

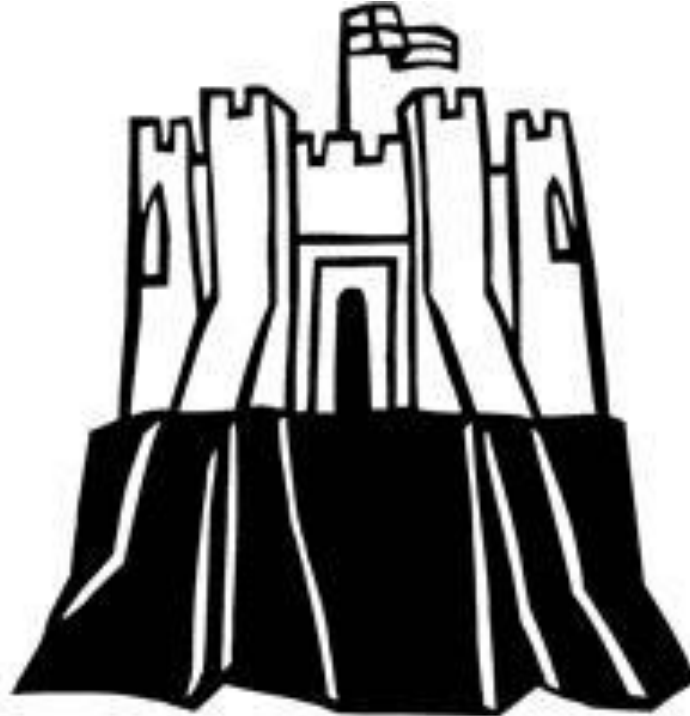


Faith Lutheran Church

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

Reformation Day

10:15 a.m., October 27, 2024



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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 Bolon & Pueblo family in honor of Bob Boleen.

Presiding Ministers

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector

Mike Geyser

Director of Music/Organist

Andi Zdrava

Cantor

Jesse Martin

Vocals

Voices of Faith Choir

Greeters & Ushers

Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Ashley Garlitz,
Dottie Gustavson, Grace Kaarre,
Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard,
Mark Nelson, Jan Phillips, Scott Rice,
Jane Sanks, Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

Media Team

Kelly Ashlock, Greg Cooper, Kevin Fewell,
Andrea & Sergio Gamboa, Mark Greenwood

Altar Guild

Linda Fewell, Dottie Gustavson,
Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Mark Nelson,
Jan Phillips, Steve & Peggy Ragan

Congregation Council

Scott Rice, president; Lauren Wardach, vice
president; Mark Nelson, secretary; Anita
Wooton, treasurer; Jane Sanks, assistant
treasurer; Jerry Cooper; Quyen Dang;
Ann Greenwood; Peggy Ragan; Joan Searles

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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

**Executive Assistant to the Pastor
for Administration**

Heidi Floyd

- 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE STAND

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (brief silence)

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: 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.

We sing together

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Greeting


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

C: And also with you.


Kyrie

We sing together


Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Canticle of Praise

We sing together



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. 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, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through 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 31:31-4

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It 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. ³³But 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. ³⁴No 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.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Refrain: Psalm 46:7

The LORD of hosts is with us; the
God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

Psalm 46:7

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Psalmody: Psalm 46:1-11

L: ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

C: Refrain

L: ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth; ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

C: Refrain

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

P: A reading from Romans. ¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

WE STAND

Gospel Acclamation

We sing together



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

c: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

Sermon

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

Hymn of the Day

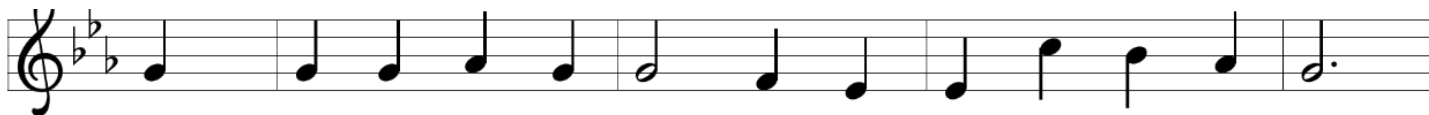
The Church’s One Foundation

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Verses 1 – 3

We sing together

(See Next page)



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3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
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she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
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till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
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and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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WE SIT

Baptism Presentation

Cameron DeGroot

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Cameron, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

(Scott Rice, President of Faith Lutheran Church, presents the candidate for confirmation)

I present Cameron DeGroot, who desires to make public affirmation of his baptism.

Let us pray.

P: Merciful God, we thank you for our brother, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called him to yourself, enlightened him with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. (The Congregation is invited to join the candidate in confession of faith)

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support our brother and pray for him in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(The candidate kneels before the altar)

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in Cameron the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Stir up in Cameron the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Verses 4 – 5



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
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Prayers of Intercession

Following each prayer petition, we respond:

L: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

As the prayers conclude:

P: ... Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

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. 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.

WE STAND

OFFERATORY ANTHEM

The Light of the World
Voices of Faith
We sing together

Don Besig

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 the 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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Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

Preface

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

... with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

We sing together

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God ...

... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command ...

... To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

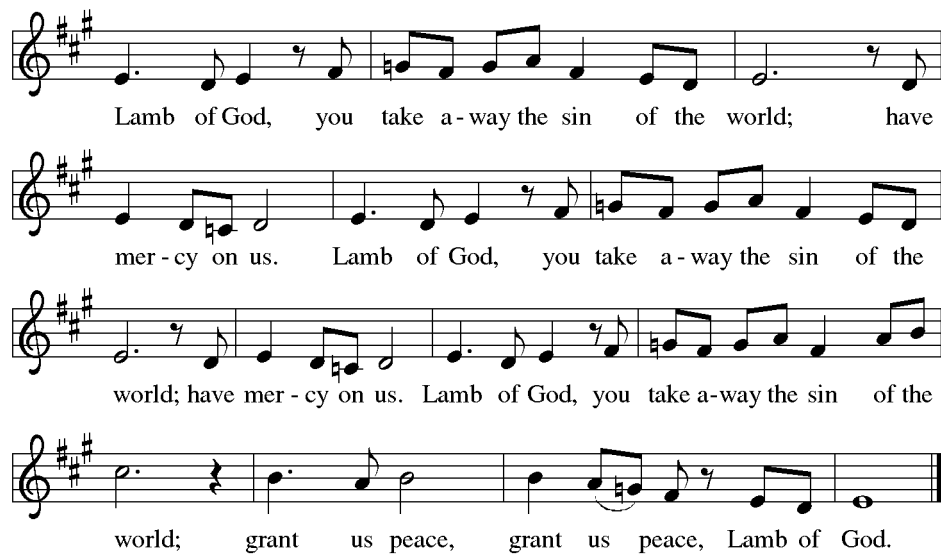
**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

Communion Anthem

Amazing Grace
Voices of Faith

John Coates, Jr.

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. Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal

and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen

WE STAND

Sending Song

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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*We sing together
(See Next page)*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between worship services in the conference room. Next week, participants will study Lesson 1, "Join the Journey," in Volume 12, "Walking with God".
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. each Tuesday 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."
- **Adult Bible Study** will continue each **continuing each Wednesday through November 13th**. Each one-hour session begins at **9:30 a.m. and meets in the second-floor classroom** across from the elevator.
- **The Prayer 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. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.

Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays

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

Anna Maria Island Concert

Chorus & Orchestra

Andi Zdrava, Conductor, presents

SYMPHONY FOR THE SAND

A benefit for the cities of Anna Maria, Holmes Beach & Bradenton Beach

Nov. 10th @ 7 p.m. at the Community Center (FLC)

For more info: 518-469-8516

You Can Help Needy through Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Pastor Eric often speaks with people about aid they require. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows him to assist financially, when appropriate. **The need currently is great so, if you can, please consider a donation to the fund so those in need can receive assistance.** You can give through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or by designating a check or cash contribution. Thank you!

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.**

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity! The Joy of Receiving God's Blessings

God gives us the talents, abilities and gifts necessary for our tasks, and then God grants us the glorious privilege of serving in the kingdom.

“For we are God's fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Worship to Go Needs Your Help!!

Worship to Go needs additional helpers! You can participate at:

- **1:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 11**, at Sarabella Senior Living, 5650 Gantt Road. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel and will carpool to the facility.
- **10:45 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12**, in the independent living facility's Tiffany Room at Elancé, next door to Faith. Volunteers will review the service at 10 a.m. in the chapel.
- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the chapel and will carpool to the facility.

To join in, contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!

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.

Readers Club

Please join us at Readers Club!

- **Monday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m.**, library
We will discuss ***Spy Coast*** by Tess Gerritson

Hope Seeds Coming in November

All members of Faith are invited to a very exciting meeting of **Mary Circle on Tuesday, November 12th at 11:30 a.m. in fellowship hall.**

To be informed about a new mission opportunity for the church. Lunch will be provided, afterwards we will begin to participate in this important work.

So, what is it? Our opportunity is to be able to participate in bagging seeds for Hope Seeds International, a group started by Hope Lutheran Church, Bradenton in 1999. This organization is dedicated to providing those who are food needy with seeds to grow their own food. Currently the group has over 1,000 volunteers in many churches and organizations.

Last year 816,961 packets were created and sent to over 25 countries. Each packet also contains the Gospel Message of Hope in language of the recipients.

Listen to Maxine Balsbaugh, executive assistant at Hope Seeds explain the group's mission. Lastly, help to bag the seeds! We are hoping people here at Faith will embrace this mission and bag once a month.

Please sign upon the sheet provided in the narthex or email Janet Petersen at lurvstitches55@gmail.com. or Donna Pappalardo at donna326@aol.com.

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 dates are November 3, 10, 17.** 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.

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

First Workshop on New Pictorial Church Directory

On October 27th we will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM, Please come and learn how to use our church software. Be sure to sign up to have your picture taken on the poster on the door of the children's quiet room (Photo Studio) at the back of the church. Bring your cell phone, tablet, or laptop to the workshop if you desire personal assistance. Hope to see you there!

The other two dates for the same information will be held on Nov. 17 and Jan. 12, 2025. For more information or to ask questions, contact Lauren Wardach, 941-529-6879 or LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com.

Zumba Class

Zumba Class will take place on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. 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!!!

*11/4 will be canceled.

Illyrian Symphony Concert

The Illyrian Symphony will perform a concert on Saturday, November 16th at 7 p.m. Community Center

Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. in person.
Live streamed and recorded at
www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service.

Sunday, Oct. 20

Online views 143
8 a.m. in person 30
10:15 a.m. in person 125

Next Sunday, Nov. 3

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Psalmody

Psalm 119:1-8

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

This Week at Faith

Monday, Oct. 28

2 p.m. Readers Club, library
6 p.m. Zumba Class, gym

Tuesday, Oct. 29

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts
9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study,
library
3 p.m. Feed the Hungry at St. Paul's,
downtown
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota,
choir room and sanctuary

Wednesday, Oct. 30

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

Thursday, Oct. 31

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery,
food pantry
9:30 a.m. Finance Meeting, conference room
1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, Room 212
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep
5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Friday, Nov. 1

8 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Saturday, Nov. 2

8 a.m. Jazzercise
9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room

Sunday, Nov. 3

8 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary
9 a.m. Voices of Faith Rehearsal, choir room
9:10 a.m. Adult Forum
9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith Rehearsal, choir room
10:15 a.m. In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary

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

Prayer List

Alan
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri Copper
Alex
Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips
Chuck & Tani Banta
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Dee Burlingame
Judy Carlsen
Evelyn Conlon
Merle Cusmano
Doug Dahlquist, dad of Hannah Boyd
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of
Karen & John White
Eloise Dettmer
Ryan Donahue, friend of Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia
Andrea Gamboa
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita & Jon Wooton
Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk
Lillian Lapenckas
Kevin Lasko
Chick Lehmann, husband of Suzie Lehmann
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of Susan Wakefield
Kimberly MacDonald & Barbara, self and mother
Julie & Eli Maresch, niece & grandnephew
of Patty McKee
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law
of Patty McKee
Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling
Kim McDonald

Judi Melander
Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis
& Michael Leonhardt
Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk
Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max &
Pastor Marianne Powrie
Fran Perkins
Jean Peters, friend of Faye Adkin
Family & Friends of Wally Pina
Family & Friends of Cindy Press, friend of Kevin &
Linda Fewell
Richard Keith Radcliffe, brother of
Gail Radcliffe Brown
Annabel Ryan
Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder &
sister of Gail Murphy
Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Kathy Schilio
Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush
Joan Searles
Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller
Pastor John Spittal
Pamela Spry, mother of Hannah Boyd
Dr. Heather Stark, friend of Cliff Hornsby
Mark Stengel
Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene
Radesk
David Turnbull, husband of Patricia White
Brittany Wanko & her premature newborn
infants, Olivia Mae & Emmet Walter
Friends & Family of Paul Wick
Jon Wooton
Celeste & John Yee, daughter and father of Marlene
Radesk