



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

5 p.m., April 27, 2025



In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for 50 days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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

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**All who are 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.**

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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

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Deacon Scott Rice

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Andi Zdrava

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**Interim Executive Assistant**

Linda Fewell

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

## WELCOME

WE STAND

### SONG: Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

#### *Chorus*

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship.  
Come just as you are before your God. Come.

#### *Verse 1*

One day every tongue will confess You are God.  
One day every knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

#### *Chorus*

Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come just as you are to worship.  
Come just as you are before your God. Come.

#### *Verse 2*

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.  
Willingly our knees will bow.  
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength we gladly choose You now.

#### *Ending*

Come, just as you are, come.

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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people  
your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG: Here I Am To Worship**

### *Verse 1*

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

### *Chorus*

So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.

### *Verse 2*

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created,  
All for love's sake became poor.

### *Chorus*

So here I am to worship.  
Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that You're my God,  
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath, revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## FIRST READING: **Acts 5:27-32**

L: A reading from Acts.

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.”

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

<sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

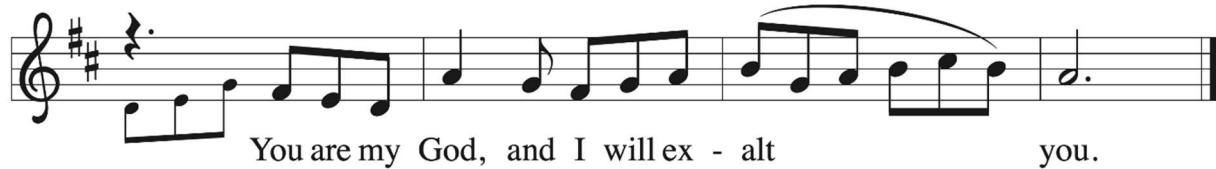
<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM REFRAIN: **Psalm 118:28**

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



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

Psalm 118:28

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## PSALMODY: **Psalm 118:14-29**

L:<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

    The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

**C: Refrain.**

L:<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;

    I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

    and you have become my salvation.

**C: Refrain.**

L:<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup>Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

**C: Refrain.**

L:<sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

    we bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup>The Lord is God and has given us light.

    Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

<sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will thank you;

    you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

    God’s mercy endures forever.

**C: Refrain.**

*WE STAND*

**SONG: In Christ Alone**

*Verse 1*

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song,  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

*Verse 2*

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,  
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.

Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,

For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

### Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

### Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

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

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

**P:** <sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

**WE SIT**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
 ELW 635

**WE STAND**  
**O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing**  
**Verses 1, 5, 6, 7 and 8**    *We sing together*


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


 1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break us of sing day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,

 with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,

be laud and ju - - bi - lee and praise:


 to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*


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

 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
 that they had seen the risen Lord,  
 he doubted the disciples' word.  
 Alleluia!

 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia!

 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
 and look upon my hands, my feet;  
 not faithless, but believing be."  
 Alleluia!

 8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

## WE SIT

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L: Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the wellbeing of creation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities, especially in Israel, Gaza, Russia, Ukraine and all areas rocked by unrest. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way, especially 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: Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## OFFERTORY



*There is an offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

## WE STAND

### SONG: This I Believe (*The Creed*)

#### *Verse 1*

Our Father everlasting,  
The all-creating One,  
God Almighty, through Your Holy Spirit  
Conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

#### *Chorus 1*

I believe in God our Father.  
I believe in Christ the Son.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit.  
Our God is three in One.  
I believe in the resurrection,  
That we will rise again,  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

#### *Verse 2*

Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified,  
Forgiveness is in You.  
Descended into darkness,  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high.

#### *Chorus 2*

I believe in life eternal.  
I believe in the virgin birth.  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church.  
I believe in the resurrection  
when Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

*WE SIT*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*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. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG: The Cross**

### *Verse 1*

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

### *Chorus*

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

### *Verse 2*

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

### *Chorus*

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

### *Verse 3*

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

## *Chorus*

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

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## **BLESSING**

**P:** Receive a blessing. The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P:** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Welcome, Visitors!**

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by signing our guestbook and/or filling out a Visitor Card located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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## ***Interested in Learning More About Faith Lutheran?***

Do you love Faith Lutheran, but never officially joined the congregation? Do you want to learn more about Faith's ministry and service opportunities? If so, please contact Pastor Eric, 716-352-0055 or [pastor@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:pastor@faithlutheransrq.com). Faith will receive new members during the 10:15 a.m. service next Sunday, May 4.

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

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Next week, the group will study lesson 5, *Confronting the Empire*, in the “A Clash of Kingdoms” series.
- **Women of Faith** meet for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Monday, April 28, at Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail. Questions? See Pastor Marianne or email her, [pastorp2.0@gmail.com](mailto:pastorp2.0@gmail.com).
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.
- **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women’s Bible study** meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the library to focus on "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength." Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 867 2113 5300, Passcode 815433.
- **The Prayer Support Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion. Can't be there? Join via Zoom, Meeting ID 871 4720 3661, Passcode 041291.
- **The Bereavement Group** meets at 3:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.

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## ***Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory***

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “altar flowers” in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is May 11.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear in the bulletin on your selected Sunday.

To make a dedication:

- At church, complete an Altar Flowers envelope with payment, and place it in the offering plate. Indicate your wish to keep or donate the flowers on the donation board in fellowship hall.
- By mail, send payment with a note indicating your desired date and dedication, and if you want to keep the flowers or donate them.
- By email or phone, contact the church office with your desired date and dedication, and whether you want to keep or donate the flowers. Pay through the Altar Flowers option on the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

Contact Joan Hirsch, 941-726-7885, with questions or specific requests about who or what organization should receive flowers that you purchased and choose to donate.

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## ***Readers Club Meets April 28***

The Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the final Monday of each month. Tomorrow, April 28, the group will discuss *The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued*,

*Cared For, and Understood* by Joel P. Bretscher and Kenneth C. Haugk. Come to join the conversation. Or log in via Zoom, Meeting ID 840 3904 1433, Passcode 182787.

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## **Worship to Go Needs You**

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! It's a heartwarming experience in which volunteers bring worship with Holy Communion to people in care. You can participate at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, at Aravilla Sarasota, 3251 Proctor Road. Volunteers will meet in the chapel and can carpool to the facility (30 minutes prior). To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055, or show up at the chapel. No experience necessary!

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## **Consider Donating to Pastor's Discretionary Fund**

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. The need currently is great so, if you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance. You can give online through the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com), or via cash or check to Faith that is designated to Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

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## **Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul Lutheran**

From 3 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, be part of the crew that will cook and serve for about 70 food-insecure and homeless siblings in Christ at St. Paul in downtown Sarasota. To volunteer, sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.

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## **Move to the Music During Zumba Class**

Zumba begins at 6 p.m. Mondays in the Community Center (gym). All fitness levels are welcome! It is free for congregation members, and a voluntary donation from non-members is appreciated. Be there to move with the music and join in the fun!

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## **Sign Up to Donate Blood Mother's Day, May 11, at Faith**

There always is a need for blood, but the need is critical after many of our neighbors return north for the summer. Your donation on Mother's Day, May 11, at Faith can save three lives and would be a wonderful way to honor your mother.

Faith must pre-schedule at least six donors, so please register if you can donate and if your most recent donation was before March 16 (at least eight weeks before May 11). Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table. You also can sign up online at [donorportal.suncoastblood.org/register](http://donorportal.suncoastblood.org/register).

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## ***Coffee Hour Is Important! Please Volunteer!***

Coffee hour needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is provide and put out snacks, and clean up afterward. Faith can cover the cost of the snacks if you would like to volunteer but don't have resources to purchase them. Sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall.

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## ***Have You Lost Something?***

Have you lost an item? Perhaps a piece of jewelry or a water bottle? Call the church office to describe and claim your item.

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## ***Thank You***

Dear Faith Friends,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful dishes that were so generously given for the luncheon that followed John's funeral service. I truly appreciate and love every one of you! And we so appreciated the generous offer to take leftovers home. I can assure you that they didn't last much longer.

With thankful blessings,

Karen White

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## ***Help Assemble LWR Personal-Care Kits After 10:15 a.m. Service May 4***

You are invited to help assemble personal-care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) after the 10:15 a.m. service May 4 in fellowship hall. Faith's Women of the ELCA (WELCA) are again sponsoring the effort to provide our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need with items such as combs, toothbrushes, nail clippers, soap and new towels. Some of the kits will be shipped overseas, and some will go to people in the United States who have suffered catastrophic disasters. Thanks for your donations toward this effort and for your help May 4.

**Contact officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com:**

- If you or someone you know would appreciate a communion, hospital or home visit; to be contacted; or to receive a card in the mail.
- To add or remove a name from the Prayer List.

## ***Prayer List***

Lucy Abbott, sister-in-law of Judy Millard  
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri & Terry Copper  
Billy Bajor  
Gail Brown  
Dee Burlingame  
Rick Chauncey, son of Wess Chauncey  
Linda Craley, sister-in-law of  
    Dick & Jetty Zarfos  
Lindsey Dacey  
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd  
Nancy Dandino  
Tyeann Dillon  
Ken Dixon, online worshipper  
Family & Friends of Joe Dongarra, friend  
    of Lois Weaverling  
Janet Dullard, friend of Bev Hungate  
Mark Evan  
Beth Farmer, mother of Lynn Clancy  
John Robert Flower, son of Bob & Catherine Flower  
Travis Galyon, cousin of Bev Hungate  
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen  
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Jon & Anita Wooton  
Pete Inkrott  
Family & Friends of Joan Bridges,  
    sister of Bill Greenaway  
Bruce Katz, friend of Nancy Flanagan

Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk  
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch  
Juli & Eli Maresch, niece and grand-nephew  
    of Patty McKee  
Judy McMahon, friend of Kristine Ordman  
Family & Friends of Judi Melander  
Jay Millard, son of John & Judy Millard  
John Millard  
Bob Miller, friend of Bill Greenaway  
Dulce Mogan, friend of Nancy Flanagan  
Valerie Nicolls, mother of Pastor Ashley Nicolls  
Kathy Ocker, friend of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen  
Heather Schott, daughter-in-law of Les Lorenz  
Kathy Schilio  
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of  
    Carolyn Winemiller  
Norman Stoll, brother of Dottie Gustavson  
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Melissa Thompson, cousin of Lisa Olsen  
Darren Thomsen, son of John & Tricia Thomsen  
Jessica Uebel, cousin of Adele Smith  
Carol Wambold  
Family & Friends of John White  
Dorothy Wolfe, cousin of Adele Smith  
Jon Wooton  
Rev. Melvin Younger, friend of Bill Greenaway

# ***Worship and Service Calendar***

## **Sunday Worship Services**

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

## **Easter Sunday, April 20**

Online views	1,146
7 a.m. in person	55
10:15 a.m. in person	236

## **Next Sunday, May 4**

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]  
*Paul's conversion, baptism and preaching.*

Psalm 30  
*You have turned my wailing into dancing*  
(Ps. 30:11).

Revelation 5:11-14  
*The song of the living creatures to the Lamb.*

John 21:1-19  
*Jesus appears to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.*

## **This Week at Faith**

### **Monday, April 28**

8:30 a.m.	Women of Faith Breakfast, Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami
2 p.m.	Readers Club, library
6 p.m.	Zumba, community center

### **Tuesday, April 29**

8:30 a.m.	Men of Faith Breakfast, Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami
9:30 a.m.	G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library
10 a.m.	Worship to Go Prep, chapel
10:30 a.m.	Worship to Go, Aravilla Sarasota, 3271 Proctor
3 p.m.	Feed the Hungry, St. Paul Lutheran, 2256 Bahia Vista
6 p.m.	Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

### **Wednesday, April 30**

10:30 a.m.	Prayer Support Group, chapel
3:15 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel

### **Thursday, May 1**

9 a.m.	Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
10:30 a.m.	Men's Study Group, conf. room
4:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
5 p.m.	Food Pantry Distribution
6:30 p.m.	Voices of Faith, choir room

### **Friday, May 2**

8 a.m.	Jazzercise, community center
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### **Saturday, May 3**

8 a.m.	Jazzercise, community center
9 a.m.	Diakonia, conference room

## ***About Faith Lutheran***

### ***Our Mission***

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 in all we do.

### ***The ELCA***

Faith Lutheran Church is part of the greater Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are ecumenical, saved by grace and love Jesus.

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