



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
January 22, 2023, 10:15 a.m.



Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church  
*Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others*

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:



No Name  
No Dedication

**Presiding Ministers:**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen, Pastor  
Rev. Larry Wright, Assistant Pastor

**Lector:**

Ron Trostel

**Director of Music/Organist:**

David V. Patrick

**Cantor:**

Hannah Boyd

**Vocals:**

Voices of Faith Choir

**Greeters & Ushers:**

Thomas & Amanda Bright, Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Jan Phillips, Scott Rice, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

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Kevin Fewell

**Altar Guild:**

Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Janet Phillips,  
Steve & Peggy Ragan

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**Retired Pastors in Residence:**

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Rev. John Spittal

**Office Administrator:**

Cate Teague

**Sunday Sexton:**

Thomas Bright

**Lead Cantor/Music Librarian:**

Tom Tryon

**Artist in Residence:**

Dr. Joseph Holt

Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector **C: Congregation**

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

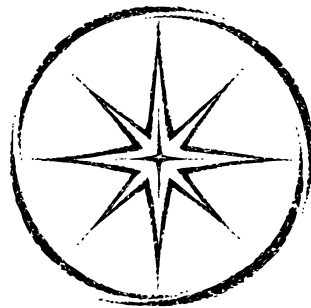
P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✠ Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

I Love to Tell the Story

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# I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

## *Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

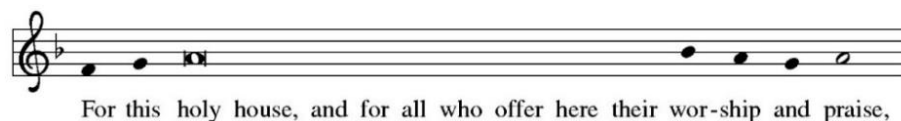
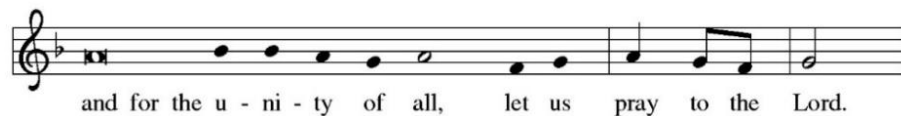
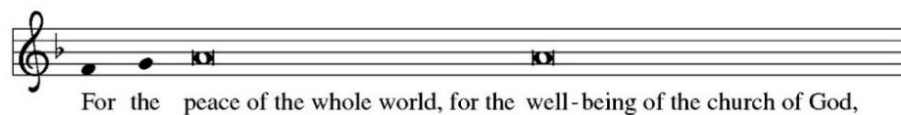
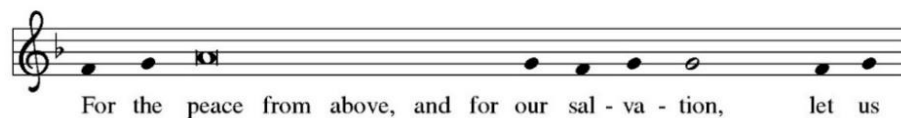
WE STAND

## GREETING

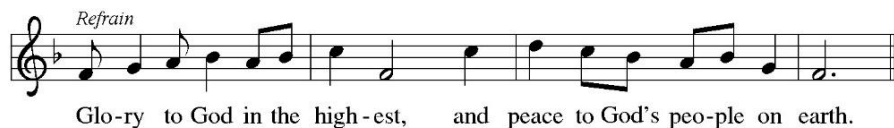
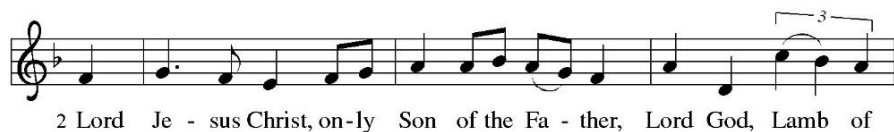
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE



# GLORIA



P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

WE SIT

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4**

L: A READING FROM ISAIAH

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**(whenever children are present)**



## PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 27: 1



Psalm 27:1

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### Psalm: Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze  
upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God | in the temple.  
<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places  
of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- on a rock.  
<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will  
sing and make music to the Lord.

#### Refrain

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.  
<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."  
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.  
<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of  
my salvation.

#### Refrain

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L: A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions



among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

<sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

<sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

<sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

<sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

<sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

<sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

<sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

WE STAND

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.  
<sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,  
<sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:  
<sup>15</sup>"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned."  
<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."  
<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.  
<sup>19</sup>And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."  
<sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him.  
<sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.  
<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.  
<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

WE SIT

**SERMON**

Rev. Larry Wright

WE STAND

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Will You Come and Follow Me  
Verses 1, 2 and 5

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# Will You Come and Follow Me

## *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

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## Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WE SIT

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation (other ecumenical ministries in which the congregation takes part may be named).

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. We pray for an end of the war in Ukraine and for our just peace to be established.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you now silently or aloud. [PAUSE FOR RESPONSES].

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. We thank you for the life of Stanforth Forbes. We ask for you to welcome him into the place of paradise. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

WE STAND

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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

WE SIT

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

We Who Are Called

words and music by Carolyn Hamlin

We who are called by your great name now humbly seek your face; forgive our sins, restore our lives within this hallowed place.

Let us know your will, Lord, teach us with your mind, for you can make the difference, Lord, as your way we find.

May your heart be ours, Lord, as we rise to see the broken lives around us who need a touch from Thee.

Encouraged when we seek you, uplifted when we fall; sustain us now within your grace as on your name we call.

Let us know your will, Lord, take us from our knees to soar to heights where eagles fly, from our paths of ease.

Clasp our hands in yours, Lord, bind our hearts as one to blend our lives in service, Lord, Thy will, thy work be done.

*The offering is collected at this time. Online giving also is available at [www.faithlutheransrq.com](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com). We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of Faith Lutheran's ministries. When the offering plates are brought forward, the congregation stands and sings.*

WE STAND

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## *Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of the musical score features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a repeat sign at the end of the first phrase. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -'.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,'.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

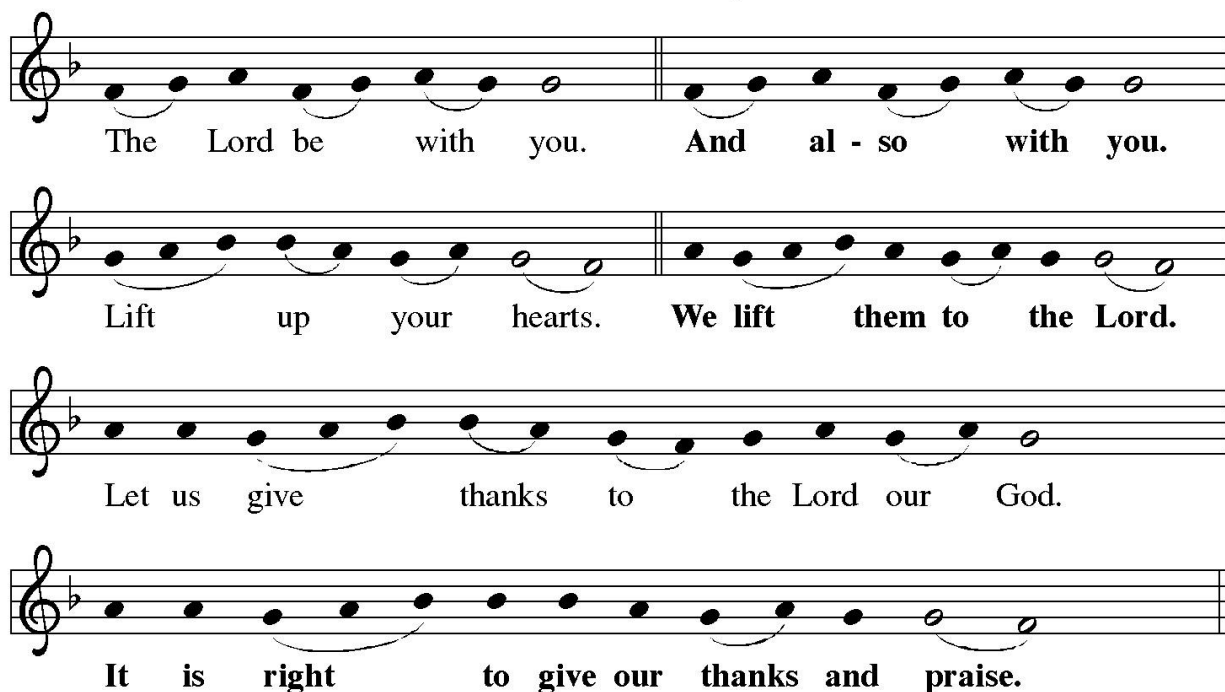
The fifth system concludes the piece with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.'.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

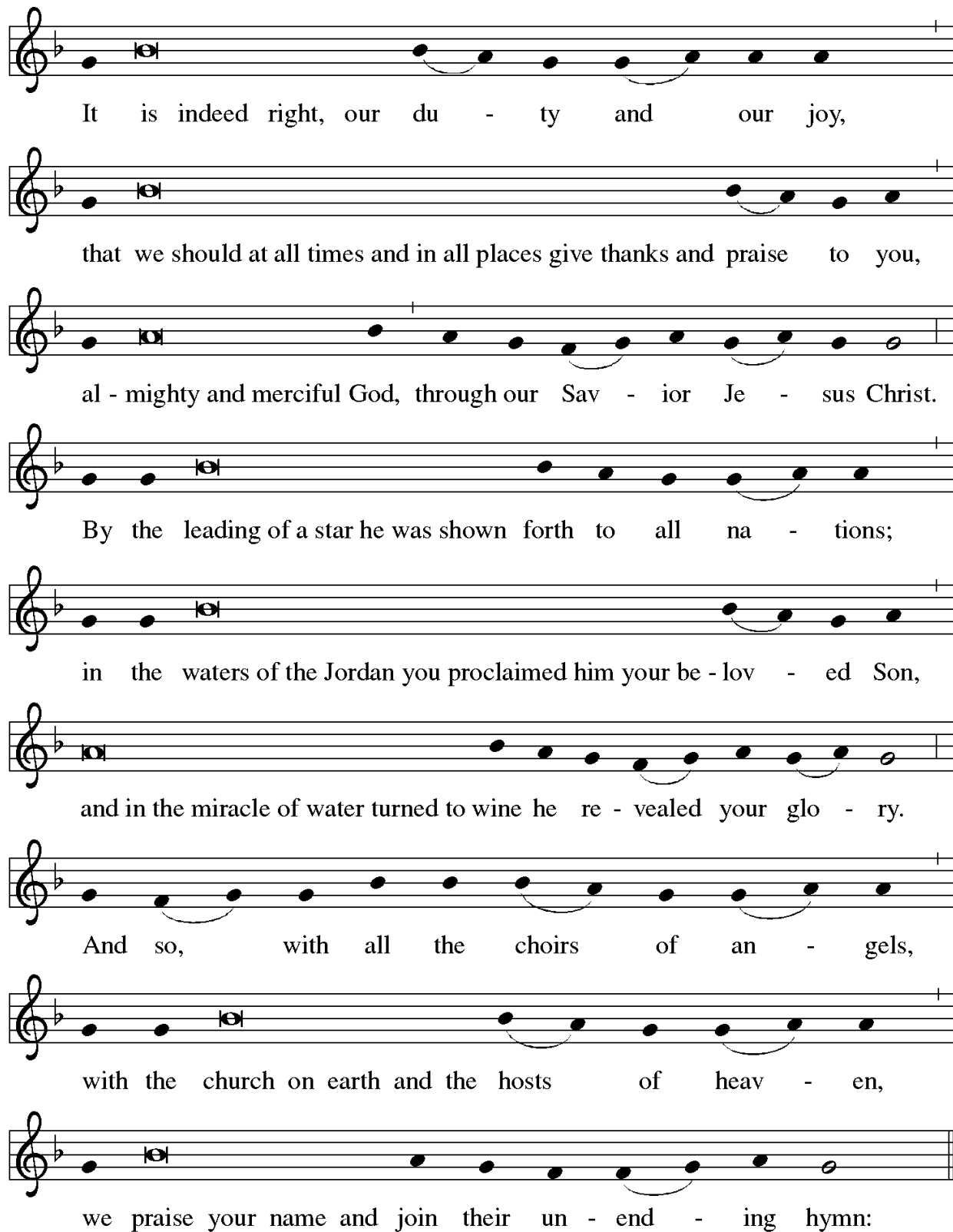
**C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



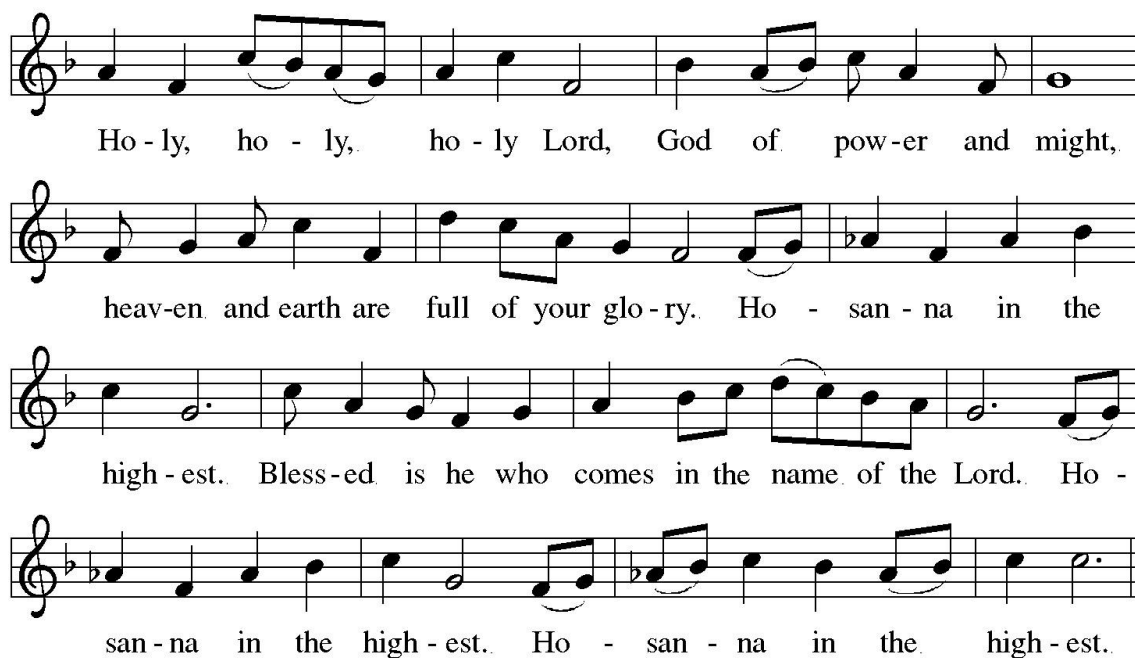


## PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all na - tions;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your be - lov - ed Son,  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he re - vealed your glo - ry.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

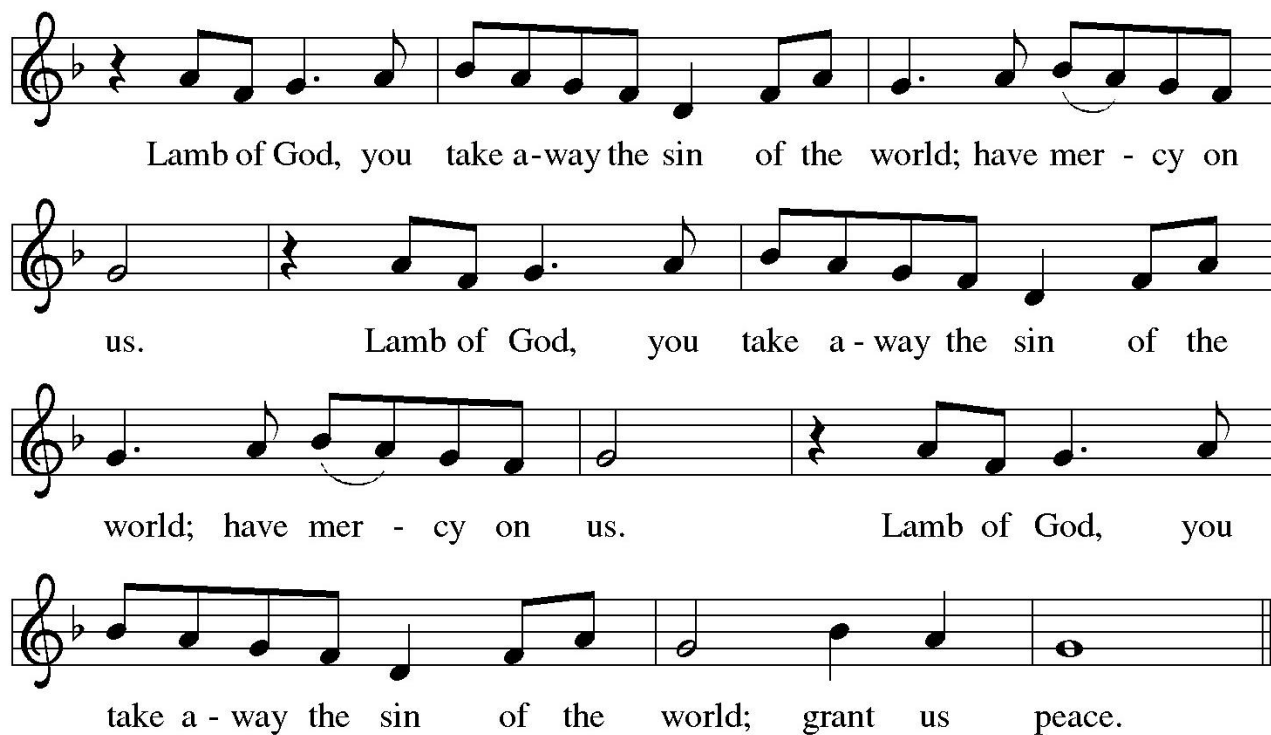
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.

**C: Holy One,**  
**we thank you for the healing**  
**that springs forth abundantly from this table.**  
**Renew our strength to do justice,**  
**love kindness,**  
**and journey humbly with you.**  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**



## SENDING SONG

In Thee Is Gladness

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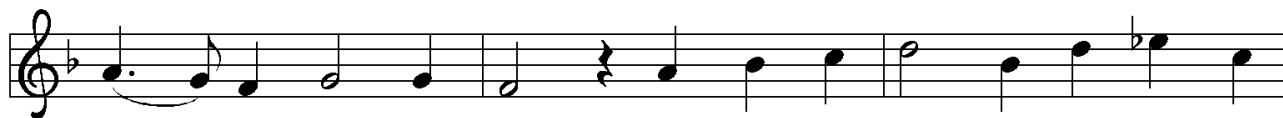
# In Thee Is Gladness



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



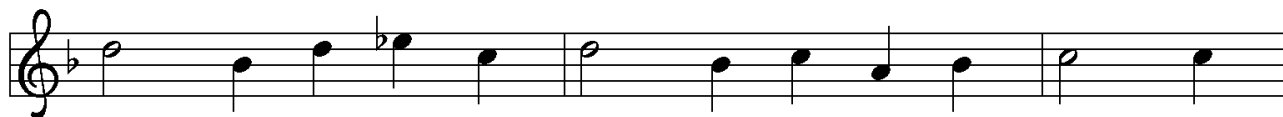
true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him

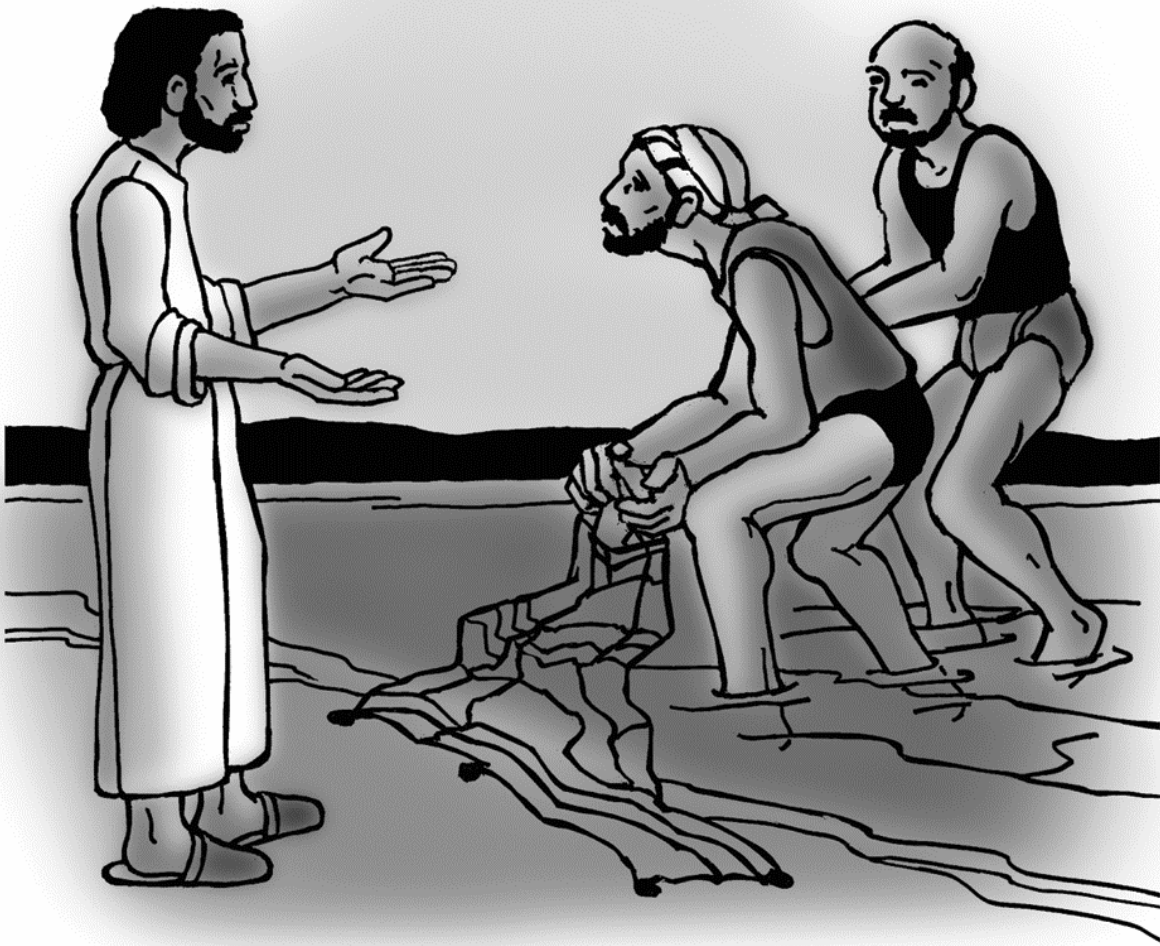


to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

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# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.\*

In-Person & \*Live-Streamed at

[www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service)

Sunday, Jan. 15, Online views: 70

Sunday, Jan. 15, Attendance: 169

**Next: Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023**

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Lectionary 4, Year A

### Micah 6:1-8

The offering of justice, kindness,  
humility

### Psalms 15

Lord, who may abide upon your holy  
hill? (Ps. 15:1)

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ crucified, the wisdom and  
power of God

### Matthew 5:1-12

The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes



## This Week at Faith

### Monday, Jan. 23

2:00 p.m. Readers Club

### Tuesday, Jan. 24

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith,  
Breakfast at Skillet's

9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Bible Study,  
conference room

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, library

6:00 p.m. Rehearsal: Diversity: Voices of  
Sarasota Choir, sanctuary

### Wednesday, Jan. 25

9:30 a.m. Bible Study: Signs and Wonders

10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting & Communion,  
chapel

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group,  
chapel

### Thursday, Jan. 26

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter

6 p.m. Jazzercise, gym

### Friday, Jan. 27

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### Saturday, Jan. 28

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9:00 a.m. Diakonia,  
conference room

12:00 p.m. Sarasota Country Club Annual  
Meeting, fellowship hall

### Sunday, Jan. 29

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum,  
conference room

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal,  
choir room

3:00 p.m. German Congregation Service  
sanctuary



## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. **Please let us know that you visited by 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.

## Let Us Pray

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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## Adult Forum resumes meeting **TODAY, January 22nd**

Adult Forum will meet today, **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** for Volume 4 Lesson 7 "The Weight of the World" of "That the World May Know" video series. We will meet in the conference room between the two morning worship services from 9:10 – 9:50am.

Pack your bags! We're going on a journey with Ray Vander Laan, a Biblical scholar. A quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the Faith Lessons Digital series is an adventure in biblical learning. You will discover why Jesus turned the world upside down with his compelling call to follow Him. The insights you gain will transform your reading of the Gospels and inspire a deeper faith commitment.



## Faith Lutheran Blood Drive **TODAY at Church!**



**TODAY, Sunday, January 22, 2023**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Faith Lutheran is hosting a Blood Drive.

For more information, contact Patti McKee at (941) 921-3709 or the church office.

Walk-ins welcome!

It's not too late to sign-up for an appointment:

[https://donor.suncoastblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/35552](https://donor.suncoastblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/35552)

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## Men of Faith –Skilletts

Join us for a hearty breakfast, prayer, and fellowship at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail on **Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome!

Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Eric at [pastor@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:pastor@faithlutheransrq.com) or call the church office!



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## Confirmation Class

### Confirmed in Christ



Our class time is **4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays**. Our next class is **Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>**.

This comprehensive confirmation program is more than just a class. It seeks to provide experiences and opportunities in which the individual can grow in faith as a Christian (i.e., worship, relationships with peers and mentors, small group experiences, and ministry opportunities).

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## Readers Club

Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the last Monday of the month in the church library. **Jan. 30**, discussion is about *Haven Point* by Virginia Hume.

For more information, contact Kathy Schilio, [schilmo@yahoo.com](mailto:schilmo@yahoo.com). **Please join!**



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## Altar Flowers



Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The price is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two vases. The next available Sunday is **Feb. 5**.

**After the second service on Sunday, you may take your flowers home or donate them to a person or place of your choice. Indicate your wish on the flower donation board in the fellowship hall or on our webpage.**

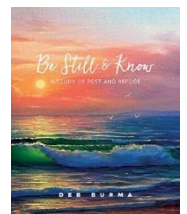
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## G.I.F.T.S. meeting on Feb. 14

G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) will continue studying "Be Still and Know" by Deb Burma at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14**, in the conference room.

We look forward to continuing our exploration of Psalm 46.

Please join us.



## Let's Pray!



Looking for a time to pray with members of our Faith family? Join us at **10:30 a.m. Wednesdays** in the chapel.

We will pray for ourselves, loved ones, those in need, our church community, the larger community that we serve, our nation and the world. Bring your concerns and your desire to connect with our loving heavenly Father! We will conclude with Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? NOTE: If you need the sacrament brought to your house, please let us know or take consecrated elements home with you on Sunday if you are in town.

Please join us via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting: **Meeting ID: 871 4720 3661, Passcode: 041291**

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## Bereavement Group

Join our Bereavement Group at **1 p.m. Wednesdays** in the chapel.

If you or a friend can use some help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you. There is strength in community. Help spread the word of hope.



## Stewardship – A Living Faith: Fulfilling God's Purpose!



The theme on the final week for our program Fulfilling God's Purpose! is "Giving Joyfully and Generously." We give because God first gave to us. As created and redeemed people, we give out of gratitude and thanksgiving for his lavish love for us. Our giving honors and worships our Lord. Giving supports our Lord's church, spreads the Gospel, and helps the needy.

We hope and pray that this program, Fulfilling God's Purpose! has blessed you and has helped you grow as a God-pleasing steward. **Sunday January 29th** we will be bringing our pledge cards to the altar to present to our Lord. We thank GOD for all he has given us, including the ability to give back to the head of the Church, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. AMEN!

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## Pastor's Discretionary Fund Needs Your Help

Pastor Eric often is in conversation with members of the congregation or the community about specific needs and aid they might require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund provides him the means to help financially, when necessary.

**Thank you for the strong congregational response thus far! If you are able, please consider a donation so vulnerable members of our community can continue to receive emergency assistance.**



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## Joan's Soup Freezer



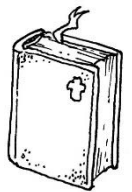
The soup fridge is filling up! Please consider making a donation or simply taking one of the delicious soups found in the fridge labeled Joan's Soup in the kitchen. Please help us keep this Ministry, founded by Joan March, going. If making a contribution, please label with the type of soup and when it was made. Thanks so much!

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## Adult Bible Study Resumes Its Winter Session

"Signs and Wonders" - A study of Jesus' Miracles

Ever wonder about the stories of Jesus' miracles? Believers are very familiar with Jesus' feeding of the 5,000, and the stilling of the storm. What do we make of these accounts? Actual happenings? Metaphorical stories? Let's explore these questions together. Perhaps the big question is not "did this happen?" but "what does it mean?" Both questions deserve our faithful deliberation and interpretation!



Our theologian in residence, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, will by DVD lecture and student book provide grist for our mill, featuring 6 selected miracle stories. Our Faith Endowment Fund will provide a student book for each who registers for the class.

Pastor Larry will lead this Six-Week study **beginning Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, and continuing each Wednesday **through February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Each one-hour session begins at 9:30 a.m. and meets in the second-floor classroom in the Community Center across from the elevator.

**It's not too late to register for this class.  
Welcome all! Refreshments! Great discussion! Fellowship!**



## *Prayer List*



**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Jeff & Nancy Arntsen  
Anna Bancroft, 6 years old,  
friend of Alyene Weaver  
Family & Friends of Kevin Beard  
Tommy Bright  
Charles Budreau  
Dee Burlingame  
Michael O. Cannon, father of Kay Cannon  
Cheryl Cook  
Joan Cotton  
Eloise Dettmer  
Megan Fairlie  
Family & Friends of Marlene Falconer  
Elizabeth Farmer  
Family & Friends of Stanforth Forbes  
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler  
Andrea Gamboa  
Elaine Graham  
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen  
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles  
Christiana Holmes  
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita and Jon Wooton  
Mary Janice Holt  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez

Paul & Debby Maresch  
Kathryn McLaughlin  
Judi Melander  
Ed Miller  
Kristin Mohammed  
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins  
Family & Friends of Dennis Pappalardo  
Virginia Link-Pease, wife of James Pease  
Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia  
Fritz Rappold  
Family & Friends of Deacon Sue Rice  
Gabriel Rockwell  
Beverly & Floyd Ryder  
Family & Friends of Dick Sanks  
Ken Schell, brother of Mike (Gwen) Schell  
Rev. John Spittal  
Dieter Smirnow  
Michael and Marie Smith, friends of Carole Inkrott  
Cathy Stubenvoll  
Michelle Terrell, niece of Kay Cannon  
Colette Thornbloom  
Marlene Wiest  
Jon Wooton

**Jeremiah 29:12 "Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you."**

Contact the church office if:

- You or someone you know would like a **communion visit, hospital or home visit, or to be contacted.**
- You know of someone who would appreciate **receiving a card in the mail.**
- You would like to **serve as a Eucharistic Minister.**
- You have an addition to the Prayer List. Please send an email with the individual's name to [officeadmin@faithlutheransra.com](mailto:officeadmin@faithlutheransra.com). Please send updates when prayers are answered

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Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.

## OUR VISION

To be an ELCA congregation that displays the true, unending love of Christ. To promote peace, social justice and grace throughout all we do.

## THE ELCA

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