



Faith Lutheran Church

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

25th Sunday After Pentecost

10:15 a.m., November 19, 2023



Scripture readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope — word, water, bread and wine — eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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
Dee Burlingame
In honor of her family.



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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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Director of Music/Organist

David V. Patrick

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Hannah Boyd

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

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This service is being live-streamed and recorded. We try to avoid filming congregants, but it may happen at times

PRELUDE

Variations on the Hymn Tune 'Dix'

David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

WE STAND

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we
may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through ☩ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are
called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation
of the world.

C: Amen.**GATHERING HYMN****O God, Our Help in Ages Past****Verses 1, 3, 4 and 6**

See next page
We sing together

ELW 632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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GREETING

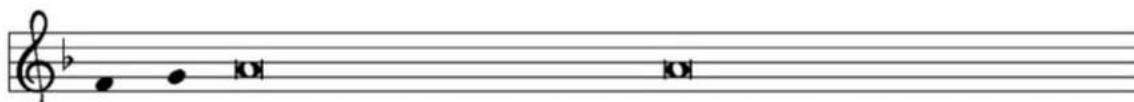
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

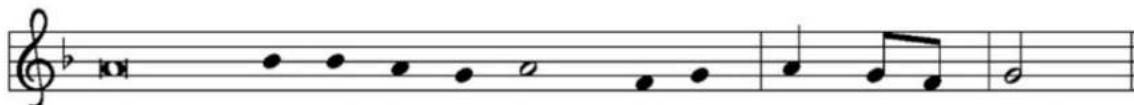
KYRIE

We sing responsively

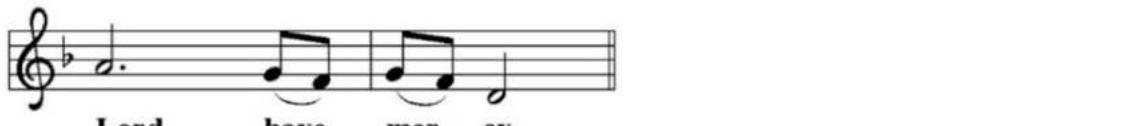




For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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.

GLORIA

We sing together



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



I 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.



Refrain
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



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

L: A Reading from Zephaniah.

⁷Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,

the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,

¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them

on the day of the LORD’s wrath; in the fire of his passion

the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end

he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 90:12

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

Psalm 90:12

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PSALMODY: Psalm 90:1-8, [9-11], 12

L: ¹Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God. ³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”
⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;

C: Refrain.

L: ⁵you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
⁶in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
⁷For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.
⁸Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

C: Refrain.

L: ^[9]When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

C: Refrain.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

L: A Reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Larry Wright

WE STAND

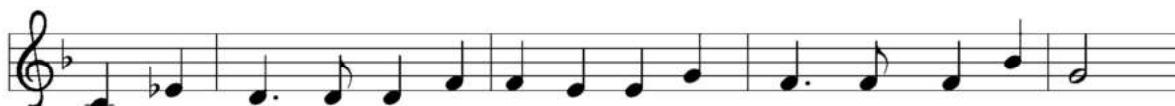
We sing together



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-ture, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow’rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture’s won-der, Je - sus’ wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave’s shat - tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f’ring up our - selves in praise;
 Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
 O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ’s age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
 born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 heal - ing, teach-ing, and re - claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

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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

P: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world and all who are in need.

(brief silence)

L: Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we may use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders, especially the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts. (pause) Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love, and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest, and for the witness of those who have died in faith, we praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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 neighbors with a word of peace.

WE SIT

OFFERTORY



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
Voices of Faith Choir

Alan Bullard

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our joyful song of praise.
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Gracious God, to you we raise this our joyful song of praise.
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight.
Gracious God, to you we raise this our joyful song of praise,
For the gift of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our joyful song of praise.
For your people, evermore lifting holy hands above,
offering up on every shore their pure sacrifice of love:
Gracious God, to you we raise this our joyful song of praise!

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WE STAND
We sing together
Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

A musical score for the offering song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right" are written below the treble staff. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth note patterns, with a prominent bass line on the bass staff.

spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Re-store unto me the joy of your salvation, and up-hold me with your free Spirit.

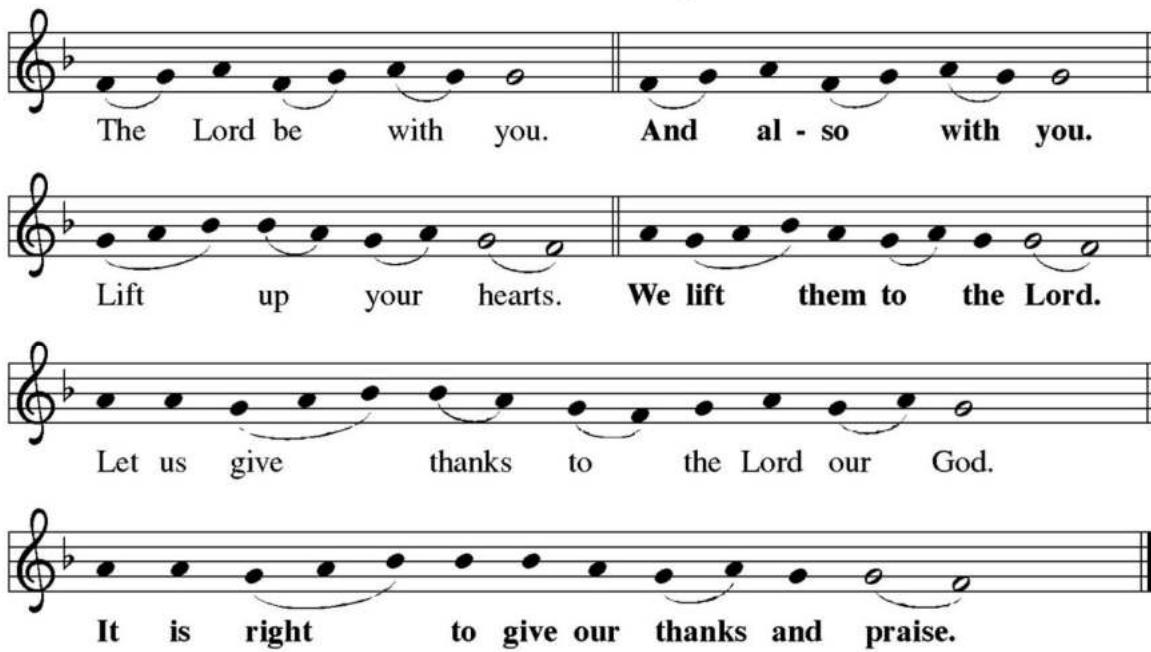
OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of all goodness,
 generations have turned to you,
 gathered around your table,
 and shared your abundant blessings.
 Number us among them that,
 as we gather these gifts from your abundance
 and give thanks for your rich blessings,
 we may feast upon your very self
 and care for all that you have made,
 through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We sing responsively



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

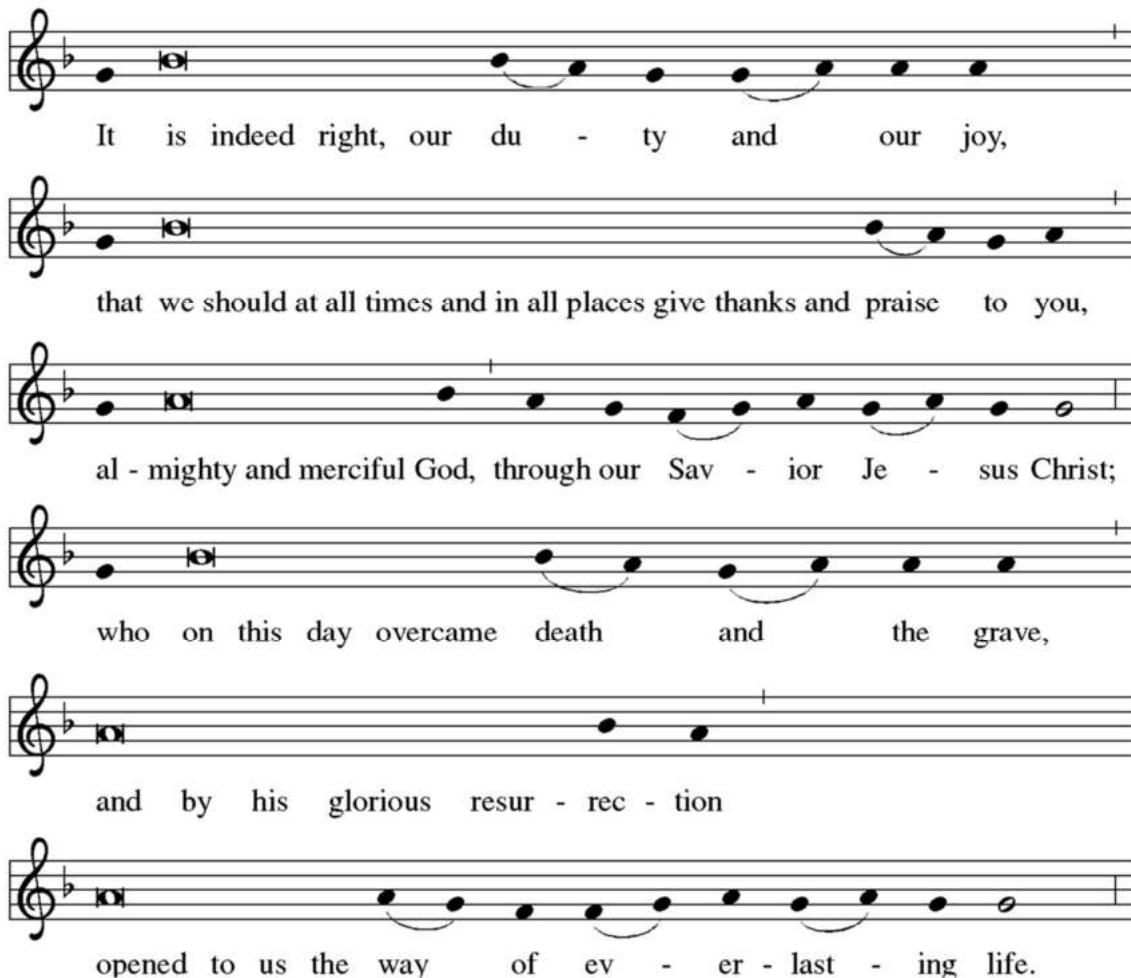
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister sings



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection

opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We sing together

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: 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: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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

Timothy Dudley-Smith and Craig Courtney
Voices of Faith Choir

O Christ the Same

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and fears; Eternal Lord, the king of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years. O living Word, the source of all creation; Who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze. O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays. O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide. Still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love in triumph glorified. O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven, O Prince of Life, in all your saving power; O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given: We bring our thanks for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping; Our lives and loves, our days and years remain. Our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain. O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee; O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

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: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you
with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

We sing together

1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a weary world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a weary world when crea-tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won-der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Allegro from Suite Gothique

Leon Boellmann

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.

Faith Sunday School Welcomes All Young People



Following the Children's Sermon, Director of Family and Child Ministry Deborah Dornemann will show young people to the classroom, where they will learn about the gospel of the day through age-appropriate lessons and fun activities. The children will rejoin the congregation for Holy Communion. All young people are welcome!

Adult Forum Meets Between Worship Services

Adult Forum meets between worship services, **9:10-9:50 a.m.**, **in the conference room**. Next week, the group will focus on Lesson 5, "Don't Forget Us," of Volume 7, "Walk As Jesus Walked," in the "That the World May Know" video series.



Coffee Hour: Volunteer to Set Up, Clean Up



Coffee hour is an important fellowship ministry at Faith that needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is put out snacks and clean up afterward. Please sign up to help on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Karen Naulty, knaulty@yahoo.com or 406-334-1063; or Denise Kirkeeng, kirkeengd@verizon.net or 941-468-6668.

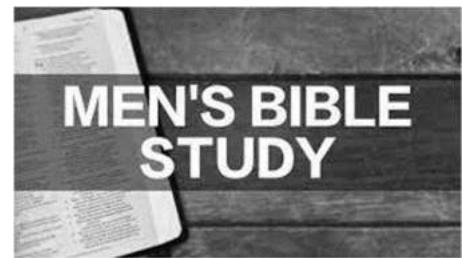


**The Faith Office will be Closed
Nov. 23-24 for Thanksgiving.**

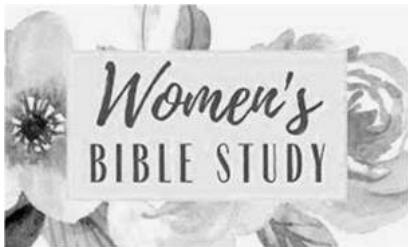


Join New Men's Bible Study Nov. 21

The Men's Bible Study group invites all men to join at **9:30 a.m. Nov. 21 in fellowship hall** for an introduction to a study based on the crowd-sourced production of "The Chosen" by Angel Studios. The group, convened by Scott Rice this week, will watch and examine the production, and discuss its relevance in today's walk of faith. Join for a new kind of bible study for such a time as this!



Women's Bible Study Meets Tuesdays



G.I.F.T.S (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women's Bible Study meets **9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the conference room**. The group is focusing on "Be Still and Know -- A Study of Rest and Refuge" by Deb Burma. Questions? Contact Peggy Ragan, pragan12@aol.com or 941-302-7722. All women are welcome!

Let's Pray Together

Pastor Marianne Powrie will lead prayer at **9:30 a.m. this Wednesday in the chapel – note the different start time for Thanksgiving week only**. We pray for ourselves, loved ones, those in need, our community, nation and world. We conclude with Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661, Passcode 041291**.



Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays



The Bereavement Group, led by Pastor John Spittal this week, meets at **1 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel**. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you. There is strength and hope in community.



Confirmation Class Takes Thanksgiving Break

Confirmation Class will not meet on Thanksgiving Day. Class will resume at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054124705?pwd=jkQYOlazk519ubnglAeJxxa6USxWOA1>,
Meeting ID: 830 5412 4705, Passcode: 688400.
Contact Pastor Eric with questions.

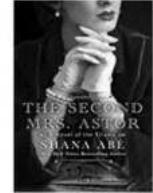


No Stitch 'n' Chatter This Thursday

Stitch 'n' Chatter will take a Thanksgiving break this week. The fun with hooks and needles resumes **1-2:30 p.m. Nov. 30 in room 212**. For info, contact Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia, 941-266-8101.

Readers Club Meets Nov. 27

Readers Club will meet at **2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 27, in the library** to discuss *The Second Mrs. Astor* by Shana Abe. To learn more, contact Kathy Schilio, schilmo@yahoo.com. Please join!



Faith Food Pantry Distributed Turkey Dinners Yesterday, Will Close for Thanksgiving



Yesterday, the Faith Food Pantry distributed turkeys and sides to neighbors in need. It will be closed Thanksgiving Day, but will need your help on upcoming Thursdays! Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table, via the online sign-up in the Faith Friday Update email, or contact Karen Naulty, knaulty@yahoo.com or 406-334-1063. **Especially at Thanksgiving, remember BOGO – Buy One Give One – for food and paper products** (toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, etc.), then leave them in the car so you don't forget to bring them to church. Place donations in the barrel in fellowship hall. Thanks!

Attend Nov. 26 Pancake Breakfast to Support Youth

The Faith Youth Group will host a pancake breakfast between services, **9-10 a.m., Nov. 26**, to raise funds for upcoming activities. Gluten-free options will be available. Mark your calendar!



Decorate the Sanctuary after 10:15 a.m. Worship Dec. 3



You are invited to stay after the 10:15 a.m. service Dec. 3 to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Let us know that you can join in this joyous task via the online sign-up in the Faith Friday Update email or on the sheet on the narthex table.

November Stewardship Message

Using our time in ministering to others for Christ's sake is just as important as using our finances.

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus."

Romans 15:5

From Your Stewardship Ministry Team: We Offer ... God Brings

This is a special time of year, a time when the world around us is transforming into beautiful fall colors. And yet those colors — as beautiful as they are — are the shades of dying. Another season is drawing to a close. Another chapter in the memory book of life is concluding.

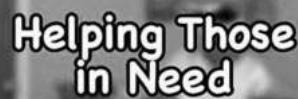


What we are about here at Faith Lutheran is just the opposite. We are about living; specifically, about living eternally. That's why we do what we do. Through the proclamation of the good news of the gospel, this ministry offers eternal life to a dying world. We offer the water of grace to thirsty souls as God brings forgiveness, cleansing, peace and a whole new perspective to life.

Notice the process: We offer . . . God brings. We are God's messengers of hope to those who are what the Apostle Paul calls "aliens" and "strangers." Through this ministry, we are fulfilling our role as ambassadors of the King of Kings in proclaiming the gospel. And God — who really needs no help from anyone — allows us to have this privilege and makes us part of the process of bringing eternal life to needy people through faith in Jesus Christ.

At this special time of year, consider a special Thanksgiving offering to help us continue to serve as spiritual sentinels here and elsewhere. As the year draws to a close, there are many needs. Please ask God what you should do in response to this opportunity, and then give as he leads in your life. Thanks for being part of this fellowship and for your faithfulness in the past months. And thanks for being sensitive to the Lord's leading concerning your special Thanksgiving offering.

Help Needy Neighbors Through Pastor's Discretionary Fund



Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they might require. The Pastor's Discretionary fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. If you are able, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.

'Worship to Go' at Elancé Touches Hearts, Will Continue with Your Help



There were 21 worshipers at the Nov. 7 "Worship to Go" service at Elancé, some of whom were overcome with emotion and hugged Pastor Eric, thanking Faith for the first opportunity they have had to worship in years. Seven of the participants also served as worship leaders, including a volunteer who accompanied the hymns on the flute and played a beautiful anthem during communion. **It is not too late to be part of this rewarding ministry! The next service will begin at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, in the second-floor gathering space of Elancé's assisted living building next door to Faith.** "Worship to Go" volunteers will **meet at 10 a.m. Dec. 5 in the Faith chapel** to discuss the service and review leadership roles. Please contact Pastor Eric if you could be there. No experience necessary!

Endowment Committee Plans Donor Celebration



A luncheon honoring donors to the Faith Mission Endowment Fund is set for **11:30 a.m., Dec. 5, at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.** "Celebrating Generosity" is for all givers, regardless of the size of the donation, who help to fund grants to support new and developing ministries through Endowment Fund donations. You are invited to be a part of that perpetual giving fund that supports God's ministries at Faith. We have a list of donations, but some seem to be missing. If you have donated to the Endowment Fund or would like to, contact Ann Greenwood, 262-490-9917 or agreenwood3@comcast.net; or Scott Rice, 412-551-4549 or scottwrice@live.com.

Midweek Advent Services Begin at Noon Dec. 6

Enrich your Advent time of waiting and hope with brief Midweek Advent Services at **noon Dec. 6, 13 and 20, followed by simple lunches at 12:30 p.m.** Pastor Marianne Powrie will preside during worship. Karen Naulty will coordinate the lunches, which will be open to the community.



Artistically Inclined? The Stewardship Committee Needs You!

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER
WANTED!**

The Faith Stewardship Committee needs a volunteer to design and produce visuals for Faith's upcoming stewardship campaign. If you can help, please call or email the church office.

Dedicate a Christmas Poinsettia to Adorn the Sanctuary



Help adorn the sanctuary for Christmas while honoring a loved one or special occasion by dedicating one or more poinsettias. You will be welcome to take your plant(s) home after the Christmas Eve service. The cost is \$15 per plant. **Orders and dedications are due by Dec. 7.** Special red-bordered giving envelopes for Christmas poinsettias are available in the narthex and pews. Or you can pay and record your dedication through the Christmas Poinsettia option on the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com.

You Can Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with "altar flowers" in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, please choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, Jan. 7.**



When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication will be 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 through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page of the Faith website, faithlutheransrq.com.

If you have specific requests about who or what facility should receive your donated flowers, contact Judi Melander, judimelander629@gmail.com or 941-927-2502.

Safety Committee Seeks Volunteers



Members of a soon-to-be-created safety committee will review Faith's building and grounds for possible hazards that could cause tripping or slipping -- raised sidewalks, rugs that don't lay flat, water on the floor, parking-lot bumpers with rebar that should be pounded back to ground level, etc. They will report concerns to the property committee. Interested? Please contact the church office.

S.U.R.E. Justice Team Needs Volunteers

Pastor Eric recently attended an assembly for S.U.R.E. (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity), a faith-based community organizing entity of which Faith is a covenant member. All congregations at the assembly voted to focus on a single issue: **affordable and accessible housing**. Faith Food Pantry volunteers have heard of hardships our neighbors endure regarding skyrocketing rents and being priced out of the real estate market. While this problem might not affect every member of our parish, we are compelled by the gospel to care deeply about our neighbors' needs. This is how we love our neighbor! **If you are interested in getting involved, contact Pastor Eric.** He soon will invite the lead organizer of S.U.R.E. to lead a workshop that could help Faith launch its own justice ministry team. In the meantime, visit suresarasota.org to learn more.



Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. in person &
10:15 a.m. in person and live streamed at
www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, Nov. 12

Online views	50
8 a.m. in person	33
10:15 a.m. in person	135

Next Sunday, Nov. 26

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
God will shepherd Israel

Psalmody

Psalm 95:1-7a

We are the people of God's pasture and the
sheep of God's hand (Ps. 95:7)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23
The reign of Christ

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46
The coming of the Son of Man; the
separation of the sheep and goats

This Week at Faith

Monday, Nov. 20

Tuesday, Nov. 21

9:30 a.m.	Men of Faith Bible Study, fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, conference room
6 p.m.	Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

Wednesday, Nov. 22

9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group, chapel
1 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Holiday: Church Office Closed
8:30 a.m. Jazercise, gym

Saturday, Nov. 25

8:30 a.m.	Jazercise, gym
9 a.m.	Diakonia, conference room

Sunday, Nov. 26

9 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast, fellowship hall
9:10 a.m.	Adult Forum, conference room
9:30 a.m.	Voices of Faith, choir room
10:25 a.m.	Sunday School, classroom



Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Marsha Anderson, sister of Gail Murphy
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old
friend of Alyene Weaver
Chuck Banta
Sean Brett, son of Alyene Weaver
Sandra Brinker
Charles Budreau
Family & Friends of John Burns
Elise Carmona
Casey, friend of Faith Lutheran
Priscilla Chansky, sister of Linda Burton
Evelyn Conlon
Jordan Demers, cousin of Hannah Boyd
Eloise Dettmer
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
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
Mary Janice Holt

Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of
Anita and Jon Wooton
Family & Friends of Nancy Iverson
Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Lois Light
Paul & Debby Maresch
Alexis Martincek, 13-year-old
friend of Heather Stuebe
Kathleen McBride
Judi Melander
Family & Friends of Rob Morris
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Beverly Novak, cousin of Patty McKee
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
James & Virginia Pease
Fran Perkins
Wally Pina
Kristen Pizan
Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia
Marlene Radesk
Fritz Rappold
Gabriel Rockwell
Ted and Carol Rodi
Floyd Ryder
Ralph Searles
Rev. John Spittal
Dianne Stoll, friend of Dorothy Gustavson
Cathy Stubenvoll
John Stuemke, brother of Terry Copper
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino
Colette Thornbloom
David Turnbull
Alyene Weaver
Jon Wooton

- **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.