



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Jazz Vespers

5 p.m., February 16, 2025



Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

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.

Presiding Minister

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

Assisting Minister

Deacon Scott Rice

Music Director/Organist

Andi Zdrava

Guest Musician

Sean Fitzpatrick

Guest Vocalist

Emma Apsel

Greeters & Ushers

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

Media Team

Kelly Ashlock, Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell, Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Mark Greenwood

Altar Guild

Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson, Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan

Congregation Council

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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Pastor

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

Assistant to the Pastor

Rev. Larry Wright

Retired Pastors in Residence

Rev. John Hilficker

Rev. Marianne Powrie

Rev. John Spittal

Interim Executive Assistant

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.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Take Me to the Alley
Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

Gregory Porter

*Well they guild their houses
In preparation for the King
And they line the sidewalks
With every sort of shiny thing
They will be surprised
When they hear him say*

*Take me to the alley
Take me to the afflicted ones
Take me to the lonely ones that
somehow
Lost their way*

*Let them hear me say
I am your friend
Come to my table
Rest here in my garden
You will have a pardon*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God, our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words
and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty or indifference.

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults, and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts, and repair your world

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In † Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Light Dawns on a Weary World

Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁷ [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him,

- for power came out from him and healed all of them.
- ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
- ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.
“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.
- ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude you, revile you,
and defame you on account of the Son of Man.
- ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,
for surely your reward is great in heaven;
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
- ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.
- ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.
- ²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you,
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Eric+

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

We've Come This Far by Faith

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Refrain

We've come this far by faith,
leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy word,
he's never failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn around,
we've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by faith.

Leader

1 Just remember
the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.
Oh!

Refrain

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leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy word,
he's never failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn around,
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We've come this far by faith.

Leader

2 Don't be discouraged
with trouble in your life;
he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife.
Oh!

Refrain

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leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy word,
he's never failed us yet.
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WE SIT

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

We sing together following each petition

Hear our prayerhear our prayer.— Hear our prayerhear our prayer.

OFFERTORY



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

SONG

We Shall Overcome

Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

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.

OFFERTORY SONG

Peace

Horace Silver

Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

*There's a place that I know
Where the sycamores grow
And daffodils have their fun
Where the cares of the day
Seem to slowly fade away
In the glow of the evening sun
Peace when the day is done*

*If I go there real late
Let my mind meditate
On everything to be done
If I search deep inside*

*Let my conscience be my guide
Then the answers are sure to come
Don't have to worry none*

*When you find peace of mind
Leave your worries behind
Don't say that it can't be done
With this new point of view
Life's true meaning comes to you
And the freedom you seek is won
Peace is for everyone
Peace is for everyone*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

arr. Sean Fitzpatrick

Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal - lowed be they name, your

3

king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us to day our dai - ly bread.

6

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

8

Save us from the time of tri - al and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the

10

king - dom the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours -

12

now and for - e - ver. A - men

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.
All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Blessed Assurance
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again
Sean Fitzpatrick with Emma Apsel

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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

- **Women of Faith** meet for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 17, at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, pastorp2.0@gmail.com.
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.
- **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women's Bible study** meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the library to focus on "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength."
- **Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry** meets for the final gathering of the spring session 9:30-10:30 a.m. this Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the second-floor classroom across

from the elevator. Participants sit at the feet of Professor Amy-Jill Levine as they read from study books and the Bible.

- **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.
 - **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Next week, the group will study Lesson 2, *Decapolis: The Other Side – Jesus and the Man from the Tombs*, in the “Mission of Jesus” series.
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Worship to Go Needs Your Help

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

- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave.
 - **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25**, at Avavilla Memory Care, 3251 Proctor Road.
- Volunteers will meet in the chapel and can carpool to the facility (30 minutes prior). To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055, or show up at the chapel. No experience necessary!
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You Can Bring Small Batteries to Faith for Recycling

You can place small, used batteries in the box on the counter in fellowship hall. Note the sign with the box, which indicates the types of batteries that can be accepted. A kind volunteer will take them to Staples once a week for recycling.

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.

Orthopedic Surgeon Shares Wellness Tips

Join us as Dr. Richard Crank, board certified orthopedic surgeon, shares information and practices that lead to enhanced wellbeing. Breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m., and presentations begin at 10 a.m. on two upcoming Saturdays in fellowship hall.

- Feb. 22: Bursitis, tendonitis and fasciitis – understanding your options.
 - March 1: Bone health and fall prevention – what can you do?
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Pictorial Directory: Have Your Photo Taken Today

Please remember to have your photo taken. Sign up at the studio door at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you! Questions? Contact Lauren Wardach, LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com.

More Giving Envelopes Ready to Pick Up on Narthex Table

Additional 2025 giving envelopes that weren't available previously now are ready for pick up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Patty McKee, 941-228-1192 (cell), 941-921-3709 or financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com.

Pack Seeds to Help Alleviate World Hunger

Hope Seeds lets you help alleviate world hunger! At 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, gather in fellowship hall to package seeds that will be sent all over the world to help people grow food. Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table to indicate that you'll be there.

Plan to Attend the Feb. 23 Annual Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m., next Sunday, Feb. 23, following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. All voting members are encouraged to attend either in person, by video, or by phone (call-in):

- Attend in person at Faith Lutheran in the sanctuary. Voting will be anonymous.
- Attend by video using the Zoom program on your computer, tablet or phone. During the meeting, a Zoom coordinator will seek an anonymous vote from each person separately. To connect via Zoom on Sunday at 11:30 a.m. (before the meeting begins), type or copy the following link into your internet browser:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88459156804?pwd=aDscxBRy1NCx9AcG5n915DbHscUt7d.1>

- Attend by phone (voice only) by calling +1 646 558 8656 at 11:30 a.m. (before the meeting begins). You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID 884 5915 6804 and Passcode 729720. You will then be able to hear and participate in the live meeting. Please note that this option does not allow for anonymous voting. You will be able to vote if you wish, but it will not be anonymous.

Those attending the meeting by video or phone should log in or call at 11:30 a.m. so we can run the virtual side of the meeting with ease, and link everyone appropriately.

Consider Donating to Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. **The need currently is great so, if you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.** If you use giving envelopes, you will find a special Pastor's Discretionary Fund envelope in your packet this month. You also can give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com.

Joy in Receiving God's Blessings: Being a Faithful Steward

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:7). God has granted us, his stewards, many blessings, but the decision is ours whether we will use those gifts for the work of the Lord. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God enables us to use our gifts faithfully and joyfully for his purposes. May God help us all to be the faithful stewards that he wants us to be. *Lord, grant me faith to be a committed, joyful steward of all you entrust to me. Amen.*

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.**

Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with "altar flowers" in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is April 6.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, faithlutheransrq.com.

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

Move to the Music During Zumba Class

Zumba begins at 6 p.m. Mondays 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!

Readers Club Announces Upcoming Selections

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

- Feb. 24: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles, based on a true story set during World War II.
 - March 31: *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Budde, exploring thoughts of the Episcopal bishop of Washington, D.C.
- Come and join the conversation. All are welcome.
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All New Garden Benches Have Been Dedicated

The new garden benches for the Memorial Garden have all been purchased and dedicated in memory of loved ones. Thank you.

Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 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, Feb. 9

Online views	232
8 a.m. in person	35
10:15 a.m. in person	126
5 p.m. in person	19

Next Sunday, Feb. 23

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Joseph forgives his brothers.

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
*The lowly shall possess the land; they will delight
in abundance of peace (Ps. 37:11).*

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
The mystery of the resurrection of the body

Luke 6:27-38
Love your enemies.

This Week at Faith

Monday, Feb. 17

- 8:30 a.m. Women of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts,
8635 S. Tamiami
- 6 p.m. Zumba, community center

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- 8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts,
8635 S. Tamiami
- 9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study,
library
- 11 a.m. Piano Tuning, choir room
- 12:45 p.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel
- 1:30 p.m. Worship to Go, Angels Senior
Living, 5750 Honore
- 6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,
choir room and sanctuary

Wednesday, Feb. 19

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry,
second-floor classroom
- 10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel
- 3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, Feb. 20

- 9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
- 9:30 a.m. Finance Committee, conf. room
- 1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, conf. room
- 4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
- 5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution
- 6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

Friday, Feb. 21

- 8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

Saturday, Feb. 22

- 8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center
- 9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room
- 9:30 a.m. Brunch & Learn with Dr. Richard
Crank, fellowship hall

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

Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips
Michele Bajor
Tani Banta
Randy Boid
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald
Gail Brown
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Dee Burlingame
Judy Carlsen
Evelyn Conlon
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of
Karen & John White
Eloise Dettmer
Joe & Joan Dongarra
Beth & Mary Farmer
Andrea Gamboa
Vicki Goffinet
Hope Hall and Family, sister of Faye Adkins
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Friends & Family of Marilyn Hirsch
Bob Hurdle, friend of the Kolschowskys & Coppers
Pete Inkrott
Jan and Michele
Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Michael Kolschowsky
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk
Lillian Lapenckas
Kevin Lasko
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 Paul & Debbie Maresch, family of
Patty McKee
Kim McDonald
Matt McKelvey, friend of Lois Weaverling

Judi Melander
Jay Millard, son of John and Judy Millard
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
Floyd Ryder
Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder &
sister of Gail Murphy
Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of Jeremy &
Yvonne Mullins
Kathy Schilio
Shirley Schimke
Heather Schott, Les Lorenz's step-daughter-in-law
Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush
Joan Searles
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller
Pastor John Spittal
Pamela Spry, mother of Hannah Boyd
Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino
Tess Stransky, cousin of Lynn Clancy
Kris Sullivan
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk
Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Friends & Family of Tyler Tynefield,
loved one of Dee Burlingame
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith
Dr. Patty White
Friends & Family of Paul Wick
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith
Jon Wooton
Celeste & John Yee, friends of Marlene Radesk