



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

5 p.m., February 23, 2025



Mercy. Mercy. Mercy.

Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ.

It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit.

It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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.

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Assisting Minister	Deacon Scott Rice
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Pastor	Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Assistant to the Pastor	Rev. Larry Wright
Retired Pastors in Residence	Rev. John Hilficker Rev. Marianne Powrie Rev. John Spittal
Interim Executive Assistant	Linda Fewell

- 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

SONG: Come, Now Is the Time To Worship

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse 1

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now.

Chorus

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come just as you are to worship.
Come just as you are before your God.
Come.

Verse 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose You now.

Ending

Come, just as you are, come.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

(pause for reflection)

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: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

SONG: Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made
This heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

So here I am to worship.
Here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God,
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

L: A reading from Genesis.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ” ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 37:11

The pianist plays the refrain once, then sings it once, and then we all sing it together.

The low - ly shall pos - sess the land; they will de -
light in a - bun - dance of peace.

Psalm 37:11

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PSALMODY: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

L: ¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture. ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

C: Refrain.

L: ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do. ⁶ The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun. ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

C: Refrain.

L: ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land. ¹⁰ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; even if you search out their place, they will not be there. ¹¹ But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace. ³⁹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O Lord; you are their stronghold in time of trouble. ⁴⁰ You, O Lord, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

C: Refrain.

SONG: In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe,
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
Til He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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WE STAND

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said:] ²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you.

A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

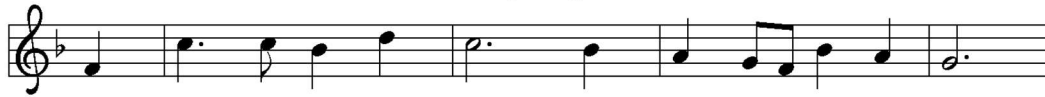
The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

We sing together



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world and all creation.

L: Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static, but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. We pray also for enduring peace in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Russia, Ukraine, Haiti, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, and all areas of the world that are rocked by unrest.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, aloud or in our hearts (*pause*).

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless ministries of caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY



There is an offering plate at the entrance of the sanctuary. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

SONG: This I Believe (*The Creed*)

Verse 1

Our Father everlasting,
The all-creating One,
God Almighty,
Through Your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son,
Jesus our Savior.

Chorus 1

I believe in God our Father.
I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit.
Our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection,
That we will rise again,
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Verse 2

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified,
Forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness,
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high.

Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal.
I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.
All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

SONG: The Cross

Verse 1

You've been trying hard to bear
The weight of all your shame.
And if there's a God up there
You're sure He forgot your name.
When your steps are getting heavy
And hope looks all but lost,
Just bring it all to the cross.

Chorus

Come and see a Savior's love
That would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done
Can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder
If you're worth so great a cost,
Look up and see the cross.

Verse 2

Who told you grace can't reach
The messed up ones like you?
Has the devil made you believe
The lies he tells are true?
When you're sure that you're the one
Who's wandered too far off,
It's not too late -
Just come home to the cross.

Chorus

Come and see a Savior's love
That would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done
Can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder
If you're worth so great a cost,
Look up and see the cross.

Verse 3

Everybody's got a list at least a mile long
Of every scar and every sin from everywhere that we've gone wrong.
But there's reason for rejoicing, and the reason is because
That list was nailed to the cross.

Chorus

Come and see a Savior's love
That would die to make you new.
Nothing you have ever done
Can change what mercy's done for you.
And if you ever wonder
If you're worth so great a cost,
Look up and see the cross.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

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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.

Readers Club Meets Tomorrow

The Faith Readers Club meets at 2 p.m. on the final Monday of each month. Upcoming meeting dates and reading selections include:

- Tomorrow, Feb. 24: *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles, based on a true story set during World War II.
- March 31: *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by Mariann Budde, exploring thoughts of the Episcopal bishop of Washington, D.C. Come and join the conversation. All are welcome.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between the two morning worship services in the conference room. Today, the group will study Lesson 2, *Decapolis: The Other Side – Jesus and the Man from the Tombs*, in the “Mission of Jesus” series.
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.
- **G.I.F.T.S. (Growing in Faith Through Scripture) Women’s Bible study** meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays in the library to focus on "Leaning on Jesus: A Study of God's Strength."
- **The Prayer Support Group** meets at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in the chapel to pray for all in need, our community, nation and world, and to share Holy Communion.
- **The Bereavement Group** meets at 3:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.
- **Women of Faith** will meet for breakfast, prayer and camaraderie at 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 3, at Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.

Worship to Go Needs Your Help Tuesday

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! You can participate at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Aravilla Sarasota, 3251 Proctor Road. Volunteers will meet in the chapel and can carpool to the facility (30 minutes prior). To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055, or show up at the chapel. No experience necessary!

Pack Seeds this Tuesday to Help Alleviate World Hunger

Hope Seeds lets you help alleviate world hunger! At 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, gather in fellowship hall to package seeds that will be sent all over the world to help people grow food. Sign up on the sheet on the narthex table to indicate that you'll be there.

You Can Bring Small Batteries to Faith for Recycling

You can place small, used batteries in the box on the counter in fellowship hall. Note the sign with the box, which indicates the types of batteries that can be accepted. A volunteer will take them to Staples once a week for recycling.

More Giving Envelopes Ready to Pick Up on Narthex Table

Additional 2025 giving envelopes that weren't available previously now are ready for pick up in the narthex. Questions? Contact Patty McKee, 941-228-1192 (cell), 941-921-3709 or financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com.

Orthopedic Surgeon Shares Bone Health, Fall Prevention Tips

Join us Saturday, March 1, in fellowship hall as Dr. Richard Crank, board certified orthopedic surgeon, shares information and practices about bone health and fall prevention. Breakfast is served at 9:30 a.m., and the presentation begins at 10 a.m.

Consider Donating to SURE

Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity (SURE) is a faith-based ministry that engages community stakeholders and government authorities to address disparities within our community, particularly those impacting the vulnerable. The lack of affordable housing and education disparities are current priorities. Pastor Eric and a number of other Faith volunteers provide time and talent to SURE, which needs financial resources to accomplish its work. Please consider a donation to SURE so it can continue its important work. If you use giving envelopes, you will find a special SURE envelope in your packet this month. You also can give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com.

Joy in Receiving God's Blessings: Being a Faithful Steward

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy" (1 Corinthians 4:7). God has granted us, his stewards, many blessings, but the decision is ours whether we will use those gifts for the work of the Lord. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God enables us to use our gifts faithfully and joyfully for his purposes. May God help us all to be the faithful stewards that he wants us to be. *Lord, grant me faith to be a committed, joyful steward of all you entrust to me. Amen.*

Need a Ride to Church?

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.

Pictorial Directory: Have Your Photo Taken Today

Please remember to have your photo taken. Sign up at the studio door at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you! Questions? Contact Lauren Wardach, LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour Is Important! Please Volunteer!

Coffee hour needs additional volunteers. All you have to do is provide and put out snacks, and clean up afterward. Faith can cover the cost of the snacks if you would like to volunteer but don't have resources to purchase them. Sign up on the sheet beside the coffee pot in fellowship hall.

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 April 6.** When you purchase altar flowers, your name and dedication appear 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.

Contact Joan Hirsch, 941-726-7885, with questions or specific requests about who or what organization should receive flowers that you purchased and choose to donate.

Move to the Music During Zumba Class

Zumba begins at 6 p.m. Mondays in the Community Center (gym). All fitness levels are welcome! It is free for congregation members, and a voluntary donation from non-members is appreciated. Join in the fun!

All New Garden Benches Have Been Dedicated

The new garden benches for the Memorial Garden have all been purchased and dedicated in memory of loved ones. Thank you.

A Celebration of Generosity! People of Faith Step Up for LSF

Thanks to your generous response to the need for emergency funding, Pastor Eric hand-delivered a check for \$25,000 to Lutheran Services Florida (LSF). That amount, which is the combined donations from so many Faith contributors, will help LSF provide emergency assistance to refugees who have entered Florida legally. Faith's generosity to date truly is amazing and heartwarming. Thank you to all! Please note that, because federal funding for refugee assistance was canceled, the organization's financial need will continue, and you can contribute to LSF's important work at any time. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with LSF in the memo line or give online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com.

Daily Lenten Devotion and Prayer Will Be Coming Your Way

Ash Wednesday, March 5, marks the beginning of our 2025 Lenten journey toward Holy Week and the Season of Easter. To enrich our Lenten experience, the Faith Evangelism Ministry team will share daily devotions and prayers from Luther Seminary called "There in God's Garden."

You will receive a devotion via email from Faith each morning during Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday. A limited number of printed devotional booklets also are available on the table in the narthex for people who do not use email.

During midweek Lenten lunches on Wednesdays, which will follow midweek worship, you will be invited into meaningful discussion based on the daily devotions. The Evangelism Ministry team prays that the devotions and discussions will draw us closer as a congregation during our Lenten journey.

Bread for the World CEO Shares Insights about Hunger Crisis, What the Church Can Do

You are invited to an evening with Rev. Eugene Cho, president and CEO of Bread for the World, at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 6, in the sanctuary at Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL, 34239.

Bread for the World recognizes that hunger cannot be solved by charities and food pantries alone – feeding the world takes all of us, and it is a solvable crisis. Christians can encourage world leaders across all aisles to rise to the occasion.

Rev. Cho is an international leader with deep knowledge of the hunger crisis that faces nearly one in every 10 people globally. During the special March 6 event, he will share insights and show what a united church can do. Come, listen, and be inspired.



Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m., 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m. in person.
Morning services live streamed and recorded at
www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service
and at facebook.com/faithlutheransrq.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Online views	188
8 a.m. in person	39
10:15 a.m. in person	122
5 p.m. in person	41

Next Sunday, March 2

Exodus 34:29-35
Coming down from Mount Sinai, Moses' face shines.

Psalm 99
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord; worship upon God's holy hill (Ps. 99:9).

2 Corinthians 3:12 –4:2
With unveiled faces, we see the Lord's glory as we are transformed.

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.

This Week at Faith

Monday, Feb. 24

2 p.m. Readers Club, library
6 p.m. Zumba, community center

Tuesday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami
9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library
10 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship to Go, Aravilla Sarasota, 3251 Proctor Road
10:30 a.m. Hope Seeds, fellowship hall
5 p.m. Congregation Council, conf. room
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

Wednesday, Feb. 26

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel
3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, Feb. 27

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, conf. room
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall
5 p.m. Food Pantry Distribution
6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

Friday, Feb. 28

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

Saturday, March 1

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center
9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room
9:30 a.m. Brunch & Learn with Dr. Richard Crank, fellowship hall

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- 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.
- To add or remove a name from the Prayer List.

Prayer List

Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips
Michele Bajor
Tani Banta
Randy Boid
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald
Gail Brown
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Dee Burlingame
Judy Carlsen
Jerry Clancy
Evelyn Conlon
Doug Dahlquist, father of Hannah Boyd
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of
Karen & John White
Eloise Dettmer
Joe & Joan Dongarra
Beth & Mary Farmer
Andrea Gamboa
Vicki Goffinet
Hope Hall & Family, sister of Faye Adkins
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Friends & Family of Marilyn Hirsch
Bob Hurdle, friend of the Kolschowskys & Coppers
Pete Inkrott
Jan and Michele
Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Michael Kolschowsky
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk
Lillian Lapenckas
Kevin Lasko
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of
Susan Wakefield
Julie, Eli, Paul & Debbie Maresch, family of
Patty McKee
Kim MacDonald

Matt McKelvey, friend of Lois Weaverling
Judi Melander
Jay Millard, son of John and Judy Millard
Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk
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Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
Sue Ostrom
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Pastor Marianne Powrie
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Carl Petersen
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Gail Radcliffe Brown
Annabel Ryan
Floyd Ryder
Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder &
sister of Gail Murphy
Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of Jeremy &
Yvonne Mullins
Kathy Schilio
Shirley Schimke
Heather Schott, Les Lorenz's step-daughter-in-law
Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush
Joan Searles
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller
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Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino
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