



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

10:15 a.m., February 4, 2024



In Isaiah, the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So, in Jesus' healing work, we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service. Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless. Like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others

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All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.



The flowers on the altar today are given by
Joan Hirsch
in loving memory of Hal Hirsch.



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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Marianne Powrie
Rev. Larry Wright

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Cantor

Tom Tryon

Vocals

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- Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation
- Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled.
- Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

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

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 858

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

We sing together



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

GREETING

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

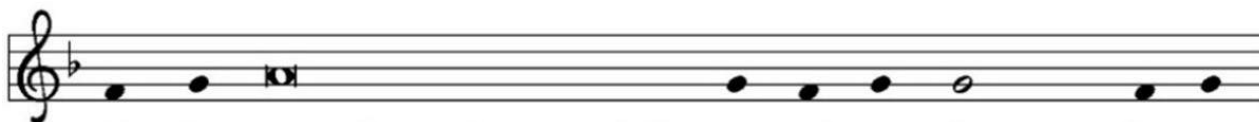
C: And also with you.

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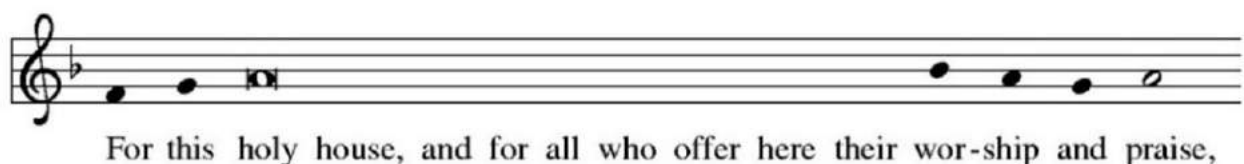
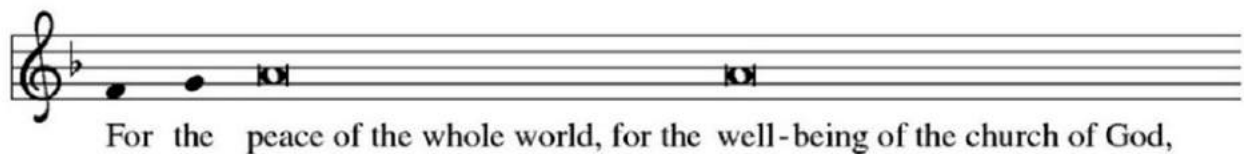
We sing responsively



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

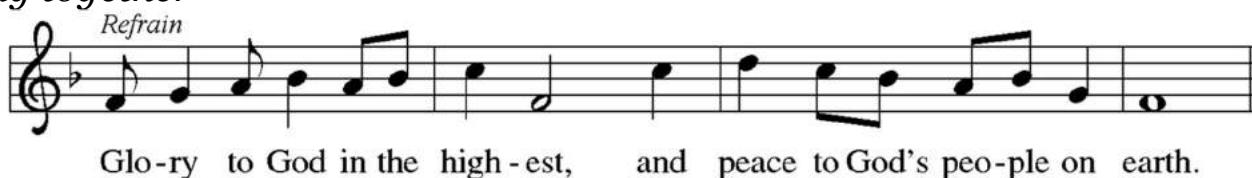


For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



GLORIA

We sing together





1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

L: A Reading from Isaiah.

- ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
- ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 147:3

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



Psalm 147:3

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PSALMODY: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

L: ¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

²The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

³The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

C: Refrain.

L: ⁵Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

⁶The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

⁸who covers the heavens with clouds

and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

C: Refrain.

L: ⁹God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

¹⁰God is not impressed by the might of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

¹¹but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love.

^{20c} Hallelujah!

C: Refrain.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

L: A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. ¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together



GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he

would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

We sing together



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

APOSTLES' CREED

P: Together, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We respond following each prayer petition

P: ... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

WE STAND

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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

WE SIT

OFFERTORY



The offering is collected at this time. Online giving is available by scanning the QR Code printed here or at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises to the honor of His name.

Make His praise to be glorious.

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WE STAND

We sing together **Create in Me a Clean Heart** *Offering Song*

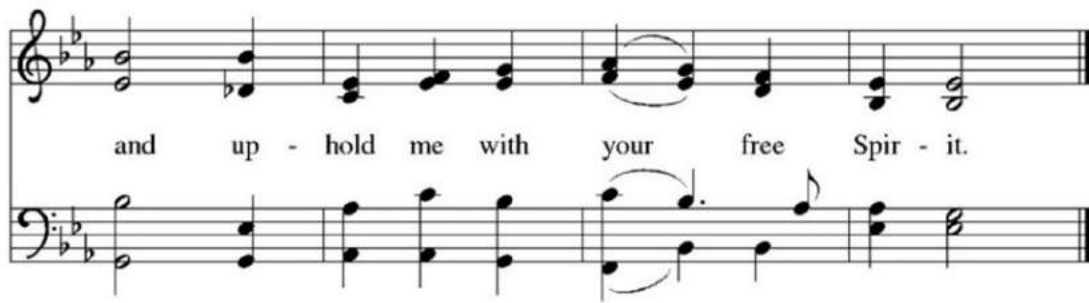
The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your 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 piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic pattern of chords, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal lines. The vocal lines are written in a simple, homophonic style, with the lyrics clearly legible below the notes.

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

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

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



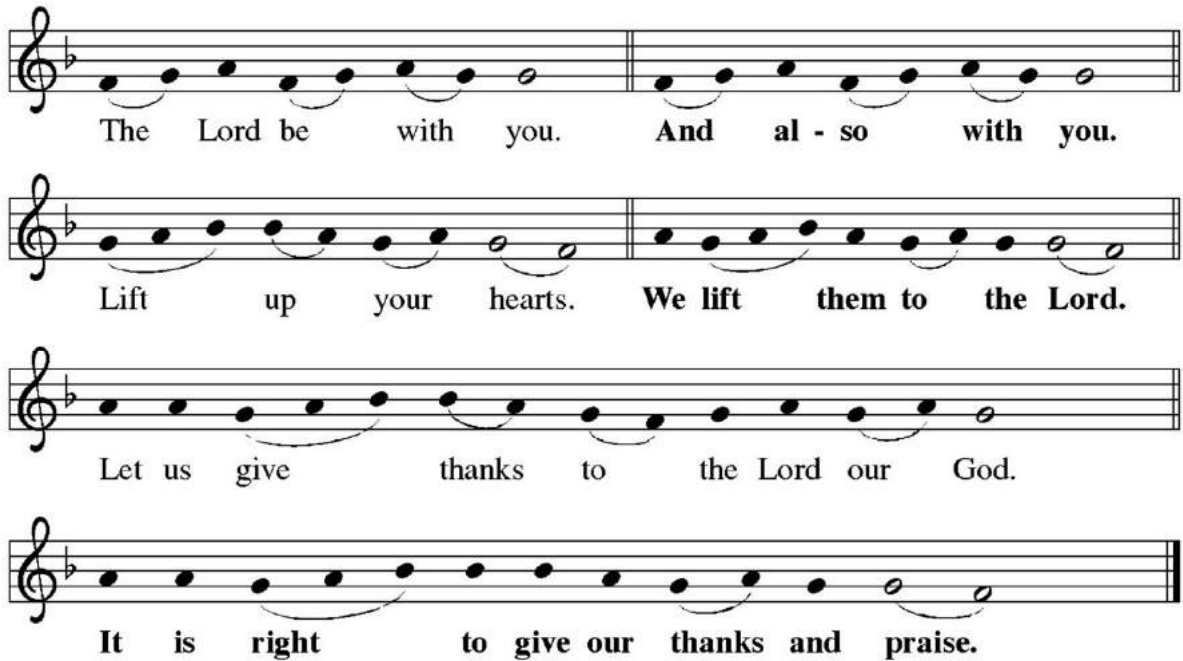
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup, you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we may receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

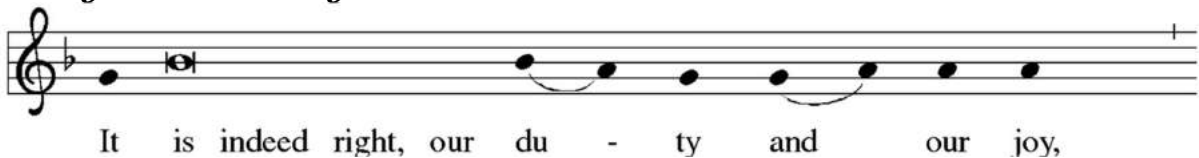
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We sing responsively



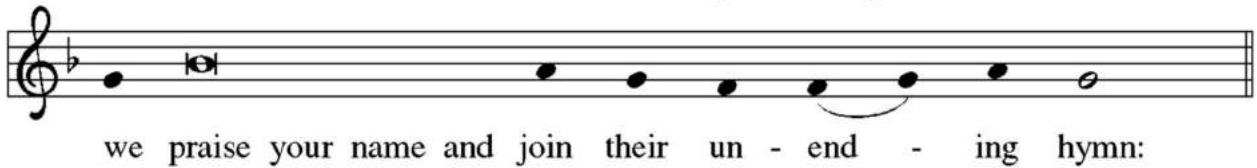
PREFACE

The presiding minister sings



The presiding minister continues ...

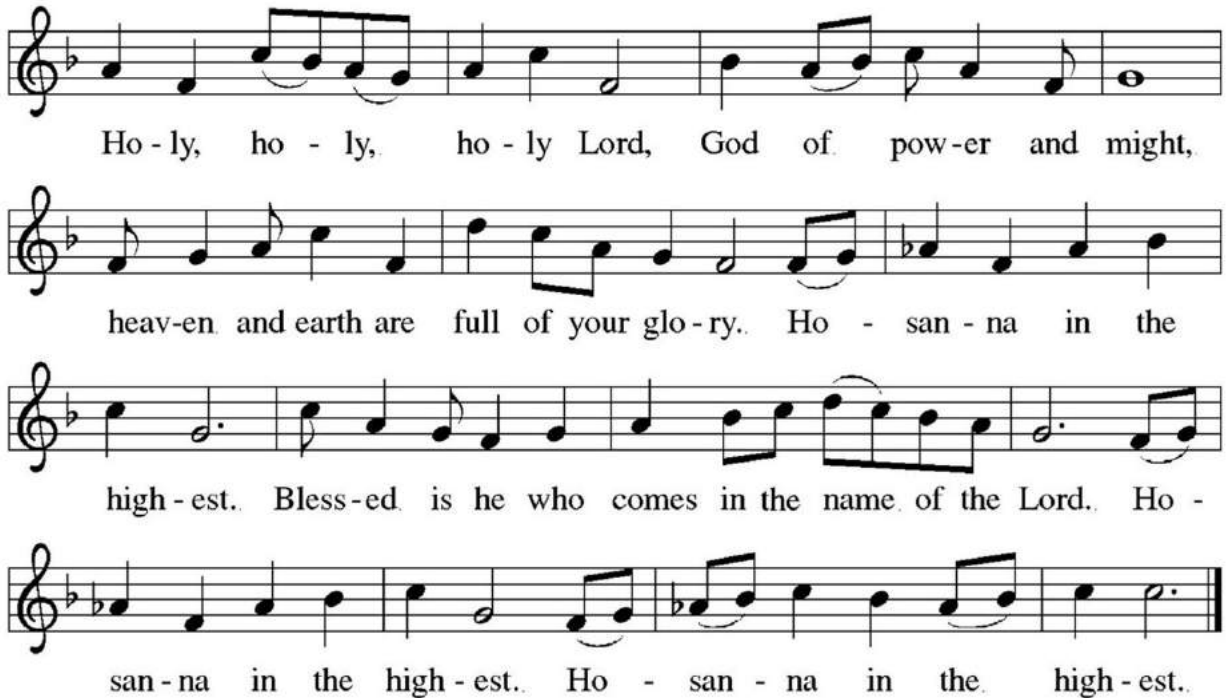
The presiding minister concludes...



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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We sing together



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life ...

The presiding minister continues.

The presiding minister concludes ...

... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

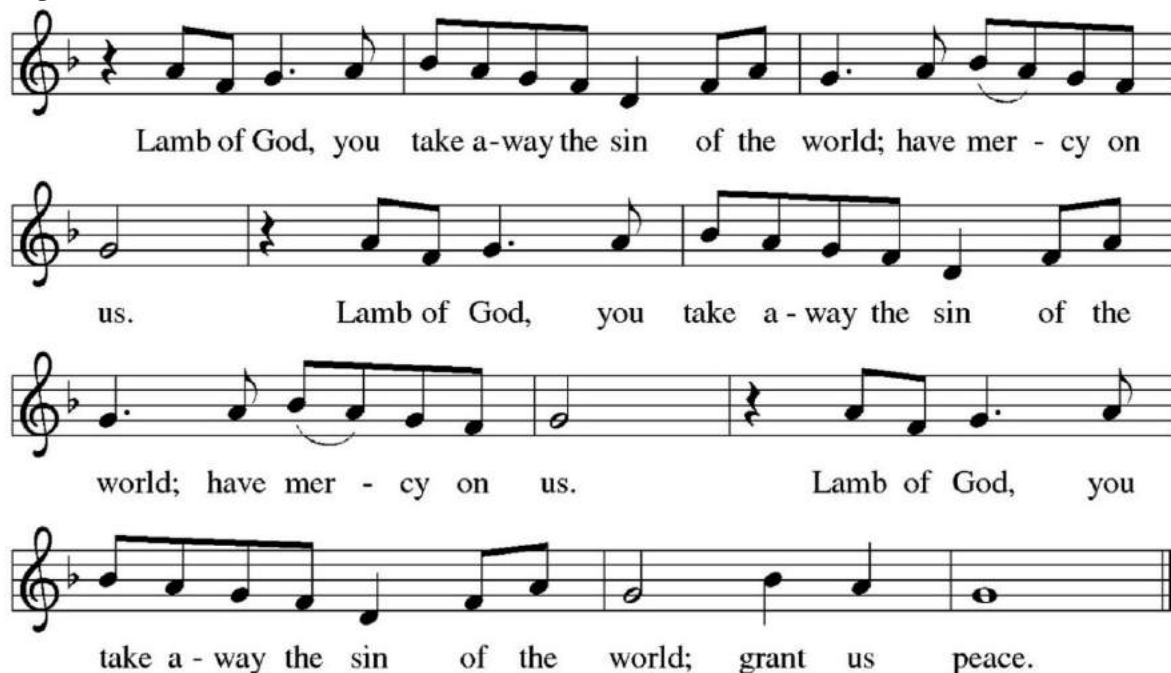
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

COMMUNION SONG

We sing together



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

WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Break Thou the Bread of Life

arr. Stan Pethel

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me. As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord. My spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word. Thou art the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me. Give me to eat and live with Thee above. Teach me to love Thy truth for Thou art love. O send Thy Spirit, Lord, send it now to me. That He may touch mine eye and make me see. Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word. And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

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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.

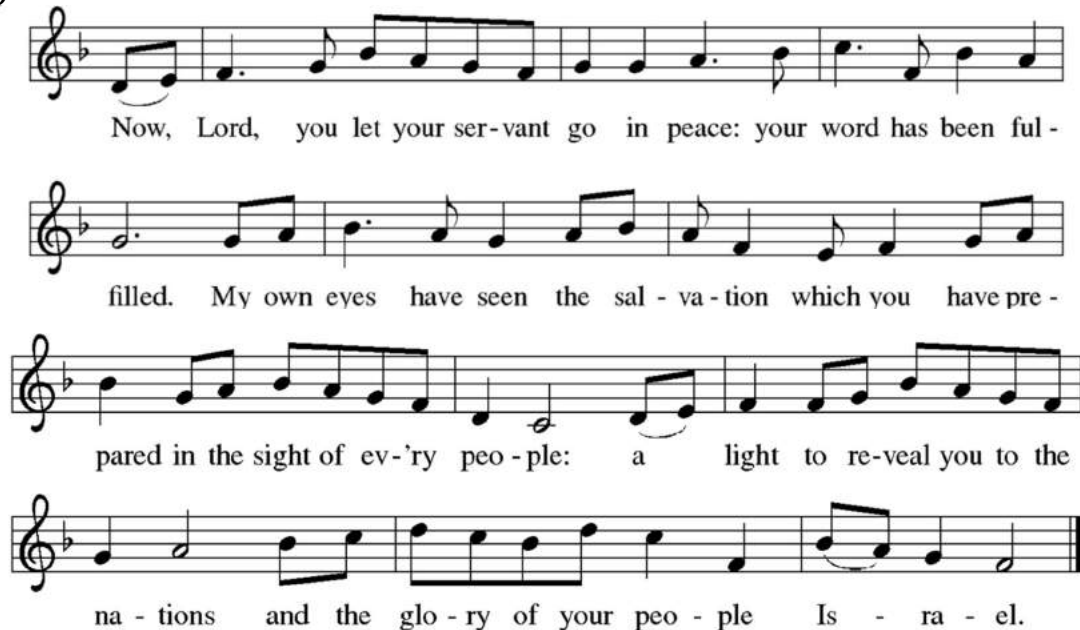
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

We sing together



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the

na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

We sing together


1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in

bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**Rigaudon from *Idomenee*

Andre Campra

Welcome, Visitors!

We are 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.



Seeking Sunday School Helpers: Learn More During the 10:15 a.m. Service Today and/or Contact Deborah Dornemann

Could you help with Sunday School? **After the Children's Sermon during the 10:15 a.m. service today**, join Director of Family and Child Ministry Deborah Dornemann and young learners in the classroom to observe and learn about being a teacher or helper. **You also can contact Deborah, familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com, to express interest.**

Adult Forum Meets Between Services

Adult Forum meets between services, **9:10-9:50 a.m. in the conference room**. Next week, the group will focus on Lesson 1, "The Lord Who Heals You?" of Volume 9, "Fire on the Mountain/Displaying God to a Broken World," in the "That the World May Know" video series.



Today is Commitment Sunday

Today is Commitment Sunday, when we focus on "The Joy of Sharing God's Blessings." God wants our giving to be joyful and fulfilling. How could we not be joyful when our creator chooses us as stewards of his creation and gifts to us? How could we not express gratitude through faithful giving? Our generosity flows from understanding that God created and redeemed us. In spite of our sin, God loves us and calls us each by name. By God's grace, we live as forgiven and redeemed people through the blood of Jesus. Today, we make our annual commitments and, by doing so, we celebrate the blessings of Jesus. Through our pledged gifts, we commit to serving him and others through the mission and ministries of our church.

A Cheerful, Giving Heart is a Gift of God

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
(2 Corinthians 9:7)



Join in Prayer and Bible Study



- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Skillet's, 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 second-floor library** to focus on "Be Still and Know — A Study of Rest and Refuge."
- **Adult Bible Study of Mark's gospel** meets at **9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, in the upstairs classroom across from the elevator. NOTE: The earlier-than-usual start time allows the group to cover the final two chapters of the study.** Light refreshments! Great discussion! Fun fellowship!
- **The Prayer Group** meets at **10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel** to pray for all in need, our community, our nation and our world. The gathering concludes with Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291. **The group will not meet on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, nor on Wednesdays during Lent. All are encouraged to attend Lenten Wednesday worship, followed by lunch.**



Faith Walk and Talk Steps Off Feb. 10

Faith Walk and Talk, a group that combines walking and chatting, steps off again at **9:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, outside of Panera Gulf Gate, 6589 S. Tamiami Trail.**

Walkers will set off on a roughly two mile Gulf Gate-area walk and make new friends along the way. Questions? Contact Carolyn Francis, 941-400-0083.

Bereavement Group Meets Wednesday

The Bereavement Group meets at **1 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel.** If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, join in. There is strength in community. On Tuesday, Feb. 13, the group will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and will not meet Wednesday, Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday.



Stitch 'n' Chatter Meets Thursdays

Grab your hooks and needles for Stitch 'n' Chatter, **1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays in room 212.**

Confirmation Class Meets Thursday Evenings



Confirmation Class meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054124705?pwd=jkQYOlazk519ubngIAeJxxa6USxWOA.1>, Meeting ID 830 5412 4705, Passcode 688400.

Join the Sunday Morning Media Team

Both of Faith's Sunday services now are live-streamed and recorded, so we need more volunteers to operate the equipment. If you have used a computer, it's easy! Questions or interest? Contact Pastor Marianne, pastorp2.0@gmail.com or (330) 464-0985.



Faith Welcomes New Members Feb. 11

Are you contemplating membership at Faith? Please contact Pastor Eric. We will welcome new members during both services next Sunday, Feb. 11.

Combat Hunger, Have Fun with Feb. 11 Souper Bowl

Let's combat hunger, fortify the Faith Food Pantry and have a little fun! **Next Sunday, Feb. 11, you are invited to bring a can of soup or a case of cans and place them on the table in fellowship hall that represents your pick to be the Super Bowl champs!** Will it be the Kansas City Chiefs or the San Francisco 49ers? Let's see if our souper generosity can predict the victor! A big thank you to Judy and John Millard, our Souper Bowl commissioners.



Worship to Go Expands with Your Help

Worship to Go has expanded to two facilities this year.

The next service at **Elancé** kicks off at **10:45 a.m.**

Tuesday, Feb. 13, in the independent living facility's Tiffany Room next door to Faith. Worship to Go volunteers will meet at **10 a.m. in the Faith chapel** to review the service. The next service at **Angel Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave., is set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the facility's second-floor theatre.** Volunteers will meet at **12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel** and will carpool to the facility.

We need additional Worship to Go helpers. If you can help, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!

Be There for Feb. 25 Annual Meeting, Note Worship Schedule Change for that Date Only

Faith's 2024 annual meeting is set for Sunday, Feb. 25. On that Sunday, there will be one worship service at 9 a.m., immediately followed by the meeting. After the meeting adjourns, plan to stay for lunch and fellowship.



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 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, please choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, March 17.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication is published in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:



- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with your 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 via the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of Faith's website, faithlutheransrq.com.

Accept the Challenge! Help Create Personal-Care Kits



Experts with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) say that personal-care kits make a profound difference for people struggling with poverty. LWR has challenged us to react with compassion, and the women of Mary Circle are

leading the effort to take on the challenge! **Beginning Feb. 14 and throughout Lent, please donate bath-size towels, metal nail clippers, 4-5 oz. bars of soap, combs and adult-sized toothbrushes. Don't have time to shop? Monetary contributions to Faith designated for "personal care kits" are welcome.** During 2023, Mary Circle created 60 kits. Can we donate enough for 70 this year? Thanks for responding generously.

Mary Circle: All Can Help Celebrate 2024 Bold Woman, and Women Are Invited to Feb. 13 Meeting

- **Sunday, Feb. 11, join coffee hour hosted by Mary Circle to joyfully celebrate Faith's Bold Woman of 2024.** You'll have the opportunity to donate to the circle's 2024 efforts to help others and support women's ministries.
- **At noon, Tuesday, Feb. 13, all women are invited to Mary Circle's regular meeting.** Following January's fun gathering with sisters from Emmanuel Lutheran Venice, the February meeting will feature Pastor Marianne Powrie, who will speak about opportunities for growth in women's ministries. Please bring your lunch; dessert will be provided.



Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Live-streamed and recorded at:

www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, Jan. 28

Online views	35
8 a.m. in person	40
10:15 a.m. in person	155

Next Sunday, Feb. 11

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up to heaven and succeeded by Elisha

Psalmody

Psalm 50:1-6

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth in glory (*Ps. 50:2*)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

God's light seen clearly in the face of Christ

Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Revelation of Christ as God's beloved son

This Week at Faith

Monday, Feb. 5

Tuesday, Feb. 6

8:30 a.m.	Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast, Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, conference room
6 p.m.	Diversity Voices of Sarasota, Sanctuary

Wednesday, Feb. 7

9 a.m.	Adult Bible Study, upstairs classroom
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group, chapel
1 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel
6:30 p.m.	Voices of Faith Choir Rehearsal, choir room

Thursday, Feb. 8

9 a.m.	Receive and Prep Food Delivery, food pantry
1 p.m.	Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212
4:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Prep
5 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
6 p.m.	Jazzercise, gym
7 p.m.	Confirmation, Zoom

Friday, Feb. 9

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise, gym
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Saturday, Feb. 10

8:30 a.m.	Jazzercise, gym
9 a.m.	Diakonia, conference room
9:30 a.m.	Faith Walk and Talk, Panera, 6598 S. Tamiami Trail

Sunday, Feb. 11

9:10 a.m.	Adult Forum, conference room
9:30 a.m.	Voices of Faith, choir room
10:25 a.m.	Sunday School, classroom
2 p.m.	German Congregation Worship and Fellowship



Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers this week:



Marsha Anderson, sister of Gail Murphy
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Tim Anderson, son-in-law of Dick and Jetty Zarfos
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old
 friend of Alyene Weaver
Chuck Banta
Chloe Bennenthum, friend of Gail Murphy
Sean and Rebekah Brett, son and daughter-in-law
 of Alyene Weaver
Charles Budreau
Family & Friends of David Bunce,
 friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell
Jason Byrne, friend of Anita Wooton
Elise Carmona
Evelyn Conlon
Jordan Demers, cousin of Hannah Boyd
Eloise Dettmer
Philomena Dimichelle, friend of Conrad Zabor
Ken Dixon
Ryan and Valerie Donahue
Elizabeth Farmer
Judy & Robert Ferguson
Carolyn & Marty Friedman,
 friends of Marlene Radesk
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler
Andrea Gamboa
Amanda Gerber,
 daughter of Sandy Gerber
Laurie Good, friend of Ann Greenwood
Elaine Graham
Paula Haas, friend of Eloise Dettmer
Jon Hale
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head
Michael Helpin, friend of Marlene Radesk

Christiana Holmes
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of
 Anita and Jon Wooton
Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Lillian Lapenckass
Jacqueline Laurent,
 friend of Margaret Borrows
Lois Light
Shirley Manning, friend of Margaret Borrows
Paul & Debby Maresch
Vincenzo Mariani, friend of Conrad Zabor
Kathleen McBride
Judi Melander
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Beverly Novak, cousin of Patty McKee
Olaf Olsen, father of Pastor Eric Olsen
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
James & Virginia Pease
Fran Perkins
Wally Pina
Kristen Pizan
Marlene Radesk
Fritz Rappold
Gabriel Rockwell
Ted and Carol Rodi
Floyd Ryder
Phillip Schlueter
Rev. John Spittal
Dianne Stoll, friend of Dorothy Gustavson
Cathy Stubenvoll
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino
Werner Thomsen, brother of John Thomsen
Colette Thornbloom
David Turnbull
Jon Wooton
Family & Friends of Angelo Yerace

- **Contact officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com** if you or someone you know would appreciate a **communion visit, hospital or home visit, to be contacted or to receive a card in the mail.**
- **Contact communications@faithlutheransrq.com** if you have an **addition to the Prayer List.** Please send updates when prayers are answered.