

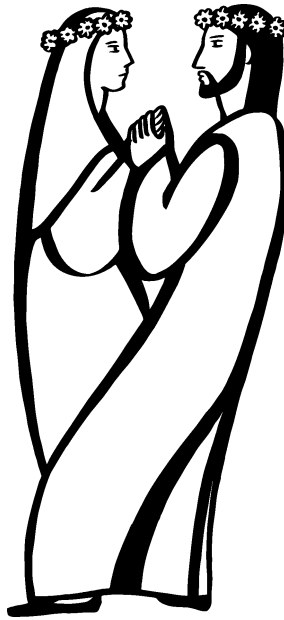


# Faith Lutheran Church

We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m., October 6, 2024



Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

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 given by the Glory of God.**

**Presiding Ministers**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Larry Wright

**Lector**

Michael Leonhardt

**Director of Music/Organist**

Andi Zdrava

**Cantor**

Jesse Martin

**Vocals**

Voices of Faith Choir

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treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Quyen Dang;  
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**Pastor**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

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Rev. Larry Wright

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Rev. John Hilficker  
Rev. Marianne Powrie  
Rev. John Spittal

**Church Administrator/  
Executive Assistant to the Pastor**

Kelly Ashlock / 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE STAND***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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (brief silence)

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: 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.**

# Gathering Hymn

# All Are Welcome

Verses 1, 3, and 4

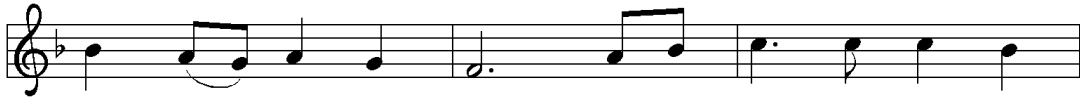
ELW 641  
We sing together



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er, bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen  
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## Greeting


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

C: And also with you.

## Kyrie

*We sing together*

*Refrain*




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,




let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

# Canticle of Praise

We sing together


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and




join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

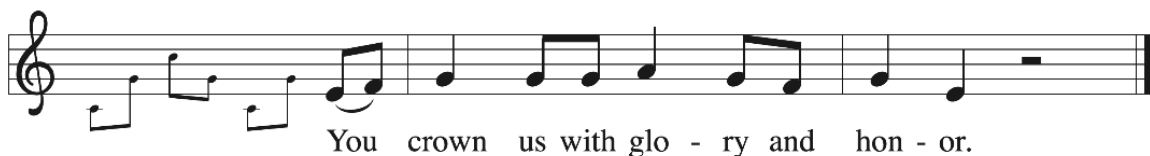
L: A reading from Genesis

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Refrain: Psalm 8:5



Psalm 8:5

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## **Psalmody: Psalm 8:1-9**

L: You crown us with glory and honor. <sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! <sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, <sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

**C: Refrain.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them. <sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet: <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea. <sup>9</sup>O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**C: Refrain.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

L: A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet. "Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# Children's Sermon

## WE STAND

### Gospel Acclamation

*We sing together*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

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

P: <sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

<sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?”

<sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.”

<sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you.

<sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’

<sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,

<sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

<sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her;

<sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.

<sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

<sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

<sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed 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**

**Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

ELW 656

*We sing together*



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.  
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

## **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**

*Following each prayer petition, we respond:*

L: ... God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*As the prayers conclude:*

P: ... Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*WE STAND*

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.*

*WE SIT*

### **Offertory**



*The offering is collected at this time. 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.*

**Offertory Anthem**

**Lord, Listen to your Children**  
*Voices of Faith Choir*

Medeme Ken

*WE STAND*

*We sing together  
(See next page)*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

## Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*We sing together*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God ...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...

... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

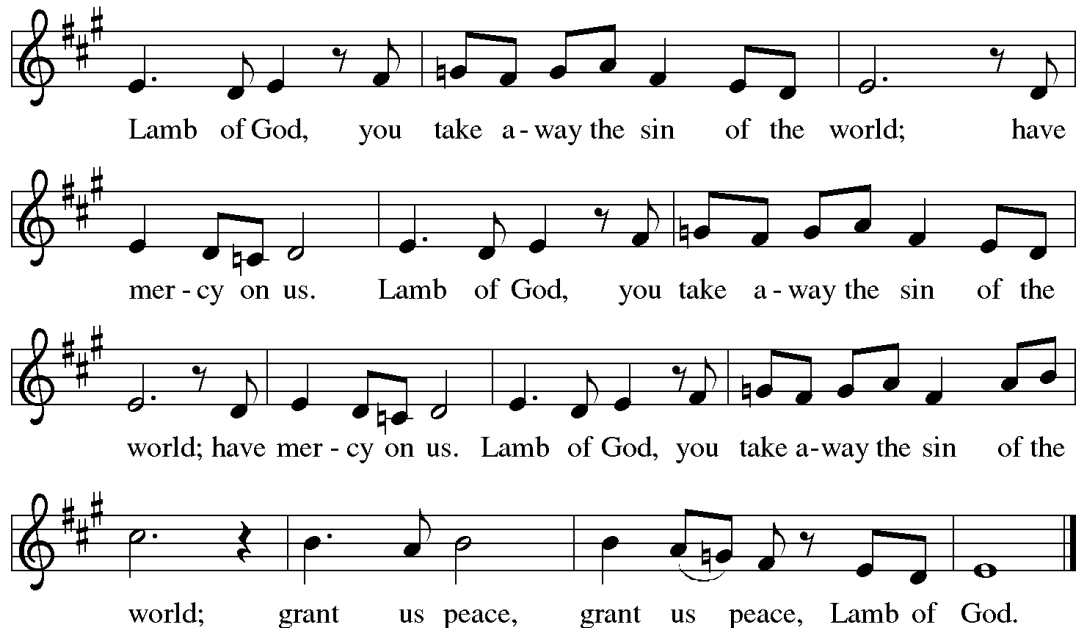
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **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 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*WE SIT*

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.*

**Communion Anthem**

**Break Thou The Bread of Life**

**Stan Pethel**

*Voices of Faith Choir*

*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. 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.

## Sending Song

## All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW 835

Verses 1 – 4

We sing together



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the  
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Beethoven

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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 meets between services in the conference room.** Next week, participants will continue the study of the "Path to the Cross" video series. Next week: The Passover
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. each Tuesday at Skillets, 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** will convene this study beginning **Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing each Wednesday through November 13<sup>th</sup>.** Each one-hour session begins at **9:30 a.m. and meets in the second-floor classroom** across from the elevator.
- **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. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.

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## *Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays*

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel.** If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.

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## *You Can Help Needy through 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.** You can give through the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com), or by designating a check or cash contribution. Thank you!



## ***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***

God gives us the talents, abilities and gifts necessary for our tasks, and then God grants us the glorious privilege of serving in the kingdom.

“For we are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9).

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## ***Join Faith Walk and Talk for Active Fellowship***

Prayer, an outdoor walk, coffee fellowship and a closing prayer of thanks bring people together during Faith Walk and Talk. Join the group at **9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and the second Saturday of each month outside of Panera Gulf Gate, 6589 S. Tamiami Trail.** If you would enjoy the talk but not the walk, arrive at 10:30 a.m. Questions? Contact Carolyn Francis, 941-400-0083.

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

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

- **10:45 a.m., this Tuesday, Oct. 8,** in the independent living facility’s Tiffany Room at Elancé, next door to Faith. Volunteers will review the service at 10 a.m. in the chapel.
- **1:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 14,** at Sarabella Senior Living, 5650 Gantt Road. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel and will carpool to the facility.
- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15,** 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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## ***Learn about Hope Seeds THIS TUESDAY!!!***

All members of Faith , male or female are invited to a very exciting meeting of **Mary Circle on this Tuesday , October 8.** To be informed about a new mission opportunity for the church. Lunch will be provided, afterwards we will begin to participate in this important work.

So, what is it ? Our opportunity is to be able to participate in bagging seeds for Hope Seeds International, a group started by Hope Lutheran Church , radenton in 1999. This organization is dedicated to providing those who are food needy with seeds to grow their own food. Currently the group has over 1,000 volunteers in many churches and organizations.

Last year 816,961 packets were created and sent to over 25 countries. Each packet also contains the Gospel Message of Hope in language of the recipients.

Want to know more ? Check out their website at [hopeseeds.org](http://hopeseeds.org) So what can you do? Attend the meeting on October 8. We will start at **11:30, a half hour earlier than usual to fit everything in our schedule. First, enjoy a delicious lunch provided through a Thrivent Action Grant.**

Then, listen to Maxine Balsbaugh, executive assistant at Hope Seeds explain the group's mission. Lastly, help to bag the seeds! We are hoping people here at Faith will embrace this mission and bag once a month.

Please sign upon the sheet provided in the narthex or email Janet Petersen at [lurvstitches55@gmail.com](mailto:lurvstitches55@gmail.com). or DonnaPappalardo at [donna326@aol.com](mailto:donna326@aol.com).

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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 Sunday, Oct. 27.** 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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## ***First Workshop on New Pictorial Church Directory***

On October 27th we will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM, to learn how to use our church software for the purpose of creating a digital pictorial directory and to maintain our own personal information. You are welcome to bring your laptop, tablet or mobile phone as members or long-term visitors of the congregation.

Our Evangelism Ministry Team and Finance Committee will offer an informational presentation to talk through the easy steps necessary. If you are familiar with downloading apps, you are welcome to download the IconCMO app on your mobile device in advance of the workshop.

During the session, you'll learn how to use Faith's safe and secure church software system to:

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

Adult Forum will not meet Oct. 27.

Prior to the Oct. 27 sessions, please be sure to fill out a Household Email Form. The forms will be distributed as you enter the sanctuary on several Sundays earlier in October. You can complete the form and place it in the offering plate.

The other two dates for the same information will be held on Nov. 17 and Jan. 12, 2025. For more information or to ask questions, contact Lauren Wardach, 941-529-6879 or [LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com](mailto:LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com).

# *Worship and Service Calendar*

## **Worship Services**

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

### **Sunday, Sept. 29**

Online views	263
8 a.m. in person	25
10:15 a.m. in person	112

### **Next Sunday, Oct. 13**

#### **First Reading**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Turn from injustice to the poor, that you may live.

#### **Psalmody**

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply  
our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12).

#### **Second Reading**

Hebrews 4:12-16

Approach the throne of grace with boldness.

#### **Gospel**

Mark 10:17-31

Teaching on wealth and reward

## **This Week at Faith**

### **Monday, Oct. 7**

### **Tuesday, Oct. 8**

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts  
9:30 a.m. Women Bible Study, library  
10 a.m. Woship to Go Prep, chapel  
10:45 a.m. Worship to Go at Elance  
11:30 a.m. Hope Seeds/Mary's Circle,  
fellowship hall  
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,  
choir room and sanctuary

### **Wednesday, Oct. 9**

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel  
11 a.m. Property Committee Meeting,  
conference room  
1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

### **Thursday, Oct. 10**

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery,  
food pantry  
1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, Room 212  
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep  
5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

### **Friday, Oct. 11**

8 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### **Saturday, Oct. 12**

8 a.m. Jazzercise, gym  
9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room  
9:30 a.m. Faith Walk and Talk, Panera Bread

### **Sunday, Oct. 13**

8 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary  
9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, conference room  
9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith Rehersal, choir room  
10:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary  
2 p.m. German Congregation Service,  
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*

Alan  
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri Copper  
Alex  
Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips  
Chuck & Tani Banta  
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald  
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis &  
Michael Leonhardt  
Dee Burlingame  
Judy Carlsen  
Friends & Family of Joel Concepcion, friend  
of Kelly Ashlock  
Evelyn Conlon  
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of  
Karen & John White  
Eloise Dettmer  
Ryan Donahue, friend of Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia  
Andrea Gamboa  
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  
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita & Jon Wooton  
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  
Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max &  
Pastor Marianne Powrie  
Fran Perkins  
Family & Friends of Wally Pina  
Family & Friends of Cindy Press, friend of Kevin &  
Linda Fewell  
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  
Pastor John Spittal  
Dr. Heather Stark, friend of Cliff Hornsby  
Mark Stengel  
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene  
Radesk  
David Turnbull, husband of Patricia White  
Brittany Wanko & her premature newborn  
infants, Olivia Mae & Emmet Walter  
Jon Wooton  
Celeste & John Yee, daughter and father of Marlene  
Radesk