



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Third Sunday After Epiphany**

10:15 a.m., January 21, 2024



As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

Welcome to Worship at Faith Lutheran Church

***Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others***

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



The flowers on the altar today are given by  
Dick and Jetty Zarfos  
in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



**Presiding Ministers**

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

**Lector**

Judy Carlsen

**Director of Music/Organist**

David V. Patrick

**Cantor**

Kiran Kimbell

**Vocals**

Voices of Faith Choir

**Greeters & Ushers**

Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz,  
Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,  
Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard,  
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Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

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treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Gail Lidinsky;  
Mark Nelson; Joan Searles; Lauren Wardach

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**Pastor**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

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Rev. Larry Wright

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Noted throughout the service - P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation  
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Smile! Faith worship services are live-streamed and recorded.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GIVING TESTIMONY

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*WE STAND***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

**C: Amen.**

*We sing together*

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
 Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

**GREETING**

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

**C:** And also with you.

**KYRIE***We sing responsively*

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

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us  
 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

## GLORIA

*We sing together*

*Refrain*

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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## WE SIT

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**L:** A Reading from Jonah.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 62:6

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



Psalm 62:6

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### PSALMODY: Psalm 62:5-12

**L:** <sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

**C: Refrain.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;  
those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

**C: Refrain.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

L: A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*WE STAND*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We sing together*

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

## GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

P: <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for

people.”<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*WE SIT*

**SERMON**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

*WE STAND*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

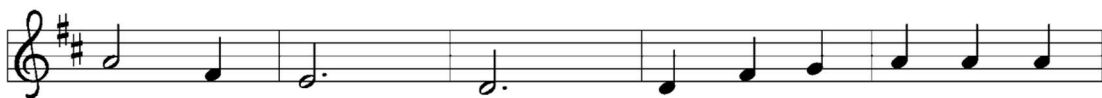
**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

ELW 810

*We sing together*



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*We respond following each prayer petition*

P: ... God of grace,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*As the prayers conclude ...*

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

**C: Amen.**

*WE STAND*

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

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

*WE SIT*

## **OFFERTORY**



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*We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM****Give Me A Song  
Voices of Faith Choir**

Pepper Choplin

Give me a song and let me sing, and I'll not ask for anything:  
 No wealth or fame, no worldly praise, but let me raise my voice to You.  
 And if the world should stop to hear, Lord, let Your melody sound strong and clear,  
 That through my song, that through my voice, they will rejoice in the music of You.  
 Hymns to sing of Your mighty power. Psalms to sing Your grace.  
 Come and give the songs to sing with Your spirit as You fill the weary soul.  
 So if I have one life to live, how shall I choose my life to give?  
 I'll lift my voice to fill my days with grateful praise,  
 O give me a song to praise You, my Lord, my God.

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

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

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

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

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*We sing responsively*

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

*The presiding minister sings*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

*The presiding minister continues ...*

*The presiding minister concludes...*



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*We sing together*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*We speak responsively*

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

*The presiding minister continues ....*

*The presiding minister concludes...*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

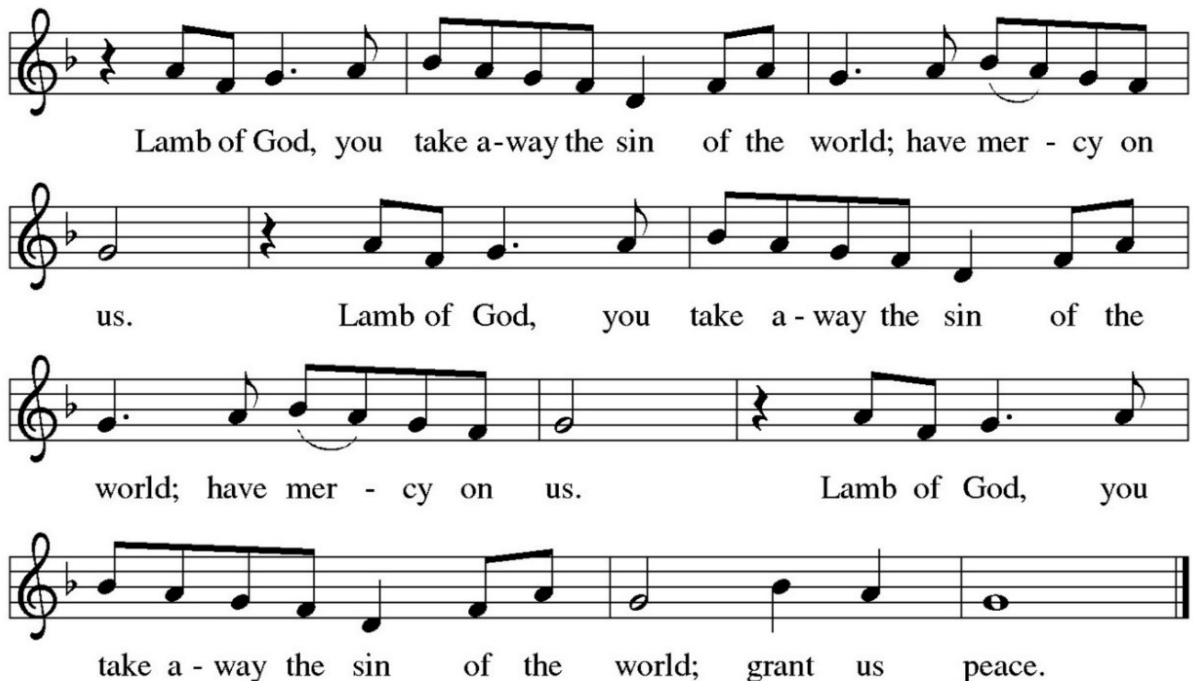
**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## COMMUNION SONG

*We sing together*



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

*WE SIT*

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.*

## **COMMUNION**

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

## **COMMUNION ANTHEM**

We Who Are Called  
Voices of Faith Choir

Carolyn Hamlin

We who are called by your great name now humbly seek your face;  
Forgive our sins, restore our lives within this hallowed place.  
Let us know your will, Lord, teach us with your mind,  
For you can make the difference, Lord, as your way we find.  
May your heart be ours, Lord, as we rise to see  
The broken lives around us who need a touch from Thee.  
Encouraged when we seek you, uplifted when we fall;  
Sustain us now within your grace as on your name we call.  
Let us know your will, Lord, take us from our knees  
To soar to heights where eagles fly, from our paths of ease.  
Clasp our hands in yours, Lord, bind our hearts as one  
To blend our lives in service, Lord, thy will, thy work be done.

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## *WE STAND*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **NUNC DIMITTIS**

*We sing together*



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



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

pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the  
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

## SENDING SONG **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ** **ELW 674** *We sing together*

- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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## DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Rondeau from Sinfonies De Fanfares*  
Jean Joseph Mouret

## ***Welcome, Visitors!***

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

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### ***Faith Sunday School Welcomes All Young People***

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

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### ***Adult Forum Meets Between Services***

Adult Forum meets between services, **9:10-9:50 a.m. in the conference room.** Next week, the group will focus on Lesson 4, "Watch With Me – Israel Leaves Egypt" of Volume 8, "Finding Freedom in the Midst of Life's Trials," in the "That the World May Know" video series.



### ***Experiencing the Joy of Generosity: The Joy in Managing God's Blessings***

This is week two in our stewardship emphasis, *Experiencing the Joy of Generosity*. Today's theme is "The Joy in Managing God's Blessings." Through faith, we learn that all that we are and have are gifts by God's grace. To express our gratitude, we manage our blessings in ways that praise and honor our Lord.

We pray that Faith worship services and Bible studies will you draw closer to God and help you understand the importance of following God's plan for managing your blessings. And we pray that you will read and be blessed by the bulletin insert. Join us next week when we will focus on "The Joy of Sharing God's Blessings."

### ***God's Wisdom Enables Us to Manage Our Blessings Faithfully and Responsibly***

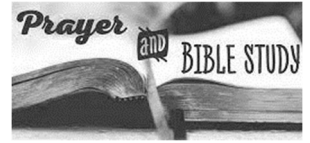
"Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from [wisdom] is better than gain from silver and her profit is better than gold."  
(Proverbs 3:13-14)



## ***Coffee Hour: Volunteer to Set Up, Clean Up***

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

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



- **Men of Faith meet for Bible study at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the chapel.** All are welcome!
- **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women's Bible Study meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the conference room** to focus on "Be Still and Know – A Study of Rest and Refuge" by Deb Burma. Questions? Contact Peggy Ragan, pragan12@aol.com or 941-302-7722. All women are welcome!
- **Adult Bible Study delves into Mark's gospel at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 7 in the upstairs classroom across from the elevator.** All welcome! Light refreshments! Great discussion! Fun fellowship!
- **The Prayer Group meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel** to pray for all in need, our community, our nation and our world. The gathering concludes with Holy Communion. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.**



## ***Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays***

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

## ***Stitch 'n' Chatter Meets Thursdays***

Grab your hooks and needles for Stitch 'n' Chatter, **1-2:30 p.m. Thursdays in room 212.** For info, contact Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia, 941-266-8101.



## ***Confirmation Class Meets Thursday Evenings***



Confirmation Class meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays via Zoom: **<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054124705?pwd=jkQYOlazk519ubngIAeJxxa6USxWOA.1>**, Meeting ID **830 5412 4705**, Passcode **688400**. Contact Pastor Eric with questions.

## ***Faith Food Pantry Needs Your Donations, Assistance***

The Faith Food Pantry needs your help on Thursdays! Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table, via the online sign-up in the Faith Friday Update email, or contact Karen Naulty, 406-334-1063 or



knaulty@yahoo.com. **Remember BOGO – Buy One Give One – for food and paper products** (toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, etc.), then leave them in the car so you don't forget to bring them to church. Place donations in the barrel in fellowship hall.

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### ***Safety Committee Seeks Volunteers***

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

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

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



### ***Look for 2023 Statement, Pick Up 2024 Envelopes***

*Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*  
*Matt: 6:21*

## My Offering

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not receive your giving statement for tax year 2023, or if you need a paper copy and haven't received it, contact the church office, 941-924-4664 or [officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com); or Patty McKee, [financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com) or

941-921-3709.

If you ordered 2024 giving envelopes, they are available in the narthex. If you did not order envelopes but would like to have them, use the sign-up form to request either Full Packets or Special Offering Packets.

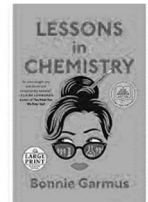


## ***Help Advocate for Affordable Housing***

Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (S.U.R.E.), a faith-based community organizing entity of which Faith is a covenant member, is focused on **affordable and accessible housing**, an issue with which neighbors who visit the Faith Food Pantry struggle. While this problem might not affect every member of our parish, we are compelled by the gospel of Jesus Christ to care deeply about our neighbors' needs. Interested in getting involved? Contact Pastor Eric.

## ***Readers Club Meets Jan. 29***

Readers Club will meet at **2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, in the library** to discuss *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Questions? Contact Kathy Schilio, [schilmo@yahoo.com](mailto:schilmo@yahoo.com). Please join!

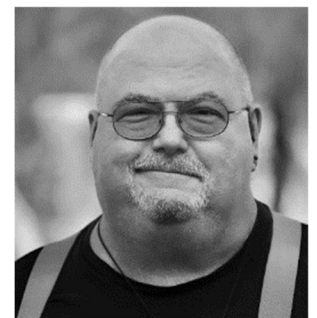


## ***Be There to Learn How 'Laughter Saves Lives'***

*"You have as much laughter as you have faith." - Martin Luther*

In a world of factions, there is one thing we all have in common. We can **laugh!** Join Al Ernst, your Faith-based humorist in residence, for **"Laughter Saves Lives," 2-3:30 p.m., tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 22, in the conference room.**

The gospel teaches us to live with joy, gratitude and faith. Through this fun presentation -- using lessons and a little help from Jesus, Martin Luther, Ted Lasso and more -- you'll laugh, then take home some new ways to enjoy your daily faith. The presentation is not designed to teach you how to tell jokes, be a comedian or "make lemonade out of lemons." Rather, it will help you make your Christian walk more fun, joyful and optimistic. You are invited!



## ***Pastor's Discretionary Fund Helps Needy***

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



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

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “altar flowers” in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, please choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, March 17.**

When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication will be published in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

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

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

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## ***‘Worship to Go’ Expands Again! Needs You!***

The recent “Worship to Go” service at Angel Senior Living brought God’s word, and the joy and peace of the Lord to residents who hadn’t had worship opportunities for years.

**Now, the people of Faith have been asked to bring worship to that facility’s memory care residents. Can you be a welcoming helper?**



**Meet at 10:30 a.m. this Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the Faith chapel for a quick worship-service review before carpooling to an 11 a.m. “Worship to Go” service at the Angel Senior Living Memory Care unit, 5750 Honore Ave. If you can help, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!**

# Worship and Service Calendar

## Worship Services

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

### Sunday, Jan. 14

Online views	82
8 a.m. in person	32
10:15 a.m. in person	162

### Next Sunday, Jan. 28

#### First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
The prophet speaks with God's authority

#### Psalmody

Psalm 111  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom  
(Ps. 111:10)

#### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Limits to liberty: The case of food offered to idols

#### Gospel

Mark 1:21-28  
The healing of one with an unclean spirit

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, Jan. 22

2 p.m. Laughter Saves Lives, upstairs  
classroom

### Tuesday, Jan. 23

9:30 a.m. Men of Faith Bible Study, chapel  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, conference  
room  
10:30 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel  
11 a.m. Worship to Go, Angel Senior Living  
Memory Care, 5750 Honore  
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,  
Sanctuary

### Wednesday, Jan. 24

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

### Thursday, Jan. 25

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

### Friday, Jan. 26

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### Saturday, Jan. 27

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

### Sunday, Jan. 28

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



## Prayer List

*Please remember in your prayers this week:*



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

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

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