



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8 a.m., March 17, 2024



God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will allow all people to know God by heart. We see this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ, and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts.

We join together in worship, sharing in word, song and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the world.

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  
the Bolon/Puebla Family  
in celebration of Aaron Puebla's birthday.**

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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen  
Rev. Marianne Powrie

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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*WE STAND*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*brief silence*)

Holy 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: In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister  
of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

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

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN As We Gather At Your Table

ELW 522

*First and last verses*

*We sing together*



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

L: A Reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 51:1-12**

L: We read verses from Psalm 51 responsively.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

L: <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through  
from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak  
and right in your judgment.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10**

L: A Reading from Hebrews.

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*WE STAND*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*We sing together*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

P: <sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*WE SIT*

**SERMON**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW 666

We sing together

First and last verses



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

**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**

*Following each prayer petition, we respond:*

... Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*As the prayers conclude:*

P: ... Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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**



*The offering is collected at this time. Give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or at [www.faithlutheransrq.com](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

WE STAND

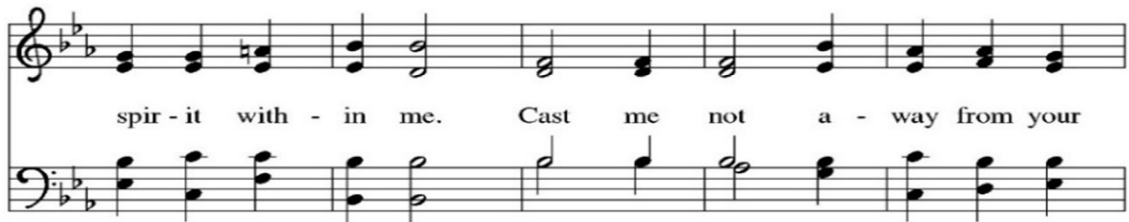
*We sing together*

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

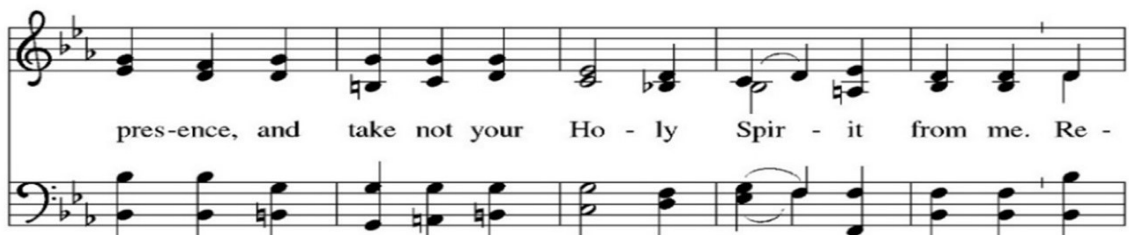
*Offering Song*



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. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered, that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord ...

... with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**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.**

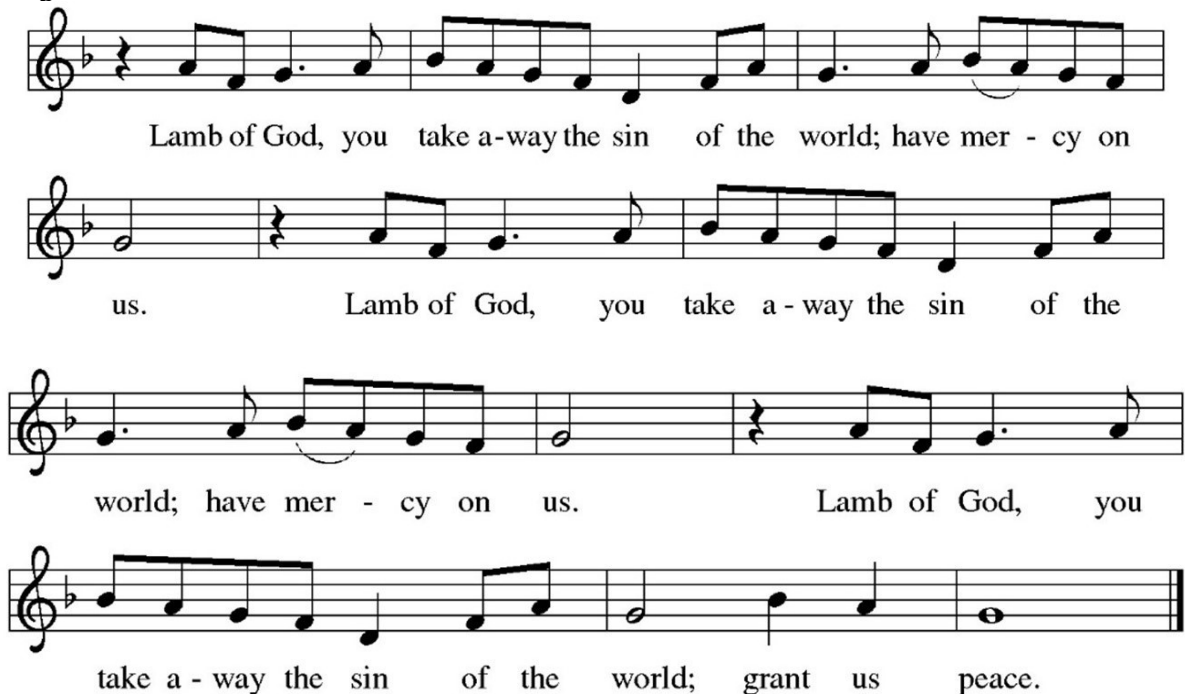
**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come to the table of the Lord!

## 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.

*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. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of Life.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

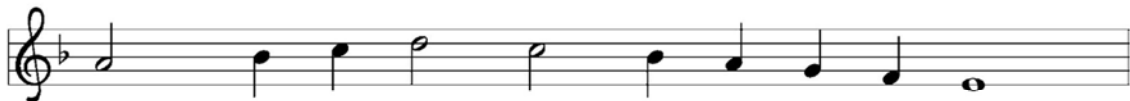
## SENDING SONG **Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church** ELW 321

*First and last verses*

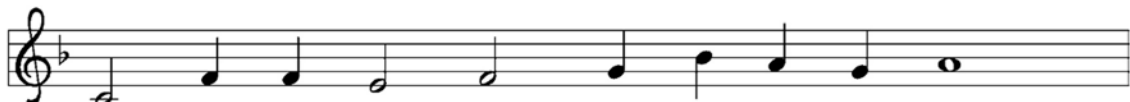
*We sing together*



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church  
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,



walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,  
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;



led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,



moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,



far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
so we are dead and live with you in God.  
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

Text: Thomas H. Cain, 1931–2003

Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Share your bread.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

Choral Song

Samuel S. Wesley

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

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

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## ***Need a Ride to Church? Contact Pastor Eric***

Faith will pay for Uber or Lyft to bring you or others to worship or other events. Contact Pastor Eric to make arrangements, 716-352-0055.

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## ***TODAY: Donate Blood at Faith***

**The Suncoast Blood Centers (SBC) Bloodmobile is in the Faith parking lot today. Walk-ins are welcome!** The SBC serves YOU — individuals, families, the military and others who comprise our beautiful community. If you donate, you will receive a blanket that commemorates the SBC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Better yet, you'll be a lifesaver!

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## ***Sunday School Welcomes All Young People, Needs Helpers***

Following the Children's Sermon during the 10:15 a.m. service, Director of Family and Child Ministry Deborah Dornemann and volunteers help young people learn about the gospel through age-appropriate lessons and fun activities. **Could you help with Sunday School? Contact Deborah, [familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com).**

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## ***Readers Club Meets March 25***

Readers Club meets **Monday, March 25, in the library** to discuss *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Please join!

## ***One More Opportunity! Here I Stand Up Class Adds Humor to Your Faith***

The Here I Stand Up class focuses on what the gospel teaches – to live with joy, gratitude and faith. Join the the final class at **2 p.m. tomorrow in the upstairs classroom** to learn new ways to express your faith through humor. You are invited! Also, mark your calendars and prepare to be entertained during the Here I Stand Up Graduation, **2 p.m., April 7, in the gym.** Congratulate the graduates and experience how they "stand up!" Be there to experience the fun of living in faith.

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

- **Adult Forum meets between services in the conference room.** Today, the group will study Lesson 4, "The Mountain of God," in Volume 9, "Fire on the Mountain/Displaying God to a Broken World," in the "That the World May Know" video series.
  - **Men of Faith** meet for Bible study at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, in the chapel.**
  - **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women's Bible study meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the second-floor library** to focus on "Be Still and Know – A Study of Rest and Refuge."
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### ***Worship to Go Could Use Your Help***

The next Worship to Go service at **Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave., is set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, in the facility's second-floor theatre.** Volunteers will meet at **12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel** and will carpool to the facility. **Worship to Go needs additional helpers. Contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055.** No experience necessary!

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### ***Bereavement Group Meets at 10:30 a.m. During Lent***

On **Wednesdays during Lent, the Bereavement Group meets at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel** so participants also can join in Midweek Lenten Worship and lunch. If you or a friend is struggling with grief, this group is for you.

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### ***Deepen Your Faith during Midweek Lenten Worship***

Join Faith friends at **noon this Wednesday** for a brief prayer service in the sanctuary followed by lunch in fellowship hall. During Lent, please prayerfully **consider a special offering** to help support the many ministries at Faith. Give as you are able.

## ***Accept the Challenge! Help Create Personal-Care Kits***

Experts with Lutheran World Relief (LWR) say personal-care kits make a profound difference for people struggling with poverty. LWR has challenged us to react with compassion, and the women of Mary Circle are leading the effort. **During Lent, please donate bath-size towels, metal nail clippers, 4-5 oz. bars of soap, combs and adult-sized toothbrushes. Monetary contributions to Faith designated for “personal care kits” also are welcome.** Mary Circle put together 60 kits last year. Can we donate enough for 70 this year? Thanks!

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## ***We Need YOU! Join Pastor Eric Tomorrow, March 18, to Show Support for Affordable Housing***

A Sarasota County commissioner will attend a special March 18 action meeting — The Nehemiah Action — to gauge support for affordable housing. Mark your calendars and plan to join Pastor Eric and other Faith friends to visibly show the commissioner that, as Christians and as a member congregation of Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (S.U.R.E.), we support affordable housing in our area.

**Monday, March 18**

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**

**1031 S. Euclid, Sarasota**

**Doors open at 6 p.m.**

**Assembly begins at 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting marks a high point in S.U.R.E.'s ongoing work to secure funding for affordable housing.

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## ***Stewardship: A Living Faith***

Contentment has been defined as “accepting what God provides with a sense of peace and serenity.” Recognizing that all we have comes from God, the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, his young son in the faith, that “there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment.” That’s why he went on to write that we should be content if we have food and clothing. Christians who daily demonstrate contentment and satisfaction with God’s provisions are able to do two things. First, they can “make the most of the time.” Unencumbered with what scripture calls “the cares of this world,” they can concentrate on seeking God’s kingdom and righteousness. Second, although they may try to improve their lots in life, their basic contentment lets them enjoy the journey. When the “memory book of life” closes for you, will you be able to look back with satisfaction on the journey that God has enabled you to take, or will you regret that you spent too much time and energy “fussing” about things that really didn’t matter? And will you regret that your discontent prevented you from serving the Lord in a greater way here at Faith Lutheran?

***Contentment is accepting what God provides with a sense of peace and serenity.***

**“I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.” (Phil. 4:11)**

### ***Join the Sunday Morning Media Team***

Both of Faith’s Sunday services now are live-streamed, so **we need more volunteers to operate the equipment.** Questions or interest? **Contact Pastor Marianne, [pastorp2.0@gmail.com](mailto:pastorp2.0@gmail.com) or (330) 464-0985.**

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### ***Plan to Attend Stations of the Cross Downtown***

To participate in the **March 29 Good Friday Stations of the Cross downtown**, park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave., between 6 and 7 a.m., and take a free trolley to the starting location. Ministers of 14 denominations will take part, **including Pastor Eric.**

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### ***Kids and Families: Register for VBS***

Register now for **Vacation Bible School Day Camp, July 22-26 at Faith.** It will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday of that week, and will conclude at noon Friday with a special program for families and friends. There is **no cost to attend, and lunch and snacks are included!** Taught by trained teachers from Camp Luther Springs, VBS will include Bible study, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature studies and more. Look for details and the registration form in the Faith Friday Update email. To ask questions or get a hard copy of the registration form, contact Deborah Dornemann, [familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com).

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

The Faith Food Pantry distributes food for about 200 people each week! Help care for our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the barrel in fellowship hall. Thank you!

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### ***Faith’s Gym is a Polling Place***

As part of Faith’s commitment to our community, neighbors will vote in the Presidential Primary 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, in the gym.



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

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “altar flowers” in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, April 7.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appears in the bulletin on your selected Sunday. To make a dedication:

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

### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

- 8 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion - sanctuary  
10:15 a.m. Celebration Worship with Holy Communion, choir and organ - sanctuary

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

- 7 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion - sanctuary

### **Good Friday, March 29**

- 7:15 a.m. Multi-Denominational Stations of the Cross,  
park at Church of the Redeemer, 222 S. Palm Ave., between  
6 and 7 a.m., and take a free trolley to the starting location  
2 p.m. Stations of the Cross - sanctuary  
7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship - sanctuary

### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

- 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Part One - parking lot

### **Easter Sunday, March 31**

- 7 a.m. Easter Vigil Part Two - Memorial Garden  
9 a.m. Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt - fellowship hall/outside  
10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship with Holy Communion, choir and organ - sanctuary

## ***You Can Order, Dedicate Easter Lilies or Hydrangeas to Adorn the Altar***

**You can purchase lilies and/or hydrangeas to adorn the altar and honor loved ones on Easter Day. Dedications to your loved ones will appear in the bulletin.**

The cost is **\$20 per lily plant** and **\$30 per hydrangea plant**, and you are welcome to take the plants home or donate them following the 10:15 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship.

The plants are in limited supply, so **orders are due no later than tomorrow, March 18.**

To indicate how many lilies and/or hydrangeas you wish to purchase and to whom you would like to dedicate the plants:

- Use a yellow-bordered Easter Lily giving envelope available in the pew racks, in the narthex and on the altar flowers bulletin board in fellowship hall. Indicate how many of each plant you would like to order, add your dedication, enclose your payment, and place the envelope in the offering plate.
  - Contact the church office, 941-924-4664 or [officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com](mailto:officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com) with your plant order and dedication, then send payment in the mail.
  - Order, indicate your dedication and pay online via the Faith website, [faithlutheransrq.com/online-giving](http://faithlutheransrq.com/online-giving).
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## ***Sign Up to Add a Treat to a Magnificent Easter Breakfast***

You are invited to contribute a treat to an Easter potluck breakfast, which will be served 8:30-9:30 a.m. Easter morning in fellowship hall.

Breakfast casseroles, fruit, veggie trays, and coffee cakes or other sweets are welcome.

Sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in fellowship hall to indicate what you will bring. Questions? Contact Joan Zabor, 586-243-9985.

# Worship and Service Calendar

## Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Live-streamed and recorded at:

[www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service)

## Sunday, March 10

Online views 125

8 a.m. in person 30

10:15 a.m. in person 155

## Wednesday, March 13

Online views 33

12 p.m. in person 45

## Palm Sunday, March 24

### First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The servant of the Lord submits to suffering

### Psalmody

Psalm 31:9-16

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

*(Ps. 31:5)*

### Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled to the point of death on a cross

### Gospel

Mark 15:1-29 [40-47]

The passion of the Lord

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, March 18

9 a.m. Election Setup, gym

10:30 a.m. Piano Tuning, sanctuary

2 p.m. Here I Stand Up Class, upstairs

6 p.m. S.U.R.E. Action for Affordable Housing, First Congregational UCC, 1031 S. Euclid

### Tuesday, March 19

All Day Presidential Primary Election, gym

9:30 a.m. Men of Faith Bible Study, chapel

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, library

12:45 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel

1:30 p.m. Worship to Go, Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore

6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 20

10:30 a.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

12 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship, sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Community Meal, fellowship hall

6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith Rehearsal, choir room

### Thursday, March 21

9 a.m. Election Equipment Pickup, gym

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery, food pantry

9 a.m. Finance Committee, conf. room

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212

1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, conf. room

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep

5 p.m. Executive Committee, conf. room

5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

6:30 p.m. Confirmation, conf. room

### Friday, March 22

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

### Saturday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9 a.m. Diakonia, conf. room

### Sunday, March 24, Palm Sunday

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, conf. 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  
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at  
    Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Tim Anderson, son-in-law of Dick and Jetty Zarfos  
Kara Ashby  
George and James Ball, brothers of Alix Giannini  
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old  
    friend of Alyene Weaver  
Chuck Banta  
Chloe Bennenthum, friend of Gail Murphy  
Allan Boardman, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell  
Sean & Rebekah Brett, son and daughter-in-law  
    of Alyene Weaver  
Charles Budreau  
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  
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  
Tesa Inkrott,  
    granddaughter of Pete & Carole Inkrott  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Jacqueline Laurent,  
    friend of Margaret Borrows  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
    Michael Leonhardt  
Lois Light  
Shirley Manning, friend of Margaret Borrows  
Paul & Debby Maresch  
Vincenzo Mariani, friend of Conrad Zabor  
Annabelle Martone  
Kathleen McBride  
Judi Melander  
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  
Cathy Stubenvoll  
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino  
Werner Thomsen, brother of John Thomsen  
Colette Thornbloom  
David Turnbull  
Alyene Weaver  
Jon Wooton

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