



Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name!
24th Sunday after Pentecost
CHRIST THE KING**

Nov. 20, 2022, 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

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

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



Please consider donating altar flowers
in honor of a special occasion,
in memory of a loved one, or to glorify God.



Presiding Ministers:	Bishop Pedro M. Suárez Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Preacher:	Bishop Pedro M. Suárez
Lector:	8 a.m. Mark Nelson 10:15 a.m. Tom Tryon
Director of Music/Organist:	David V. Patrick
Lead Cantor/Music Librarian:	Tom Tryon
Cantor:	Kiran Kimbell
Vocals:	Voices of Faith Choir
Crucifer:	Jasmine Gamboa
Greeters & Ushers:	Thomas & Amanda Bright, Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Scott Rice, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach
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Altar Guild:	Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Janet Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan
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Office Administrator:	Cate Teague
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Artist in Residence:	Dr. Joseph Holt

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

Faith has a T-Coil-enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) also are enabled. NOTE: This service is being live-streamed. While we try to avoid filming congregants, it may happen at times.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE STAND

OPENING LITURGY

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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

(Silence for confession and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

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

We have ignored voices that call for your justice.

We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness.

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

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

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

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

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

Amen.

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

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

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

C: Amen.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



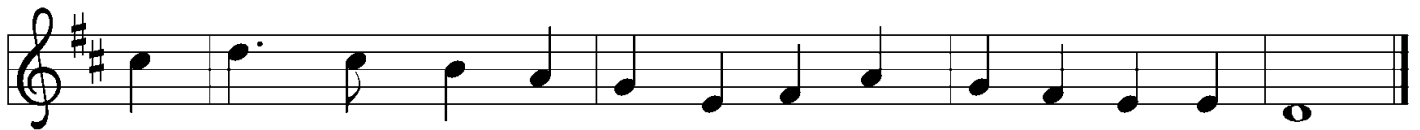
- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



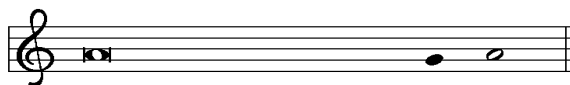
and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

GREETING

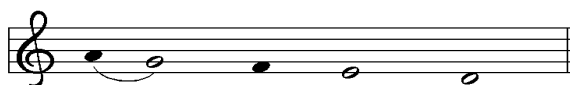
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

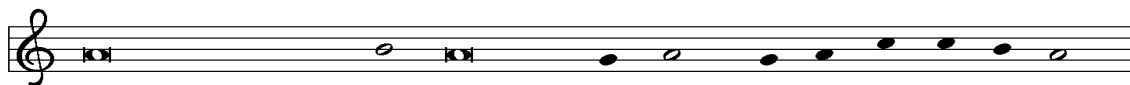
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



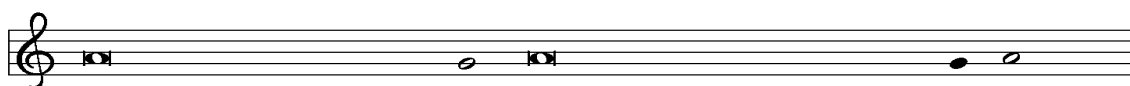
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



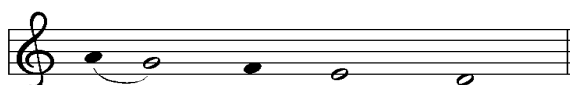
Lord, have mer - cy.



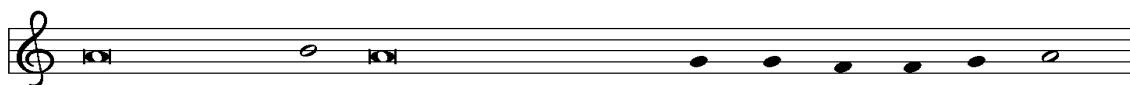
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



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

A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

Final refrain



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



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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

L: A READING FROM JEREMIAH

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!
says the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

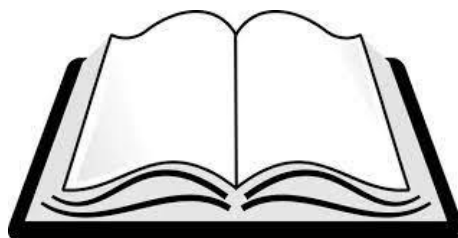
⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 46:10



Psalm 46:10

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Psalm 46

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
- ³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.

C: Refrain

- ⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ⁸Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- ⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the |
shields with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
- ¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

C: Refrain

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

L: A READING FROM COLOSSIANS

- ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully
- ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,
- ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
- ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
- ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.
- ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.
- ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
- ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 23:33-43

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

- ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.
- ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.
- ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"
- ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,
- ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"
- ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."
- ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
- ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"
- ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."
- ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
- ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Bishop Pedro M. Suárez

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR
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Beautiful Savior



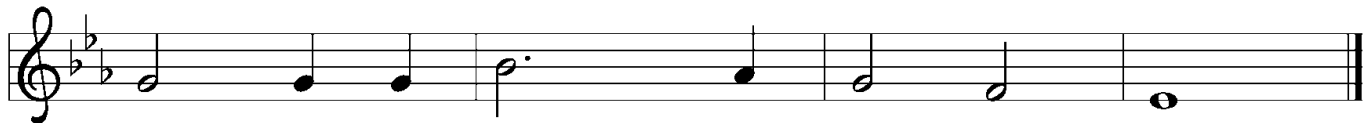
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

L: We pray for your church. Embolden denominations especially the ELCA, and faith-based organizations such as LSF, LDR, Novus Way, and All Faiths Food Pantry in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We pray for the nations of the world especially Ukraine. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We pray for all who are undermined, oppressed or struggling in any way. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring your peace and solace to all who are sick or in need, especially those on our prayer list, and those we name before you now, aloud or in silence. *[PAUSE FOR RESPONSES]* Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We pray for this assembly. Guide our Bishop, pastors, staff people and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith, especially Dick Sanks, and Marlene Falconer. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

C: Amen.

WE STAND

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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

WE SIT

OFFERTORY

WE WILL GLORIFY

Twila Paris, setting by Jack Schrader

Voices of Faith Choir

The offering is collected at this time. Online giving also is available at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

When the offering plates are brought forward, the congregation stands and sings.

WE STAND

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

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

Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

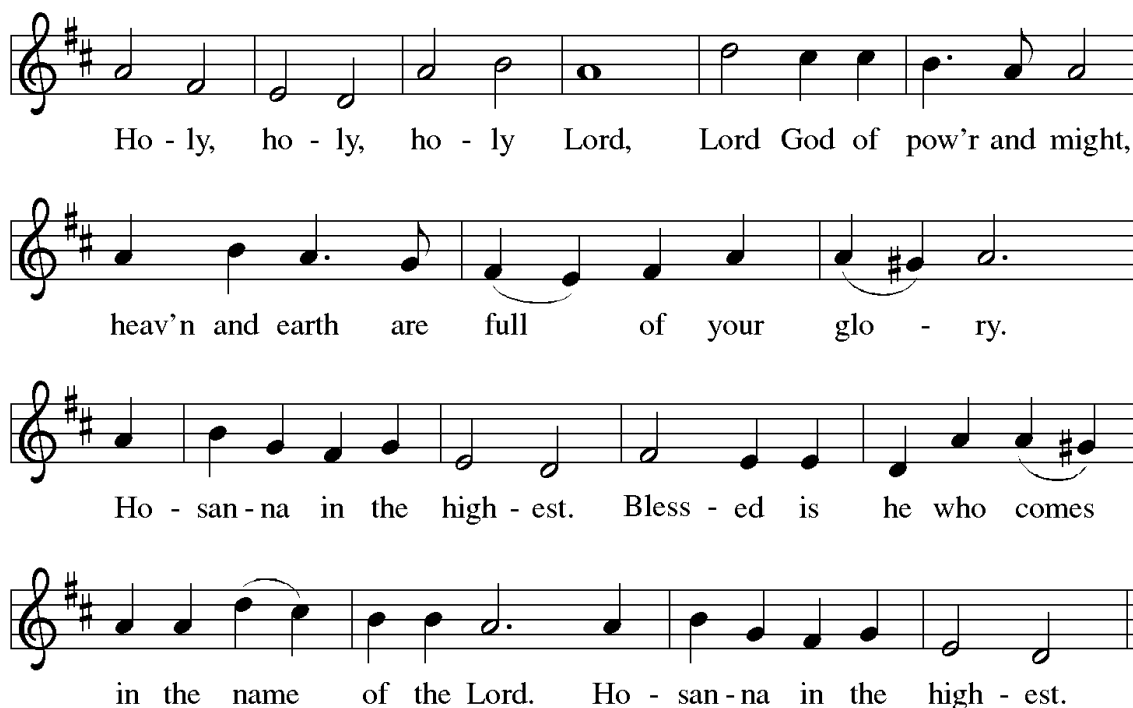
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur-rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.



COMMUNION SONG

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

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

PLEASE STAND

TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's Grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

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

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!

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Verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

MARCH FROM SCIPIO

G. F. Handel

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship Services

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

In-Person & *Live-Streamed at

www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, Nov. 13, Online views: 35

Sunday, Nov. 13, Attendance: 153

Next: Sunday, Nov. 27, 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Weapons of war are transformed
into instruments of peace.

Psalms 122

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from
sleep.

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of
Man.

This Week at Faith

Monday, Nov. 21

11 a.m. Finance Committee,
conference room

Tuesday, Nov. 22

10 a.m. Men of Faith, chapel
12 p.m. Mary Circle, fellowship hall
4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class, chapel

Wednesday, Nov. 23

11 a.m. Prayer Meeting, chapel
Zoom
1 p.m. Bereavement Group,
chapel

Thursday, Nov. 24

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, Nov. 25

THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Saturday, Nov. 26

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Sunday, Nov. 27

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
After both Celebrations of
Services Birthdays & Anniversaries

WELCOME VISITORS!

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

Let Us Pray

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Adult Forum - Christian Education



Adult Forum will meet TODAY, Sunday, Nov 20th with the beginning of Volume 4 Lesson 1 “When Storms Come” of “That the World May Know” video series. We will meet in the conference room between the two morning worship services from 9:10–9:50am.

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

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

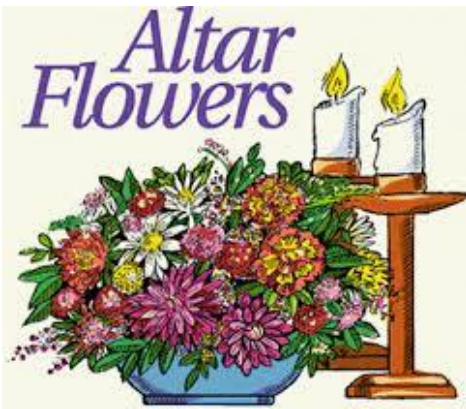
Bishop Pedro M. Suárez Preaches Today

Today, we welcome Bishop Pedro M. Suárez, who will preach at both services.

We are thankful for his message of hope, and for the connections he and all the synod staff people nurture between congregations in the Florida-Bahamas synod.



Altar Flowers: A Beautiful Way to Honor People and Events



Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The price is \$30 for one vase and \$60 for two vases. The next available Sunday is **Dec. 11**.

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

Pastor's Discretionary Fund Needs Your Help



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

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

Following Hurricane Ian, **requests for assistance have grown substantially.**

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

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



Committee Seeks Four People for Council of Faith



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

Four seats need to be filled at a time when there is excitement in the progress that the past year has brought to the renewal of our church. Under Pastor Eric's leadership, Faith again seeks new ways to serve God. In the hymn, "God, When Human Bonds are Broken," we are encouraged to consider serving the church: "Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith."

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

The members of the nomination committee look forward to presenting a slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February.

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

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

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

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

Calling All Confirmation Students

Our new class time is 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays.



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

G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) **On Hiatus until January 17**



With all the holidays fast upon us, G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) Bible study will not meet until Tuesday, January 17th, 2023. We will resume studying "Be Still and Know" by Deb Burma at 9:30 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 17** in the conference room. We look forward to continuing our study of Psalm 46. May Christmas Joy fill your hearts.

Men of Faith Bible Study Meets Tuesday



Men, please join us at 10 a.m., **Tuesday, Nov. 22**, in the chapel for another exciting study of one of the shortest books of the Bible.

Don't let their size fool you. These short books pack a serious spiritual punch! No prior Bible Study experience necessary.

Consider inviting a friend or two, as well.

Let's Pray!



Looking for a time to pray with members of our Faith family? Join us at **11:00 a.m.** Wednesday in the chapel. We will pray for ourselves, our loved ones, those in need, our church community, the larger community that we serve, our nation and the world. We will conclude with Holy Communion.

Bring your concerns and your desire to connect with our loving heavenly Father! Can't attend in person? Please join us via Zoom.

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

NOTE: If you need the sacrament brought to your house, please let us know or take consecrated elements home with you on Sunday if you are in town.

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

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



Bereavement Group Shares Strength and Hope



Faith's Bereavement Group meets at 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the chapel. All are welcome. If you or a friend can use some help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you. There is strength in community. Help spread the word of hope.

Readers Club - Ethel Rosenberg: An American Tragedy



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

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

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

Help Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's Lutheran



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

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

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

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact the church office.

Mary Circle Meets for Lunch and to Pack School Kits



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

Deepen Your Faith by Becoming a Church Deacon

Please contact Pastor Eric if you are interested in delving deeper into your faith formation and becoming a church deacon. We already have 3 members joining in study through Diakonia Florida-Bahamas Synod's School of Lay Ministry. We will most likely meet at Faith for our classes on Saturday mornings starting in January. For more information, visit diakoniafl.org or contact Deborah Dornemann, 941-914-7553.



Hurricane Ian Relief Fundraiser on December 4th



You don't want to miss the event of the year! Faith is hosting a Hurricane Ian Relief Fundraiser on December 4th. Doors open at 3pm. Event starts at 4pm.

Entertainment by legendary singer/songwriter Karlus Trapp and Sarasota's king of comedy Al Ernst will highlight the evening. An original songwriter, a diverse troubadour, and a musical educator, Karlus views music as a healing gift from God. Al's calling from God is to make you laugh until you cry tears of joy! With over 30 years of experience, including appearances on all major networks and cable channels, he will indeed tickle your funny bone.

Some amazing donors are providing awesome items for raffle baskets.

Free will offering will be collected and all funds raised will assist those affected by Hurricane Ian. Donations up to \$15K will be matched by an anonymous donor.

Save the Date

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





Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Jeff & Nancy Arntsen
Kevin Beard, friend of Jim Winemiller
Tommy Bright
Charles Budreau
Dee Burlingame
Michael O. Cannon, father of Kay Cannon
Cheryl Cook
Joan Cotton
Eloise Dettmer
Megan Fairlie
Family & Friends of Marlene Falconer
Elizabeth Farmer
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler
Andrea Gamboa
Elaine Graham
Dottie Gustafson, friend of Patricia Lawrence
Jon Hale
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita and Jon Wooton
Mary Janice Holt
Jesus & Rita Jimenez

Howard King, friend of Powrie's and others
Paul & Debby Maresch
Kathryn McLaughlin
Judi Melander
Ed Miller
Kristin Mohammed
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Family & Friends of Dennis Pappalardo
Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia
Fritz Rappold
Family & Friends of Deacon Sue Rice
Gabriel Rockwell
Beverly & Floyd Ryder
Family & Friends of Dick Sanks
Ken Schell, brother of Mike (Gwen) Schell
Rev. John Spittal
Dieter Smirnow
Cathy Stubenvoll.
Michelle Terrell, niece of Kay Cannon
Colette Thornbloom
Evie Webb
Marlene Wiest
Jon Wooton

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

Contact the church office if:

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

ABOUT US

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.

OUR VISION

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

THE ELCA

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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