



Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name!
23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

November 13, 2022, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.



There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire, and the tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

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 to the glory of God by Florence Marer, and by Floyd & Beverly Ryder. They honor Florence's husband, Walter, who fought in WWII, and all brave veterans, and are in loving memory of the Ryders' son, Floyd Alan Ryder.



Thank You for Serving Today

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector:

8 a.m. Mark Nelson | 10:15 a.m. Linda Fewell

Director of Music/Organist:

David V. Patrick

Lead Cantor/Music Librarian:

Tom Tryon

Vocals:

Voices of Faith Choir

Artist in Residence:

Dr. Joseph Holt

Greeters & Ushers:

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

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

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Office Administrator:

Cate Teague

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. NOTE: This service is being live-streamed. While we try to avoid filming congregants, it may happen at times.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE STAND

OPENING LITURGY

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for confession and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.

We have ignored voices that call for your justice.

We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.

We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community.

We truly repent of things we have done and left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness,

follow the way of the Spirit and build up the body of Christ.

Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



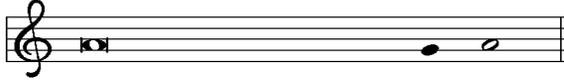
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

GREETING

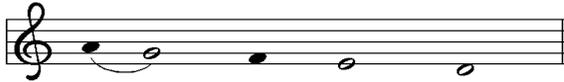
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



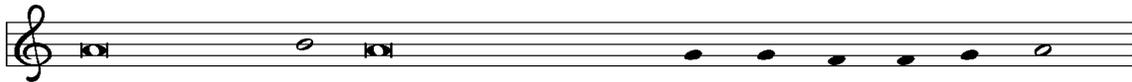
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

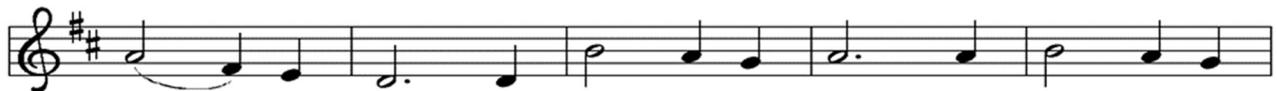


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

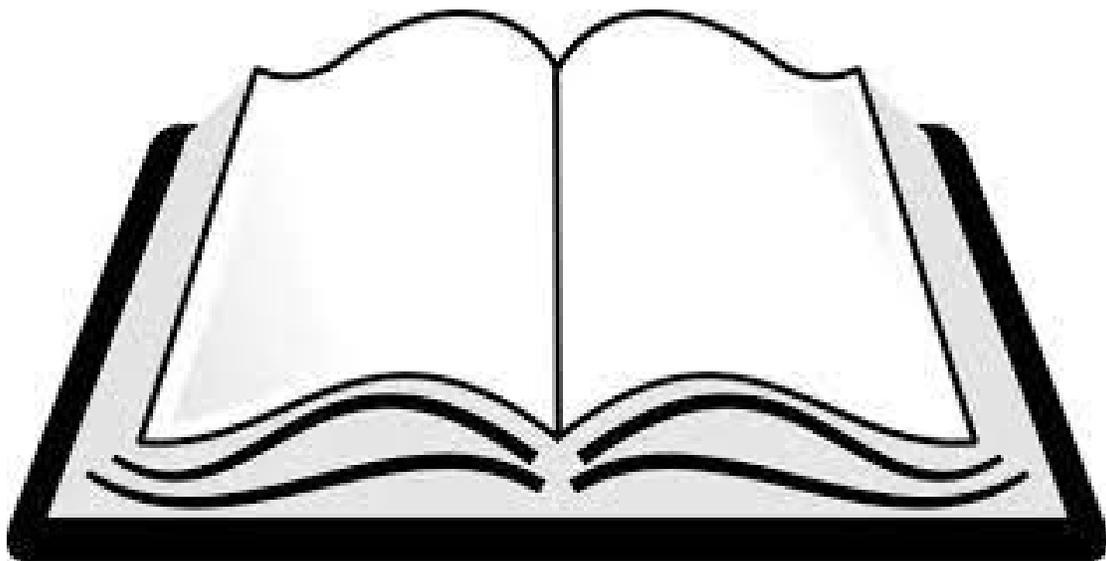
L: A READING FROM MALACHI

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

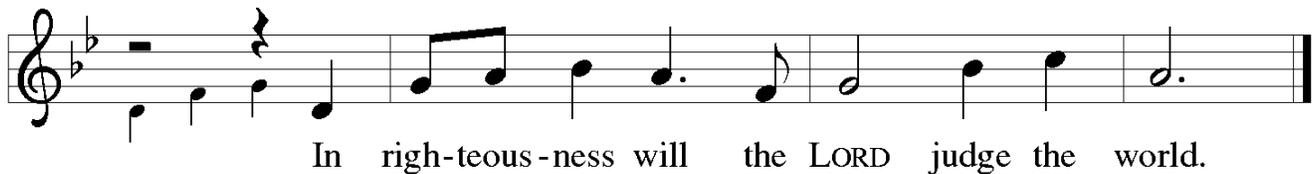
^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 98:9



In righ-teous-ness will the LORD judge the world.

Psalm 98:9

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Psalm 98

- ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done | marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.
- ²O LORD, you have made | known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.
- ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

C: Refrain

- ⁵Sing to the LORD | with the harp,
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁶With trumpets and the sound | of the horn
shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁸Let the rivers | clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to
| judge the earth.
- ⁹The LORD will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peo- | ples with equity.

C: Refrain

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(when children are present)

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

L: A READING FROM 2 THESSALONIANS

- ⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.
- ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,
- ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.
- ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.
- ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.
- ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.
- ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.
- ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said,

⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?”

⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify.

¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance;

¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name.

¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish.

¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU

ELW 769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us together confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

L: Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active-duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick or in need, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you now, aloud or in silence. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. We especially give thanks for the lives of Dick Sanks, Donna Maria Santos and Marlene Falconer, who have joined the Church Triumphant. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 WE WILL KEEP OUR FAITH ALIVE! DON BESIG AND NANCY PRICE
Voices of Faith Choir

The offering is collected at this time. Online giving also is available at 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

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 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

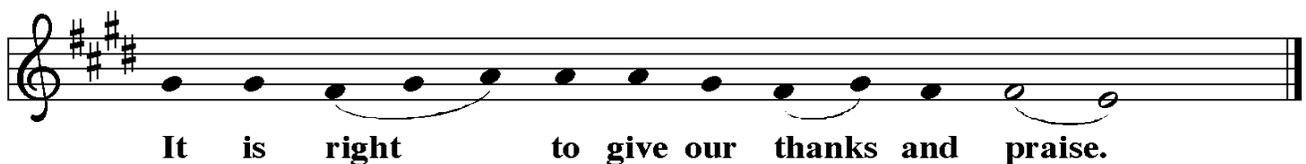
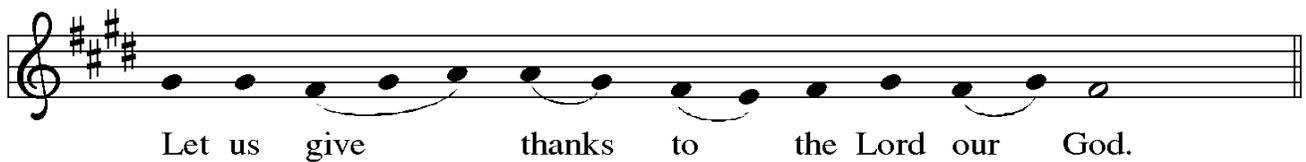
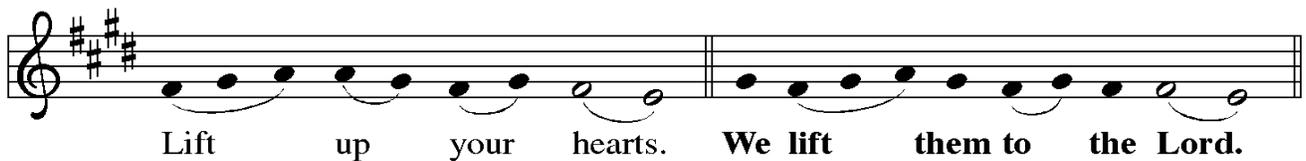
C: Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

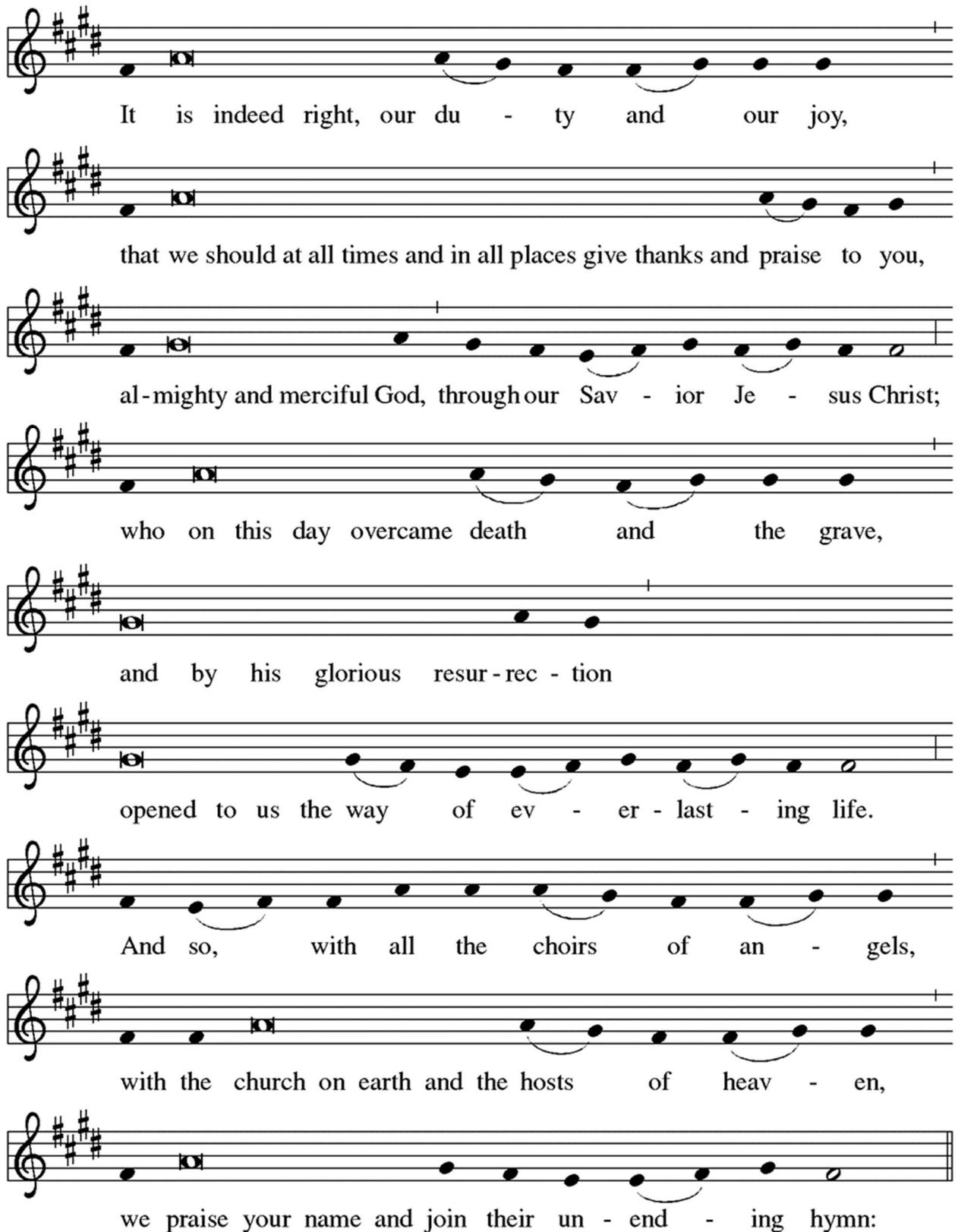
Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

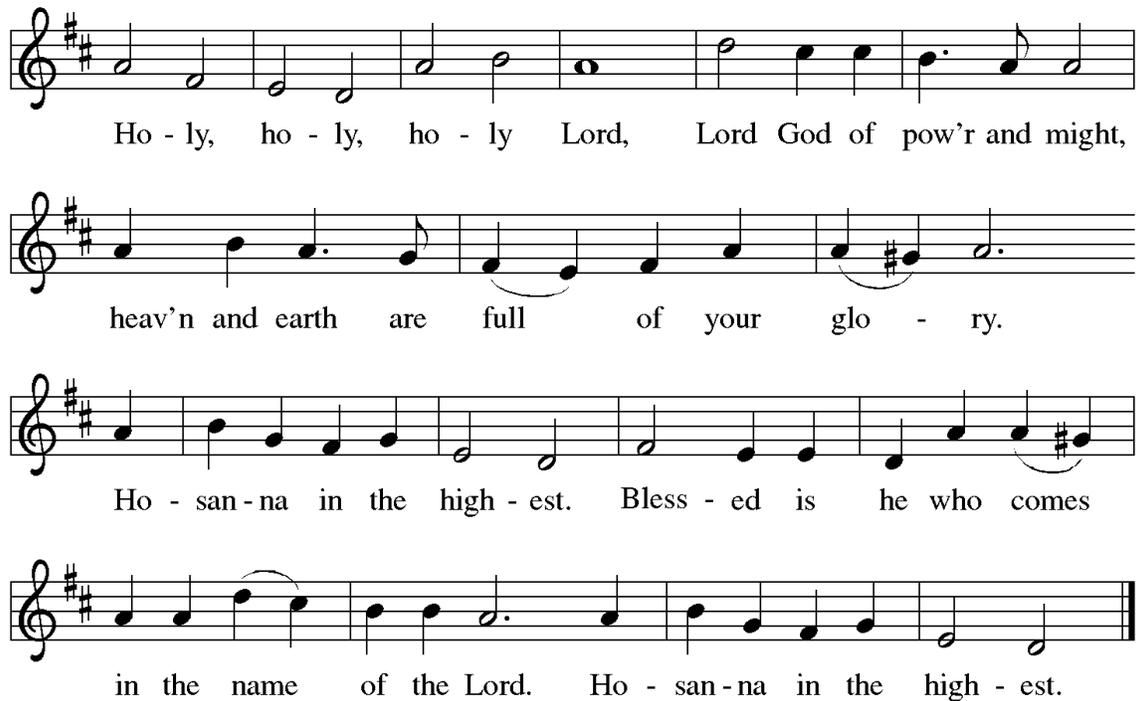


PREFACE



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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur-rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

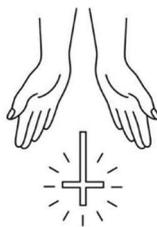
P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
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: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

PLEASE 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: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE

ELW 774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe in D

John S. Dixon

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship Services

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

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Sunday, Nov. 6, Online views: 46

Sunday, Nov. 6, Attendance: 146

Next: Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Coming of the shepherd and righteous branch who will execute justice.

Psalms 46

I will be exalted among the nations.

Colossians 1:11-20

Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood.

Luke 23:33-43

Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in paradise.

This Week at Faith

Monday, Nov. 14

Tuesday, Nov. 15

8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Skilletts

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

11 a.m. Hurricane Ian Fund-Raising Event Planning, conference room

4:30 p.m. Confirmation

Wednesday, Nov. 16

9:30 a.m. Pastor Larry's Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting, chapel/Zoom

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

3 p.m. Prospective-Member Tea, fellowship hall

Thursday, Nov. 17

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter

1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, conference room

5:30 p.m. Congregational Council, conference room/Zoom

6 p.m. Jazzercise

Friday, Nov. 18

8 a.m. Jazzercise

Saturday, Nov. 19

8 a.m. Jazzercise

Sunday, Nov. 20

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Christian Education: Adult Forum Resumes Today



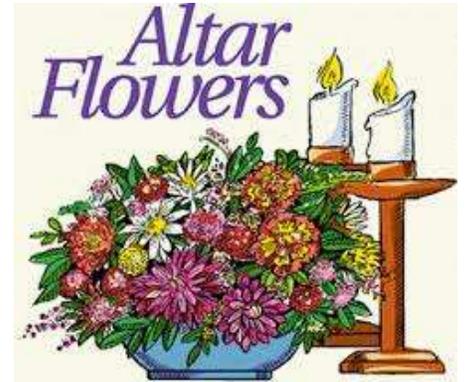
Adult Forum resumes today with Lesson 8, “Living Water,” in the “That the World May Know” video series. We will meet 9:10-9:50 a.m. in the conference room between the two morning worship services.

If you are participating, you are embarking on a journey with Ray Vander Laan, a Biblical scholar, in 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.

If you are wondering what the title of this series is based on, it comes from John 17:23, “...May they be brought to complete unity *That the World May Know* that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

Altar Flowers: A Beautiful Way to Honor People and Events

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 and \$60 for two vases. The next available Sunday is **Nov. 20**.



Did you know that you can take your flowers home or donate them to a person or place of your choice after the second service on Sunday? Please indicate your wish either on the flower donation board in the fellowship hall or on our webpage.

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.

Following Hurricane Ian, [requests for assistance have grown substantially.](#)

Choir Rehearsals: There's a Place for You in the Voices of Faith

Choir rehearsals take place at 9:15 a.m. Sunday mornings as well as at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the choir room. All are welcome! Whether you are seasonal or full time; an experienced singer or a novice; a soloist or a shower-singer; a church member or a visitor, you are welcome to join the Voices of Faith Choir. We have a place for you!



Committee Seeks Four People for Council of Faith



It is time to prepare a slate of people who will serve on the Congregational Council of Faith for the next three years.

Four seats need to be filled at a time when there is excitement in the progress that the past year has brought to the renewal of our church. Under Pastor Eric's leadership, Faith is again looking for new ways to serve God. The third stanza of "God, When

Human Bonds are Broken," a hymn that we sang Oct. 23, encourages us to consider serving the church: "Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith."

Please give prayerful consideration to help Faith continue God's work by serving on the Congregational Council. It can be a blessing to many people, including yourself. If you feel called to serve, please inform one of the nomination committee members listed below. And if you are asked to serve, please say a little prayer before responding.

The members of the nomination committee have served on Council for different lengths of time, have completed their terms, and have responded to Pastor Eric's request to recruit new Council members. They look forward to presenting a slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February.

Please feel free to contact any member of the nomination committee:

Eloise Dettmer – eadettmer@aol.com – 941-021-7381

Sandy Brinker – sbrinker973@verizon.net – 941-966-3209

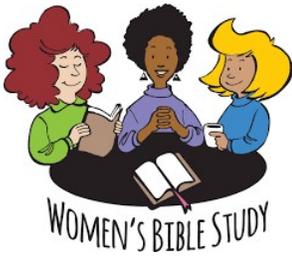
Grace Kaarre – graceret99@aol.com – 941-468-6850

Calling All Confirmation Students

Our new class time is 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, Nov. 15. The class will be one hour in length.



G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) Continues Delving Into 'Be Still and Know'



G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) is studying "Be Still and Know" by Deb Burma at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the conference room. All women are welcome. Books are provided. Just bring your Bible and a joy in your heart to be in God's Word.



Men of Faith Gather for Breakfast, Prayer and Fellowship

Men, join us at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail, for a hearty breakfast, prayer and fellowship. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Eric, pastor@faithlutheransrq.com, or by contacting the church office.

Let's Pray!



Looking for a time to pray with members of our Faith family? Join us at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel. We will pray for ourselves, our loved ones, those in need, our church community, the larger community that we serve, our nation and the world. We will conclude with Holy Communion.

Come and bring your concerns and your desire to connect with our loving heavenly Father! If you cannot attend in person, we invite you cordially to join us via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting: **Meeting ID: 871 4720 3661, Passcode: 041291**

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.

Faith's Food Pantry Needs Ready-to-Eat Options

We continue to work with All Faiths Food Bank to begin food pantry operations. In the meantime, we still are collecting food for All Faiths. Please consider donating ready-to-eat canned foods such as tuna and canned fruit. However, you are welcome to bring in any nonperishables for others who may need them. A large barrel in the narthex is waiting for your donations. **Following Hurricane Ian, many in our community are in need of donated food.**



Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry Continues



"LIGHT OF THE WORLD" - A Beginner's Guide to Advent

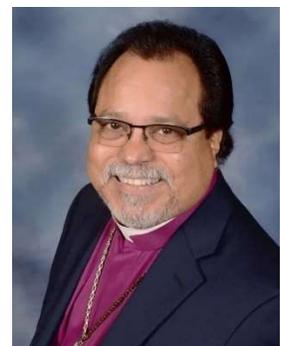
Pastor Larry leads this five-week study that began Wednesday, Oct. 19, and will conclude Nov. 16. Each session is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in a second-floor classroom in the church's Community Center. Donuts and breakfast beverages will be available. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

IMPORTANT: Only a few extra textbooks are available for anyone who has not yet joined and wants to participate. Let Pastor Larry or the office know if you are interested. Our Mission Endowment Fund makes these materials available free of cost. Blessed are we who receive.

Bishop Pedro M. Suárez Preaches Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Nov. 20, Bishop Pedro M. Suárez will preach at both services.

We look forward to having him here, and we hope that you will join us. All are welcome!



Readers Club Meets Nov. 28



Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the last Monday of the month in the church library.

During the next meeting, which is Nov. 28, the group will discuss *Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy* by Anna Sebba. The readers will skip December due to Christmas. Jan. 30, they will discuss *Haven Point* by Virginia Hume.

For more information, contact Kathy Schilio, schilmo@yahoo.com. **Please join!**

Bereavement Group Shares Strength and Hope

Faith's Bereavement Group meets at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the chapel. All are welcome. 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.



Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's Lutheran



The people of St. Paul's Lutheran have invited the people of Faith to assist with the Tuesday feeding ministry at St. Paul's in downtown Sarasota. The ministry, which feeds about 70 people each Tuesday, serves our food-insecure and homeless siblings in Christ.

We hope to attract a group of Faith Lutheran volunteers to cook and serve a meal at St. Paul's on the fifth Tuesday of each month (when there is a fifth Tuesday).

From 3 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 29, which is a fifth Tuesday, those who are interested are invited to help a St. Paul's cook-and-serve team and learn from that experienced group in the process.

Interested? Contact the church office.

Deepen Your Faith by Becoming a Church Deacon

Please contact Pastor Eric if you are interested in delving deeper into your faith formation and becoming a church deacon. If we get two members to join in study through Diakonia Florida-Bahamas Synod's School of Lay Ministry, we can meet at Faith for our classes.



For more information, visit diakoniafl.org or contact Deborah Dornemann, 941-914-7553.

Mary Circle Meets for Lunch and to Pack School Kits



The women of Mary Circle will meet at noon, Tuesday, Nov. 22, to enjoy lunch and dessert, and to complete packing school kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Please Consider Sharing Soup for Joan's Soup Freezer

As the weather begins to cool, who doesn't appreciate a great bowl of hot soup? Joan's Soup Freezer in the kitchen needs to be restocked.

Please consider making a little extra soup to share, put it in a freezer-safe container marked with the type of soup and the date it was prepared, then place it in the kitchen freezer that is labeled "Joan's Soup."



All are welcome to take soup from that freezer for yourself, friends, or anyone who is struggling or not feeling well.

Interested in Membership at Faith? You're Invited to a Prospective-Member Tea

Are you interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran? You are cordially invited to join members of the Congregational Council at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the fellowship hall for refreshments and to learn about what it means to be among the faithful at Faith.

Can't be there that Wednesday? No problem! Simply contact Pastor Eric, 716-352-0055 or pastor@faithlutheransrq.com.

Please,
Join us

Save the Dates



4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, be at Faith for a special fund-raising event for Hurricane Ian relief. Entertainment by legendary singer/songwriter Karlos Trapp and comedy by Sarasota's king of comedy, Al Ernst, will highlight the evening. **Also, please join us as we plan for the fund-raising event at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the conference room.**

During the 10:15 a.m. service, Sunday, Dec. 11, David Patrick, our director of music, and Tom Tryon, our lead cantor and music librarian, will be officially installed. A reception will follow.





Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Jeff & Nancy Arntsen

Kevin Beard, friend of Jim Winemiller

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

John Gallo, friend of April Shettler

Andrea Gamboa

Elaine Graham

Dottie Gustafson, friend of Patricia Lawrence

Jon Hale

Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen

Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles

Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita and Jon Wooton

Mary Janice Holt

Jesus & Rita Jimenez

Howard King, friend of Powrie's and others

Paul & Debby Maresch

Kathryn McLaughlin

Judi Melander

Ed Miller

Kristin Mohammed

Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins

Family & Friends of Dennis Pappalardo

Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia

Fritz Rappold

Family & Friends of Deacon Sue Rice

Gabriel Rockwell

Beverly & Floyd Ryder

Family & Friends of Dick Sanks

Rev. John Spittal

Dieter Smirnow

Cathy Stubenvoll

Michelle Terrell, niece of Kay Cannon

Colette Thornbloom

Evie Webb

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@faithlutheransrq.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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