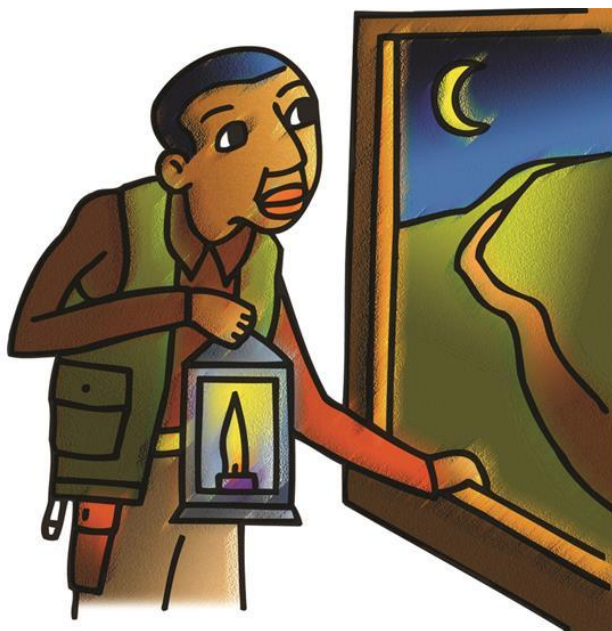




Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name!
9th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 07, 2022, 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church!

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.

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



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Linda Burton in memory of
Tom Schneider



Thank You for Serving Today:

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector:

8 a.m. Ron Walter | 10:15 a.m. Jim Winemiller

Cantor:

Hannah Boyd

Greeting & Ushering:

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

Videography:

Lars Olsen, Andrea & Sergio Gamboa

Substitute Organist:

Michael Bayus

Altar Guild:

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

Congregation Council:

Ann Greenwood (President), Scott Rice (Vice President), Peggy Ragan (Secretary), Amanda Bright, Sandra Brinker, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Gail Lidinsky, Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen, Joan Searles, and Anita Wooton

Faith Lutheran Staff:

Brigitte Porwol (Office Administrator)

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Variations on a Theme by Lady Jane Grey,

Michael Bayus

WE STAND

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 638

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

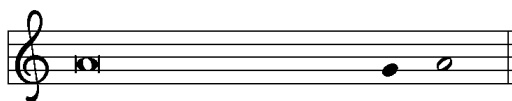
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

GREETING

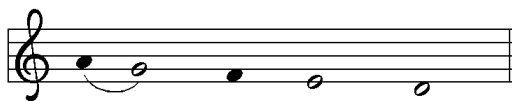
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also, with you.

Kyrie (next page)



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.



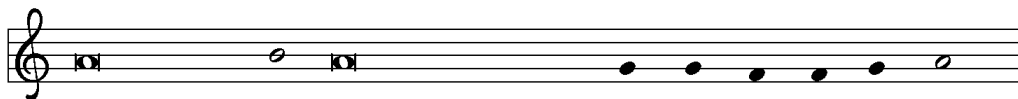
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



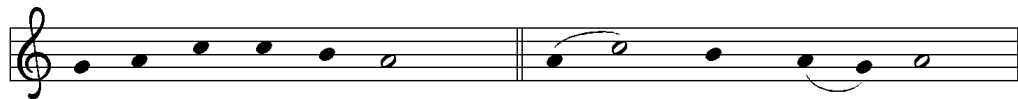
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

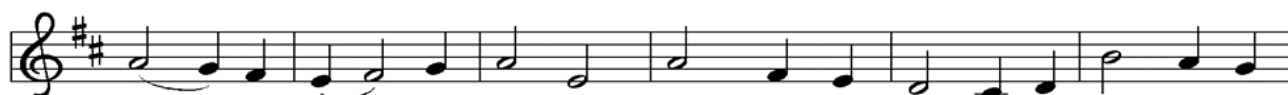
Refrain



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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

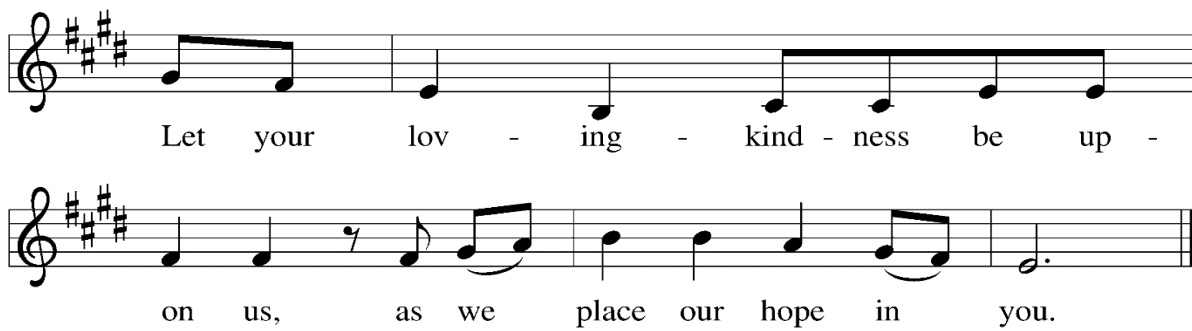
FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Refrain: Psalm 33:22 (next page)



Psalm 33:22

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PSALM: 33:12-22

- ¹²Happy is the nation whose God | is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to | be God's heritage!
- ¹³The Lord looks | down from heaven,
and sees all | humankind.
- ¹⁴God sits firmly en- | throned and watches
all who dwell | on the earth.
- ¹⁵God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds.

Refrain

- ¹⁶A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- ¹⁹to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.

Refrain

- ²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.
- ²¹Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.
- ²²Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

Refrain

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

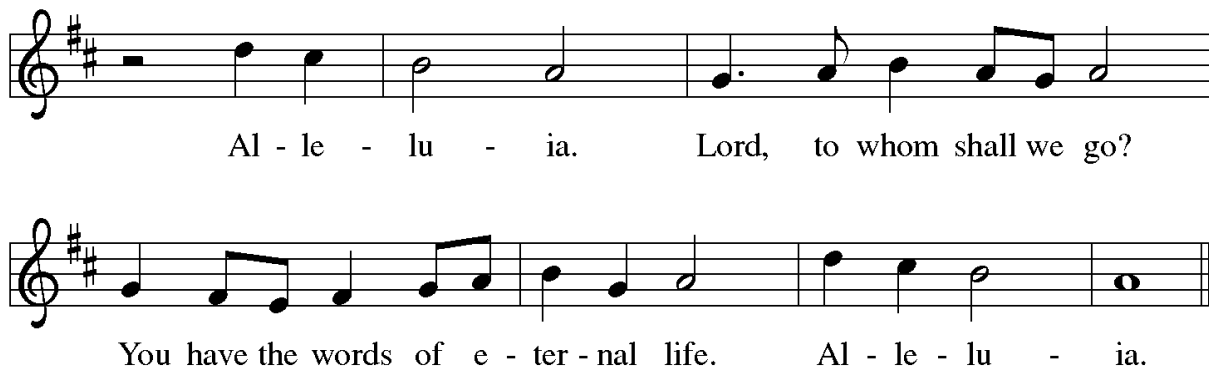
¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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P. Let us together confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed

APOSTLES' CREED

**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. Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit.
Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope amid fear and uncertainty.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence (especially). Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. We especially ask for an end of Russian aggression and for a just peace for Ukraine and for peace between China and Taiwan. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you(especially). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation especially our school board which meets this week and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you especially Evelyn Mager who joined the Church Triumphant this week. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

WE STAND FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

PEACE (*feel free to greet your neighbor with a word of peace*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also, with you.**

WE SIT

OFFERTORY SOLO

When Peace Like a River

Soloist Hannah Boyd

The offering will be collected at this time. Online giving is also available at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of Faith Lutheran's ministries. The offering plates are brought forward, and the congregation stands and sings.



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C 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.

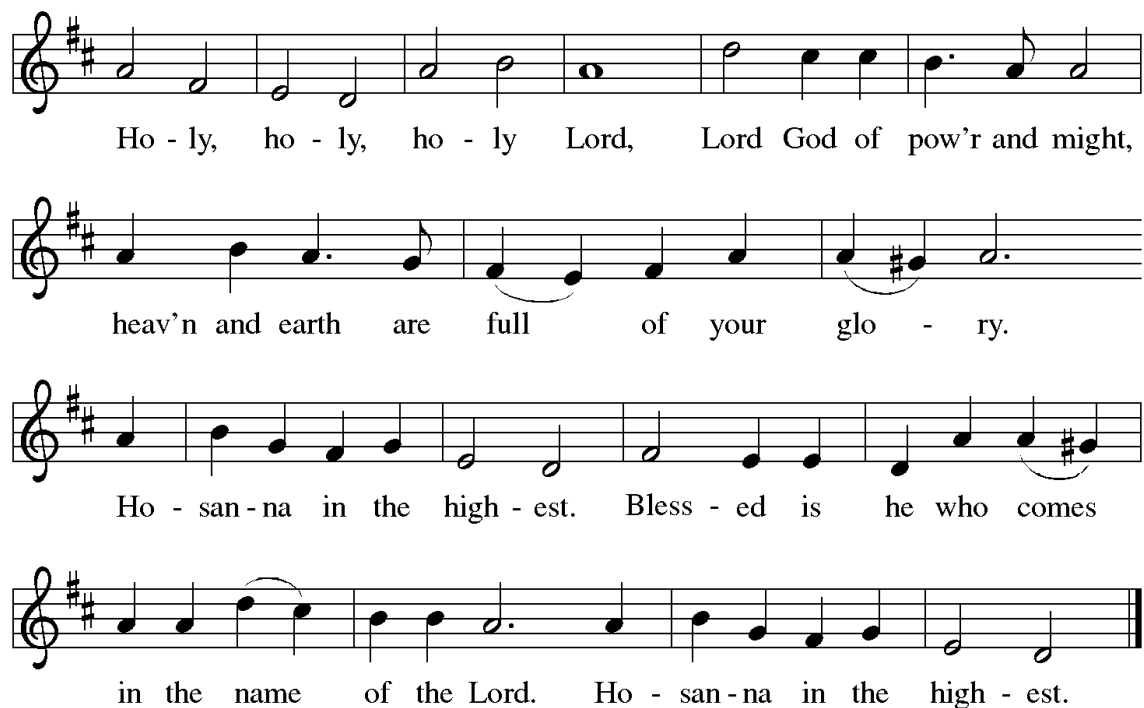
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PREFACE (ON NEXT PAGE)

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

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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

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

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.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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

ELW 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



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



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



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



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

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

DISMISSAL

D: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

A Flourish for the Lady Jane Grey, Matthew 13:43

Michael Bayus

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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Worship Services:

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM*

In-Person & *Live-Streamed at

www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, July 31, Online views: 92

Sunday, July 31, Attendance: 80

Next Sunday, August 14, 2022

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29

God's word is like fire, like a hammer
that breaks rocks

Psalms 82

Arise, O God, and rule the
earth. (Ps. 82:8)

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The faith of the Hebrew people, a
great cloud of witnesses

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus brings fire on earth and has a
baptism with which to be baptized

This Week at Faith:

Monday, August 08

Tuesday, August 09

9:30 a.m. Men of Faith Bible Study
in Chapel

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Property
Committee Meeting

1:00 p.m. School Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 10

11:00 a.m. Finance Committee
Meeting

11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Chapel

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group in
Chapel

Thursday, August 11

1 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter

6 p.m. Jazzercise

Friday, August 12

Saturdays, August 13

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Sunday, August 14

8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. worship

9 a.m. Adult Forum in Conference
Room

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. **Please let us know 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.

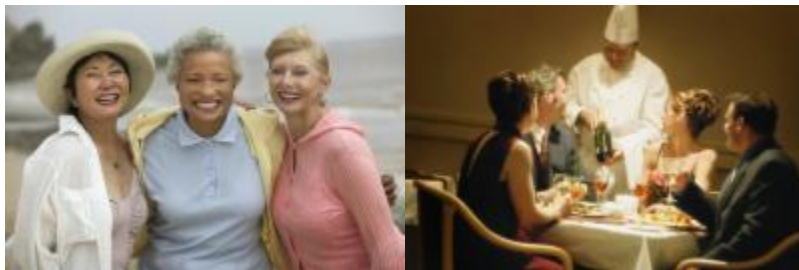
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Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Mary Circle meets August 16 at 12 p.m.!



Please join us on Tuesday August 16 at Connor's Restaurant (in Siesta Key Mall) on Tamiami Trail at 12 p.m.

*We need to make reservations, please email Janet Petersen:
lurvstichtes55@gmail.com*

Pastor Larry and his wife Ann are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 11th.

Congratulation to the 60th Wedding Anniversary to Pastor Larry and his wife Ann!



Sixty years of giving happiness, love, and loyalty to each other must not go unmarked. We all from Faith Lutheran Church wish you Pastor Larry with your wife Ann many more years of love and good health together.

Please enjoy with us our Coffee Hour and help prepare!



One of the joys we experience at Faith Lutheran church is the beautiful fellowship and caring that we share together. If you would like to help us enjoy that time together as we enjoy Coffee Hour, please sign up to help with goodies on Sunday! They can be homemade, or store bought, and do not need to entail a lot of work. Or better yet, grab one or two other members and share in bringing items together for one Sunday! Cleanup is easy too! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, on the Greeting Table

Ways to give.....



Please consider donating Altar Flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, or just to glorify God. The price for one vase is \$ 30 and \$ 60 for two vases. The next available Sunday is **September 04.**

Ways to serve.....



We are looking for some talented and motivated members to help develop a new **Senior Ministry**, and a new **Ministry for Children & Youth**. Please pray about it and talk with Pastor Eric if you are interested. Planning meetings will begin in August.



A Family that Prays together stays together!



Looking for a time to pray with members of our Faith family? Join the next time **this Wednesday, August 10th at 11:00 am** in the chapel for a time apart. 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 our time with Holy Communion. Come and bring your concerns and your desire to connect with our loving heavenly father!

We are collecting items for the Food Pantry!



Last Sunday's sermon was beautiful by Pastor Larry and reminds all of us that we may have abundance to share with others. We are collecting items for the Food Pantry. Bring in any nonperishables, that can be gifted to others who may need them. There is a large barrel, in the narthex, just waiting for your items.

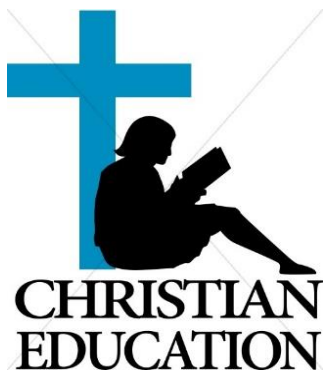


Service Opportunity!

Would you consider serving as an Usher, a Lector or as a Communion assistant? It is a wonderful way to serve and to feed your faith! No experience necessary! If you are interested in serving, please call Joan Searles, Worship Committee Chairperson at **(941)921-9896** or call the church office.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Adult Forum



Sundays from 9:10 – 9:50 a.m.

Adult Forum began Sunday, June 19th and continues with “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.*”



BEREAVEMENT GROUP



Faith's Bereavement Group will meet this **Wednesday, August 10th** at 1 p.m. in the prayer 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!



Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers this week:



Jeff & Nancy Arntsen

Tommy Bright

Charles Budreau

Jane Burgfield

Dee Burlingame

Michael O. Cannon –
Father of Kay Cannon

Eloise Dettmer

Megan Fairlie

Elizabeth Farmer

Andrea Gamboa

Elaine Graham

Jon Hale

Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles

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

Mary Janice Holt

Karla Howell

Jesus & Rita Jimenez

Evelyn Magers

Paul & Debby Maresch

Kathryn McLaughlin

Judi Melander

Ed Miller

Kristin Mohammed

Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia

Fritz Rappold

Gabriel Rockwell

Rev. John Spittal

Dieter Smirnow

Cathy Stubenvoll

Craig Thomsen

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.**

To add someone to the Prayer List, please send an email with the individual's name to officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com. Please send updates when prayers are answered.