayer, as well as the hard work of objective thinking. And then it requires courage to act on God’s clear direction.

As you consider your time, your talents and your treasure, will you be one who is “investing for time and eternity” by courageously stepping out by faith in response to God’s direction in your life?

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### ***A THANK YOU NOTE FROM PASTOR LARRY***

The Adult Bible Study class is looking forward to a study “Witness at the Cross”, as we move towards the season of Lent and Holy Week.

My heart is most grateful, not only for the opportunity to continue to be one of the leaders of Bible Study at Faith, but to Learn along with my sisters and brothers in Christ, and to enjoy this way of being the body of Christ together.

Words do not fully describe my gratitude to all of you; those participating in our class sessions, and other in the congregation who have offered many kind words and given generous gifts, often anonymously. Ann and I are humbled by them and are truly blessed.

Thank you dear ones, Gracious!

Attendees shall gather again, beginning on Wed., January 15<sup>th</sup>, to read from study books, from the Bible, and to sit at the feet of Professor Amy-Jill Levine, and first timers are strongly encouraged to attend. Will you consider joining us as we seek to grow in faith together? A blessed Christmastide to all as we look toward Epiphany. Peace and joy!

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## ***Immediately FOLLOWING Worship Today, You'll Learn About the New Pictorial Church Directory***

Immediately after the close of each worship service today in the sanctuary, you'll be treated to information about Faith's new and long-awaited pictorial church directory. During the season, you'll learn how to use Faith's safe and secure church software system to:

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

If you have not done so already, please be sure to fill out a Household Email Form. The forms were distributed as you entered the sanctuary several Sundays ago in October, and copies are available in the narthex. You can complete the form and place it in the offering plate.

For more information you may speak to Lauren Wardach.

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## ***Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays***

***Bereavement Group will meet at 3:15 p.m.*** on 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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## ***Coffee Hour Is Important! Please Volunteer!***

Coffee hour needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is provide and put out snacks, and clean up afterward. Faith can cover the cost of the snacks if you would like to volunteer but don't have resources to purchase them. **Sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall.**

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

A spiritual gift is a God-given ability for service that God wants us to use to minister to others.

### ***Investing for Time and Eternity***

“... store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt. 6:20-21

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

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

- **1:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**, at Sarabella, Senior Living, 5650 Gantt Road. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 in the Faith Chapel and will car pool to the facility.
  - **10:45 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>**, at Elance Senior Living (Barclay), 3260 Lake Pointe Blvd. Volunteers will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Faith chapel and will carpool to the facility.
  - **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the chapel and will carpool to the facility.
- To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!
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## ***Need a Ride to Church?***

Faith will pay for Uber or Lyft to bring you or others to worship or other events. Contact Pastor Eric to make arrangements, 716-352-0055.

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## ***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 dates are 1/26, 2/16, 3/02.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:
- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

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

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## ***Zumba Class***

***Zumba Class*** Mondays at 6:00 p.m. 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. Join in the FUN!!!

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## ***Book Club***

The Book Club next meets on Mon., January 27<sup>th</sup> with the book *The Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner. If you would like to join us please contact Janet Petersen at [luvstitches55@gmail.com](mailto:luvstitches55@gmail.com)

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## ***Misson Endowment Committee wishes to share a message with you during the season of gratitude.***

We are passionate about opportunities to grow new ministries and further develop our faith into actionable steps of support and expansion. We remain ready and willing, eager to see our church family and broader community feel the love of Christ in our work. We are updating our brochure, which will be available for you in the next couple of weeks. There will also be some placed on the narthex table when they are finished as well. Today, we celebrate you, as we cannot grow without our loving congregation. Your gifts, of any amount, give us a means to have a perpetual fund that extends beyond us and our lifetime in support of ministry at Faith Lutheran Church. Our Committee members, including Patty McKee, Denise Kirkeeng, Marlene Radesk, Terry Copper, Pastor John Spittal, Karen Kolschowsky, Pastor Eric, and Ann Greenwood are all available to talk with you about any potential grant ideas or ways for you to contribute your valuable treasures with this fund. Again, thank you deeply for your generosity, support and ideas of ways to deepen our faith and spreading of God's love.

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## ***“Faith’s Financial Corner”***

As we continue to celebrate our Lord and Savior's Birth and the New Year and what promises it will bring, we also need to focus on year end financial concerns.

- Year-end giving statements from Faith were sent out on January 8-9th, either by email or USPS per your opted in/out preferences.
  - Please check your spam or junk folder if you did not receive an email or if you do not receive a letter in the mail in the next few days.
  - If you have questions or concerns, please contact Patty McKee, Financial Secretary-FLC, at 941-228-1192 (cell), 941-921-3709, or [financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com). Thank you!
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## ***Giving Envelopes***

The 2025 Giving Envelopes will be available for pick up in the narthex. This includes the special order and regular. If you have questions please see Patty McKee.

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## **Check out our New Contemporary Service!**

Every Sunday at 5 p.m.

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### **Mary Circle**

Mary Circle starts off 2025 on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> with our guest speaker, Pastor Marianne Powrie. She will be entertaining us with her adventures traveling to Turkey and Greece. Please try to join us for this interesting conversation. We meet at 12 in the fellowship hall - bring lunch, dessert will be provided.

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### **Blood Drive at FLC!**

Sun., Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. (parking lot)

You can sign up in the fellowship hall or call 1-866-97-BLOOD (866-972-5663)

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### **Please consider donating to Faith's Food Pantry!**

Envelopes are available for you!

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### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

As part of the St. Lutheran Concert Series, FLC will be hosting a **Jazz Concert! Sat., 2/15 @ 7 p.m.** Stay tuned for more details!

In lieu of our Contemporary Worship Service, we will have a **special Jazz Service!** It will be very exciting! **Sun. 2/16 @ 5 p.m.**

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### **Brunch & Learn**

Please join us for a 3 part series by Dr. Richard Crank, Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon. Dr. Crank will share vital information with our community regarding Joint Health, Fall Prevention, and practices that lead to enhanced well being. Breakfast will be provided.

**Saturdays 1/18, 2/22, & 3/01**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and lectures will start at 10 a.m.

FLC - Fellowship Hall

## Services

Sundays at 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. in person.  
Live streamed and recorded at  
[www.faihlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faihlutheransrq.com/live-service).

### Sunday, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

Online views	193
8 a.m. in person	45
10:15 a.m. in person	120

### Next Sunday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

#### First Reading

#### Isaiah 62:1-5

*As bridegroom and bride rejoice, so shall  
God rejoice over you*

#### Psalm 36:5-10

*We feast upon the abundance of your  
house, O Lord. (Ps. 36:8)*

#### 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*There are a variety of gifts but the same  
Spirit*

#### John 2:1-11

*The wedding at Cana*

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, Jan. 13

12:45 p.m. Worship to Go Prep  
1:30 p.m. Worship to Go, Sarabella Senior  
Living, 5650 Grannt Road  
5 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room  
6 p.m. Zumba Class, community center

### Tuesday, Jan. 14

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast at The  
Toasted Yolk, 3750 S. Tamiami Trl.  
9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study,  
library  
10 a.m. Worship to Go Prep  
10:45 a.m. Worship to Go, Elance/The Barclay,  
3260 Lake Pointe Blvd., Tiffany Room  
12 p.m. Mary Circle, Fellowship Hall  
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota practice,  
choir room and sanctuary

### Wednesday, Jan. 15

10:30 a.m. Prayer Group, Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Property Management Team  
Meeting, Conference Room  
3:15 pm Bereavement Group, Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Voice of Faith Practice, Choir Room

### Thursday, Jan. 16

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting,  
Conference Room  
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, Fellowship Hall  
5 p.m. Food Pantry

### Friday, Jan. 17

8 a.m. Jazzersize, Community Center

### Saturday, Jan. 18

8 a.m. Jazzersize, Community Center  
9 a.m. Diakonia, Conference Room

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

- If you or someone you know would appreciate a communion, hospital or home visit; to be contacted; or to receive a card in the mail.
- To add or remove a name from the Prayer List.

## *Prayer List*

Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri Copper  
Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips  
Tani Banta  
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald  
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael  
Leonhardt  
Dee Burlingame  
Judy Carlsen  
Terry Copper  
Evelyn Conlon  
Merle Cusmano  
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd  
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of Karen  
& John White  
Eloise Dettmer  
Beth & Mary Farmer  
Andrea Gamboa  
Vicki Goffinet  
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles  
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head  
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock  
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen  
Bob Hurdle, friend of Gerry & Karen Kolschowsky &  
friend of Gerri & Terry Copper  
Pete Inkrott  
Jan and Michele  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Kevin Lasko  
Chick Lehmann, husband of Suzie Lehmann  
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
Michael Leonhardt  
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of Susan Wakefield  
Julie & Eli Maresch, niece & grandnephew of Patty  
McKee  
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law of  
Patty McKee  
Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling  
Kim McDonald

Judi Melander  
Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael  
Leonhardt  
Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen  
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan  
Sue Ostrom  
Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max & Pastor Marianne  
Powrie  
Fran Perkins  
Carl Petersen  
Richard Keith Radcliffe, brother of  
Gail Radcliffe Brown  
Annabel Ryan  
Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder &  
sister of Gail Murphy  
Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of Jeremy & Yvonne  
Mullins  
Kathy Schilio  
Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush  
Joan Searles  
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller  
Shirley Schimke  
Pastor John Spittal  
Pamela Spry, mother of Hannah Boyd  
Dr. Heather Stark, friend of Cliff Hornsby  
Mark Stengel  
Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino  
Tess Stransky, daughter, granddaughter, & cousin of  
Lynn Clancy  
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen  
Brittany Wanko & her premature newborn  
infants, Olivia Mae & Emmet Walter  
Friends & Family of Paul Wick  
Dr. Patty White  
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith  
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith  
Jon Wooton  
Celeste & John Yee (daughter and father), friends of  
Marlene Radesk

