



Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name!
20th Sunday after Pentecost**

October 23, 2022, 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.



Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

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
on October 23
by Donna Pappalardo
in honor of the birth of Madison Knight,
second granddaughter, on 9/21/22



Thank You for Serving Today:

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector:

8 a.m. Ron Walter | 10:15 a.m. Sandra Brinker

Director of Music / Organist: David V Patrick

Cantor: Chris Hird

Vocal Quartet: Kiran Kimbell, Hannah Boyd, Tom Tryon, Chris Hird

Greeting & Ushering:

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

Congregation Council:

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Faith Lutheran Staff:

Cate Teague (Office Administrator)

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

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Setting by Paul Manz

WE STAND

OPENING LITURGY

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence of confession and self-examination)

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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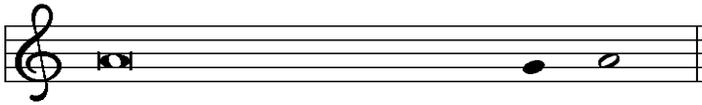
GREETING

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

C: And also, with you.



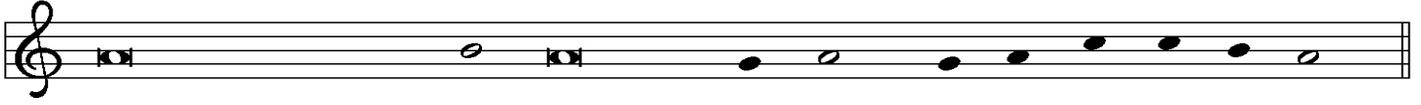
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



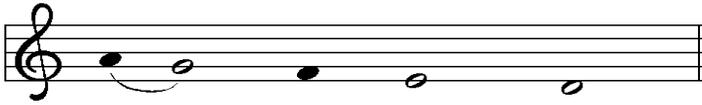
Lord, have mer - cy.



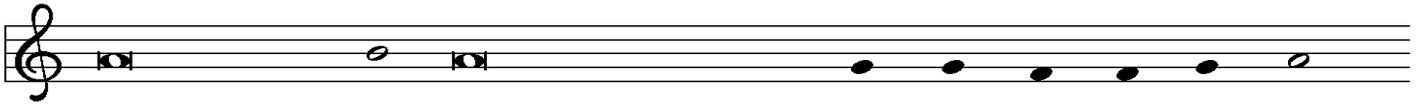
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

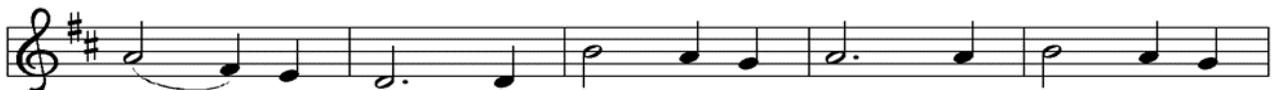


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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.

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

A READING FROM JEREMIAH

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,
act, O LORD, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many,
and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,
its savior in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?
Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people:
Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?
Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

Refrain: Psalm 84:5



Psalm 84:5

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PSALM 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.

Refrain

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Refrain



SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A READING FROM SECOND TIMOTHY

- ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has come.
- ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.
- ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day,
and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his
appearing.
- ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted
me. May it not be counted against them!
- ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through
me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles
might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.
- ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his
heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

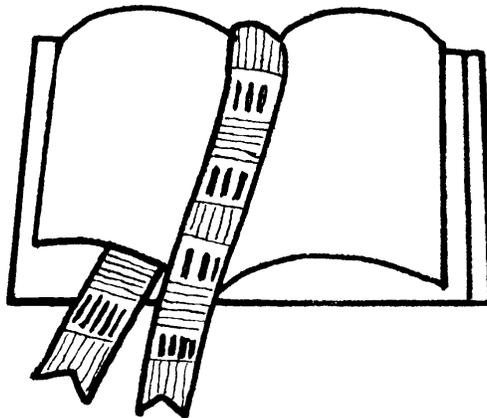
¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’

¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ



WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olsen

WE STAND

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.
 set us free and grant us peace.
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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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. In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. We pray for the people of Ukraine and all refugees, especially the family that we will help settle in Bradenton and all victims of hurricane Ian. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We especially pray for those listed on our prayer list and all we name before you now either silently or aloud. (A brief silence is observed so people can name others.) Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for James of Jerusalem and Carla, Deacon Sue and Dennis and all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

LORD OF THE DANCE

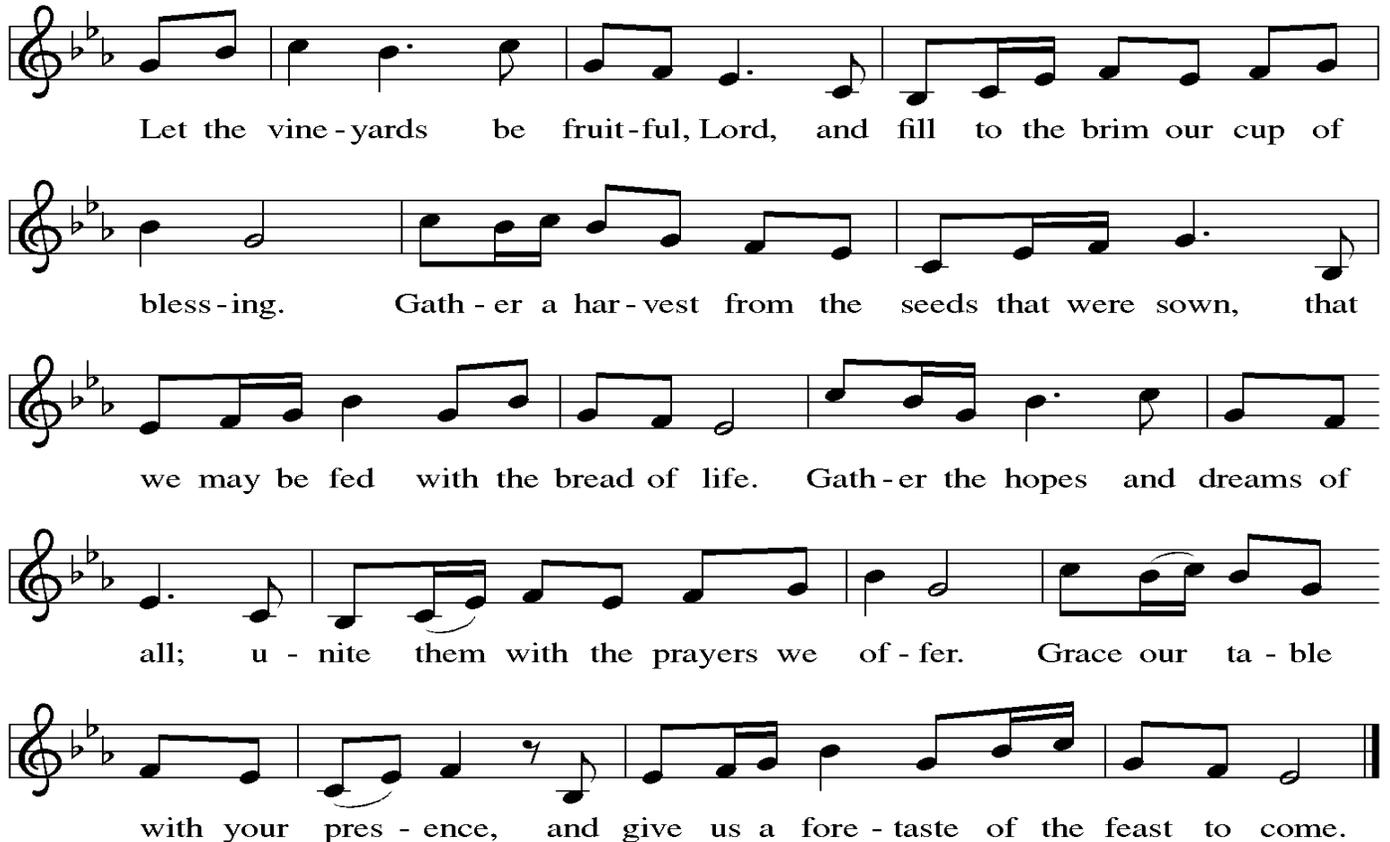
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Vocal Quartet

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

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

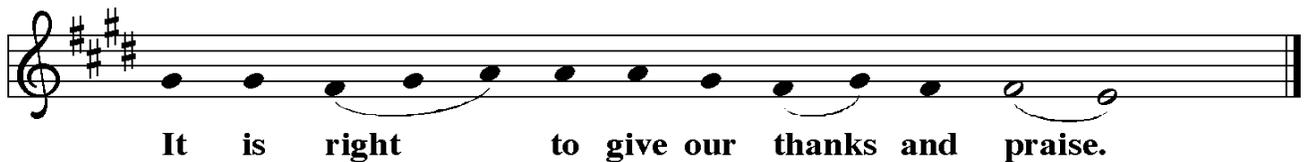
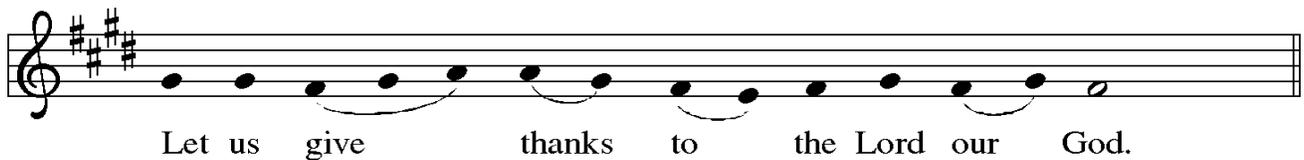
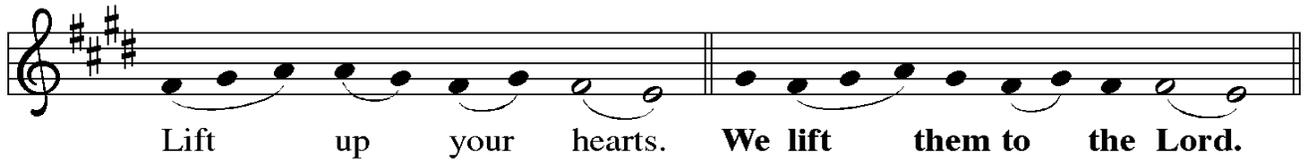
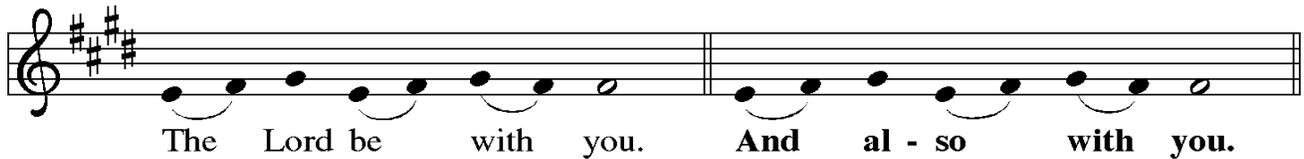
C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PREFACE (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

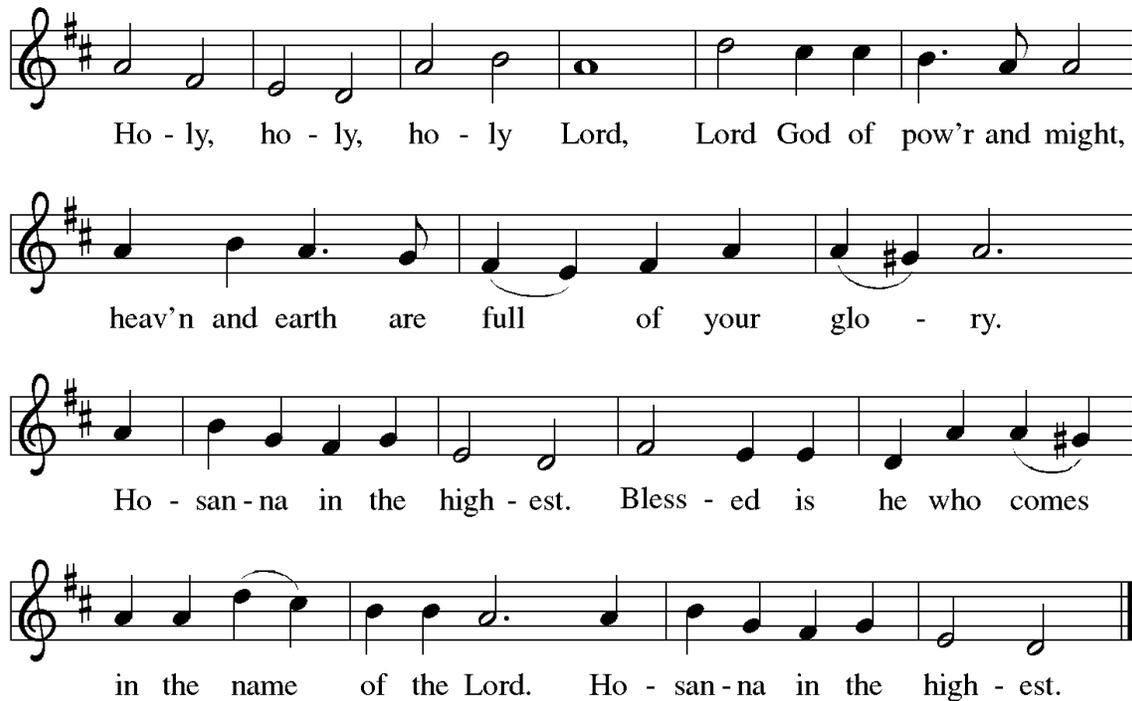
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

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

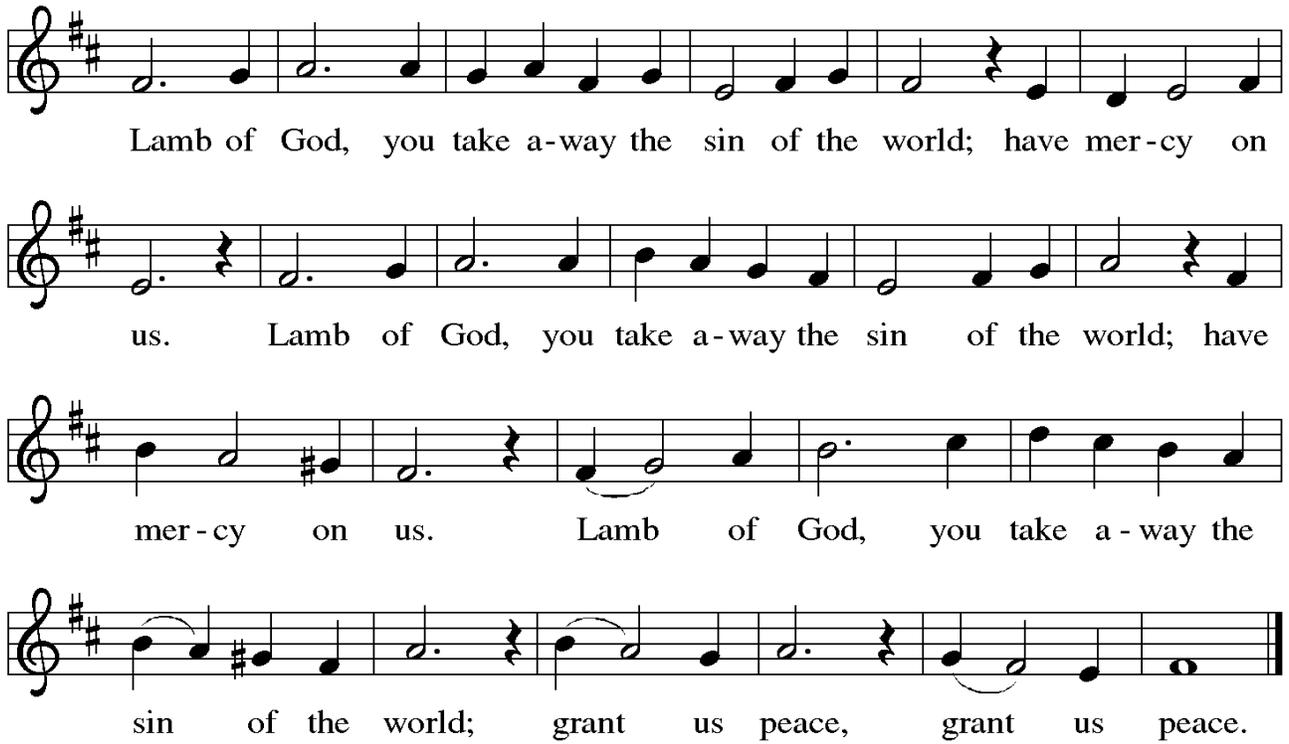
Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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.

PLEASE STAND

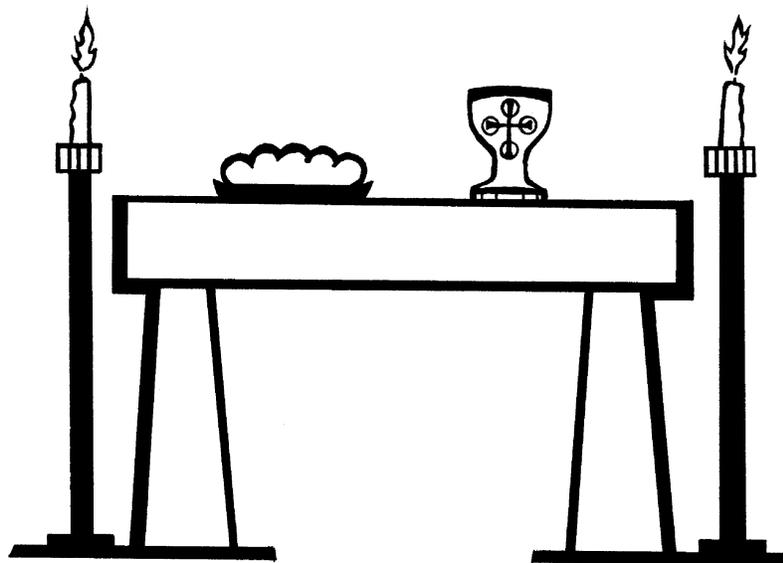


TABLE BLESSING

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 the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen



Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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DISMISSAL

D: Go in peace. with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE:

YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY

Douglas E Wagner

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Worship Services:

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Sunday, October 16, Online views: 236

Sunday, October 16, Attendance: 123

Next: Sunday, October 30, 2022

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:10-18

Learn to do good, seek justice, and
rescue the oppressed

Psalms 32:1-7

All the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of trouble. (Ps. 32:6)

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Faith and love amid persecution and
adversity

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus climbs into a tree to see
Jesus

This Week at Faith:

Monday, October 24

2 p.m. Readers Club

6:00 p.m. Jazzercise

Tuesday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast
at Skillets

9:30 a.m. Ladies of Faith in
Conference Room

Wednesday, October 26

11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Chapel
and Zoom Meeting

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group
in Chapel

Thursday, October 27

1:00 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter

6:00 p.m. Jazzercise

Friday, October 28

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Saturday, October 29

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Sunday, October 30

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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.

Let Us Pray

P: Let us pray.

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

C: Amen.

Adult Forum – Christian Education

Adult Forum will resume today, **Sunday, Oct 23rd** with Lesson 6 “Language of Culture” of “That the World May Know” video series. We will meet in the conference room between the two morning worship services from 9:10–9:50 a.m. Pack your bags!

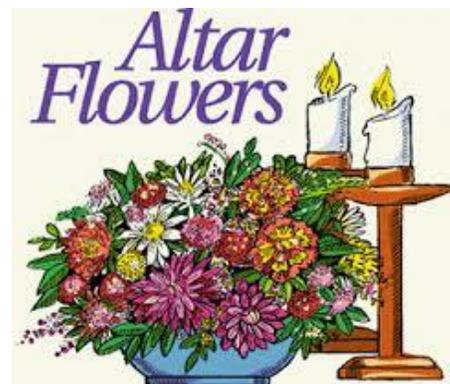
We're going on a journey with Ray Vander Laan, a Biblical scholar. A quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the Faith Lessons Digital series is an adventure in biblical learning. You will discover why Jesus turned the world 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.”

Altar Flowers

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



Did you know that you can take your flowers home or donate them to a 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!



Our pastor is in the unique position of being able to speak to members of the congregation or the community about specific needs and aid they might require. This 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

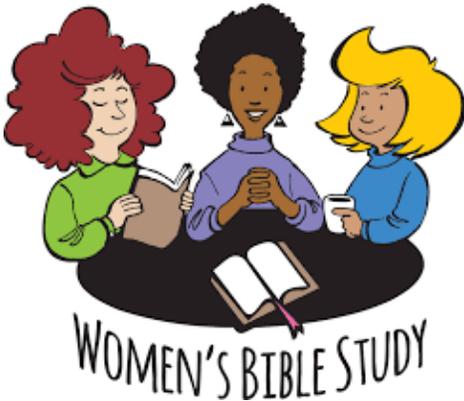
continue to receive emergency assistance. Following Hurricane Ian, requests for assistance have grown substantially.

Choir Rehearsals



Choir rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Choir Room as well as on Wednesday, November 2 & 30 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome! Whether you are seasonal or full time; experienced singer or novice; soloist or shower-singer; church member or visitor you are welcome to join the Voices of Faith Choir. We have a place for you!

G.I.F.T.S. – ON HIATUS **(Growing In Faith Through Scripture)**



Ladies of Faith will not meet this week or next week.

G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) will resume our study "Be Still and Know" by Deb Burma on **Tuesday, November 1st** at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. All are welcome.

Books will be provided, just bring your Bible and a joy in your heart to be in God's Word.

If you have any questions, please call the office.

Let's Pray!

Looking for a time to pray with members of our Faith family? Join us on **Wednesday, at 11:00 am** 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 our time with Holy Communion.

Come and bring your concerns and your desire to connect with our loving heavenly Father!

If you cannot attend in person, we invite you cordially to join us via Zoom Meeting.

Now you can join our weekly prayer meeting from anywhere via zoom!

Please note that we conclude each meeting with Holy Communion so 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.

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



Calling all Men of Faith!



Join us for a hearty breakfast, prayer, and fellowship at Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail on **Tuesday, October 25th** at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome! Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Eric at pastor@faithlutheransrq.com or call the church office!

Faith's Food Pantry



We are continuing to work in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank to begin food pantry operations. In the meantime, **we are still collecting food for All Faiths**. 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.

Lutheran Services Florida: Helping a Refugee Family of 11

Pastor Eric received a request from Lutheran Services Florida for help for a refugee family of 11: mom, dad and 9 children who are in the process of relocating to a 5BDR house in Bradenton.

We need at least 6 volunteers to help with the move-in. This includes transporting donated furniture and household items to the new home in Bradenton. This also includes loading, unloading and setting up the furniture and donations in the new home.

We are hoping to move the family into the house next week. The exact date and time has yet to be determined. The schedule is flexible and we will find a date and time that best meets the availability of volunteers.

To volunteer to help with the move-in, please contact the office with the dates and times you are available to help.

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry

"LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

A Beginners Guide to Advent

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences will once again provide us with a Participant's Study Book* and four DVD mini lectures. Our first four sessions will delve into Matthew and Luke's accounts of the beginning of Christian experience the story of the birth of Jesus. The last two sessions will include a study of hymnody, with special references to favorite hymns of the season, and the stories behind them.



Do the differing birth stories from Matthew and Luke contradict each other? What does one make of Herod's slaughtering of innocent children? How is Advent-Christmas tide more than just a children's holiday? Are Matthew and Luke totally interested in historical accuracy? Or are they interested in telling us about the connection of the good news of Jesus both to the story of Israel and to the gentile world?

Pastor Larry is leading this Five-Week study that began on **Wednesday, October 19th** and will conclude on the 16th of November. Each session is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

We are meeting in a second-floor classroom in the Community Center. Donuts and breakfast beverages will be available. ALL ARE WELCOME!!!! (* Our Mission Endowment Fund makes these materials available free of cost. Blessed are we who receive.)

IMPORTANT: There are a very limited number of extra textbooks available for anyone who has not yet RSVPed or joined and is interested in participating. Let Pastor Larry or the office know.

Readers Club Update



Readers Club will meet on Monday, 10/24 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library. Flyers are available on the table in the Narthex

This is a good way to grow and learn as we share and listen to each other's insights. Kathy Schilio is coordinating the Readers Club.

Please join! All are welcome!

Bereavement Group

Faith's Bereavement Group meets every Wednesday 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.



Deacon Sue Rice

We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of Deacon Sue Rice. The community of Faith will gather to celebrate her life and proclaim good news of resurrection hope on Friday, November 4th at 3:00 p.m.

Reception with lite appetizers to follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring something, choose items such as cheese & crackers, fruit, or a veggie platter. Please use disposable containers and serving utensils for easy cleanup. Let Peggy Ragan know what you are bringing. Volunteers to help setup and cleanup are also appreciated. Contact Peggy for more information: pragan12@aol.com or 941-302-7722.

All who are able are encouraged to attend.



Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Jeff & Nancy Arntsen
Kevin Beard, friend of Jim Winemiller
Tommy Bright
Charles Budreau
Jane Burgfield
Dee Burlingame
Michael O. Cannon –
Father of Kay Cannon
Joan Cotton
Eloise Dettmer
Megan Fairlie
Elizabeth Farmer
Andrea Gamboa
Elaine Graham
Jon Hale
Alyssa Hansen (Lisa Olsen's cousin)
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 the Powrie's and
others in the church

Paul & Debby Maresch
Kathryn McLaughlin
Judi Melander
Ed Miller
Kristin Mohammed
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
The Family & Friends of Dennis Pappalardo
Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia
Fritz Rappold
The Family & Friends of Deacon Sue Rice
Gabriel Rockwell
Beverly & Floyd Ryder
Dick Sanks
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.

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