



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

5 p.m., February 9, 2025



The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory.

"Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

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.**

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Deacon Scott Rice
<b>Director of Music/Organist</b>	Andi Zdrava
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<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
<b>Assistant to the Pastor</b>	Rev. Larry Wright
<b>Retired Pastors in Residence</b>	Rev. John Hilficker Rev. Marianne Powrie Rev. John Spittal
<b>Interim Executive Assistant</b>	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

### 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

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.

*(pause for reflection)*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We  
have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have  
done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our  
whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the**

**sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: 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.**

## **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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]**

L: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” [<sup>9</sup> And he said, “Go and say to this people: ‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’ <sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said: “Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; <sup>12</sup> until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 138: 2

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



I will bow down toward your ho - ly tem - ple.

Psalm 138:2

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## PSALMODY: Psalm 138

L: <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

### C: Refrain

L: <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. <sup>4</sup> All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord. <sup>6</sup> The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

### C: Refrain

L: <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me. <sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

### C: Refrain

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

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*WE STAND*

**GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

**P:** <sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were

beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Here I Am, Lord**  
*We sing together*

**ELW 574**



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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## WE SIT

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

L: God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Enable emergency relief, economic development, food-security programs and refugee-support services to find resources necessary to continue to help vulnerable global citizens. We ask a special blessing for Lutheran service agencies that have been defunded and whose critical work is threatened. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they may respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict, and for enduring peace in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Russia, Ukraine, Haiti, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and all areas of the world that are rocked by unrest. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind. Draw helpers to their side so that they may find relief from their burdens. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts (*pause*). God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we, too, show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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



*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](http://faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

## SONG: 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. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: 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**

### **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. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG: The Cross**

### *Verse 1*

You've been trying hard to bear  
The weight of all your shame.  
And if there's a God up there  
You're sure He forgot your name.  
When your steps are getting heavy  
And hope looks all but lost,  
Just bring it all to the cross.

### *Chorus*

Come and see a Savior's love  
That would die to make you new.  
Nothing you have ever done  
Can change what mercy's done for you.  
And if you ever wonder  
If you're worth so great a cost,  
Look up and see the cross.

### *Verse 2*

Who told you grace can't reach  
The messed up ones like you?  
Has the devil made you believe  
The lies he tells are true?  
When you're sure that you're the one  
Who's wandered too far off,  
It's not too late -  
Just come home to the cross.

### *Chorus*

Come and see a Savior's love  
That would die to make you new.  
Nothing you have ever done  
Can change what mercy's done for you.  
And if you ever wonder  
If you're worth so great a cost,  
Look up and see the cross.

### *Verse 3*

Everybody's got a list  
At least a mile long  
Of every scar and every sin  
From everywhere that we've gone wrong.  
But there's reason for rejoicing,  
And the reason is because  
That list was nailed to the cross.

### *Chorus*

Come and see a Savior's love  
That would die to make you new.  
Nothing you have ever done  
Can change what mercy's done for you.  
And if you ever wonder  
If you're worth so great a cost,  
Look up and see the cross.

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C:** **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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## ***Souper Bowl! Support the Team of Your Choice***

It's time for the Souper Bowl! Today, place donations of canned soup on one of the tables in fellowship hall – one table for the Philadelphia Eagles and one for the Kansas City

Chiefs. Donations of toilet paper, which are much needed, also count. The team with the most donations wins this year's Faith Souper Bowl ... and our neighbors who visit the Faith Food Pantry will be winners as they benefit from your generosity.

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

- **Adult Forum** takes a break next week so everyone can attend the 2025-2026 Church Budget Question and Answer Session (see separate announcement). Adult Forum will resume Feb. 23 when the group will study Lesson 2, *Decapolis: The Other Side – Jesus and the Man from the Tombs*, in the “Mission of Jesus” series.
  - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. this Tuesday, Feb. 11, 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 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays through 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. First timers are warmly welcome!
  - **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.
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### ***Mary Circle Meets to Donate to, Learn about Food Pantry***

**Mary Circle** meets at noon, Tuesday, Feb. 11, in fellowship hall for a monthly luncheon meeting featuring a talk by Linda Burton. She will discuss the impact of the Faith Food Pantry on our community and how it changes lives. **Please bring paper goods such as toilet paper or paper towels to donate to the Faith Food Pantry.** All women are warmly invited. Come and try it out! Bring your lunch. Dessert is provided.

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### ***Be There Feb. 15 for an Unforgettable Evening of Jazz***

Prepare to be captivated by an unforgettable evening of jazz as we welcome the extraordinary pianist **Sean Fitzpatrick** and vocalist **Emma Apse** at **7 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, at Faith. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.** With more than 20 years of experience in the vibrant jazz scene of New York City, Sean is acclaimed for his innovative approach and imaginative performances. A graduate of New York University and the Aaron Copland School of Music, he has graced stages at iconic venues such as The Blue Note and Jazz at Lincoln Center, as well as international festivals across Europe and Asia. **Purchase tickets, which are \$30 each, through the Online Giving page on Faith’s website. Under the Worship tab, click Online Giving, then click the Make Offering button. Scroll down to find “Sean Fitzpatrick Jazz**

**Trio Concert.” You also can purchase tickets from the church office during regular office hours or from a choir member during coffee hour following 10:15 a.m. worship.** Don’t miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the enchanting world of jazz! NOTE: In lieu of our contemporary worship service, Sean and Emma will also lead us in a special Jazz Mass at 5 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16.

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

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

- **10:45 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11**, at Elancé, 3260 Lake Pointe Blvd., Tiffany Room.
- **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.

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### ***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](mailto:financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com).

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### ***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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### ***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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## ***Plan to Attend the Feb. 23 Annual Meeting***

The Annual Congregational Meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m., 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>.

- 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.

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## ***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](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

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## ***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 our 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.*

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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](mailto:LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com).

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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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## ***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 March 9 and 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](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

With 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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## ***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!

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## ***Church Budget Q&A Outlines 2025-2026 Details***

Plan to attend the Faith Lutheran 2025-2026 Budget Question and Answer session between the two morning worship services next Sunday, Feb. 16, in the conference room. Note that Adult Forum will not meet next week.

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## ***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.

## Readers Club Announces Upcoming Selections

The Faith Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the final Monday of each month.

- 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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## Worship and Service Calendar

### Worship Services

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

### Sunday, Feb. 2

Online views	237
8 a.m. in person	48
10:15 a.m. in person	126
5 p.m. in person	17

### Next Sunday, Feb. 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
*Blessed are those who trust the Lord; they are like trees by water.*

Psalm 1  
*They are like trees planted by streams of water (Ps. 1:3).*

1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
*Christ has been raised, the first fruits of those who have died.*

Luke 6:17-26  
*Jesus speaks blessings on the poor and hungry; woes on the rich and full.*

### This Week at Faith

#### Monday, Feb. 10

5 p.m. Executive Committee, conf. room  
6 p.m. Zumba, community center

#### Tuesday, Feb. 11

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami  
9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library  
10:15 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel  
10:45 .m. Worship to Go, Tiffany Room at Elancé (next door to Faith)  
12 p.m. Mary Circle, fellowship hall  
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

#### Wednesday, Feb. 12

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry, second-floor classroom  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel  
11:30 a.m. Property Committee, conf. room  
3:15 pm Bereavement Group, chapel

#### Thursday, Feb. 13

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall  
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. 14

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

#### Saturday, Feb. 15

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center  
9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room  
10 a.m. WELCA Mid-Gulf Planning, fellowship hall  
7 p.m. Sean Fitzpatrick Jazz Trio

**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  
Beth & Mary Farmer  
Andrea Gamboa  
Vicki Goffinet  
Hope Hall and Family, sister of Faye Adkins  
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  
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 Maresch, niece & grandnephew of  
Patty McKee  
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law 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  
Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush  
Joan Searles  
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller  
Pastor John Spittal  
Pamela Spry, mother of Hannah Boyd  
Mark Stengel  
Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino  
Tess Stransky, cousin of Lynn Clancy  
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  
Ophelia Urbanski, granddaughter of  
Mark and Ann Greenwood  
Dr. Patty White  
Friends & Family of Paul Wick  
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith  
Jon Wooton  
Celeste & John Yee, friends of Marlene Radesk

