

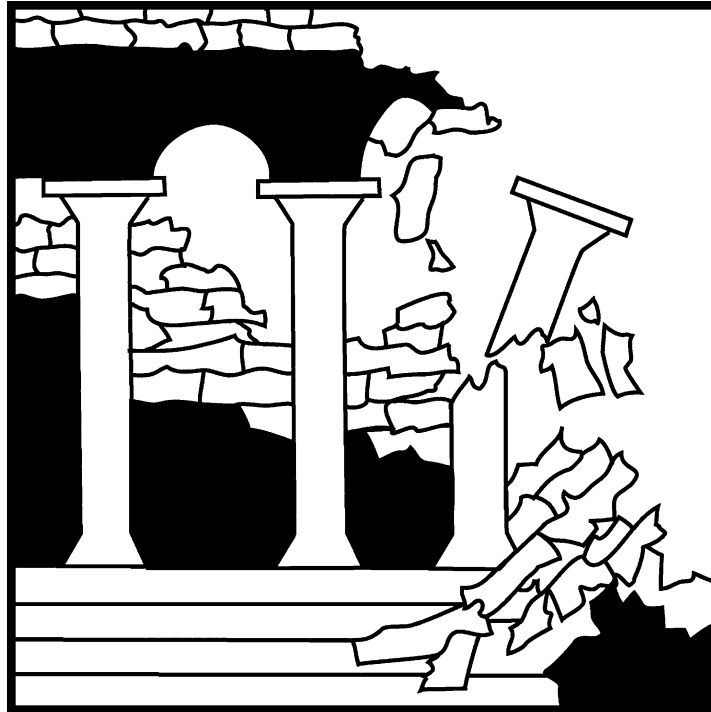


# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

10:15 a.m., November 17, 2024



November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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 donated by Dee Burlingame in honor of family.***

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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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Lauren Wardach

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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**

### **TEMPLE TALK - ANN GREENWOOD, MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**

#### *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.**

# Gathering Hymn

# We Praise You O God

ELW 870

*We sing together*

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963  
 Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

## 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

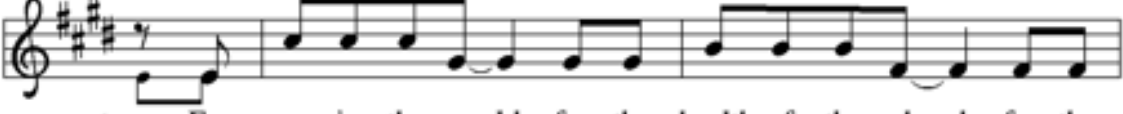
*Refrain*




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



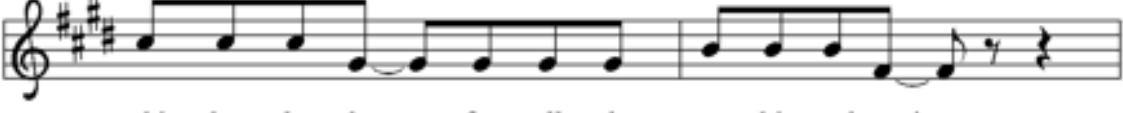
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



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

*Refrain*



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

*Refrain*



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.

*Final refrain*



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: Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

A Reading from Daniel.

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody: Psalm 16:1-11



My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my  
body shall rest in hope.

Psalm 16:9

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## R

L: <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.” <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,** upon those who are noble among the people. <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. <sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.

## R

L: <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

## R

L: <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## R

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25**

L: A reading from Hebrews

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> “This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup> he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.] <sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*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: Mark 13:1-8

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

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

P: <sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

*WE SIT*

**Sermon**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

# WE STAND

Hymn of the Day

O God of Every Nation

ELW 713

First and Last Verse

We sing together

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer-cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

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

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

P: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L: O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

L: By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

L: With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

L: In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. We especially lift up to you those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, silently and aloud. *(Pause)* Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

L: Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: With thanksgiving we remember (*Elizabeth of Hungary and all*) saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, 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. You also can give online by scanning the QR Code printed here or via the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com). We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

#### Offertory Anthem

#### Love Divine All Loves Excelling *Voices of Faith Choir*

*David Willcocks*

### WE STAND

#### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and 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.

## Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *We sing together*



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. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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.**

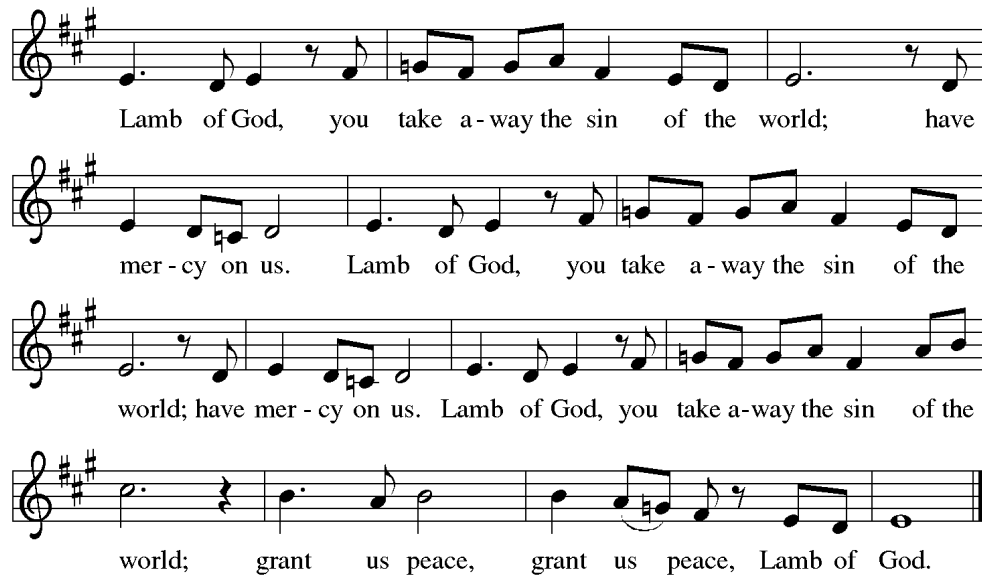
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **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**

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

*Kathleen Thomerson*

*Voices of Faith Choir*

*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. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you,

in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### Temple talk - Ann Greenwood, Mission Endowment Fund

### Sending Song

### O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

*We sing together*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

### Dismissal

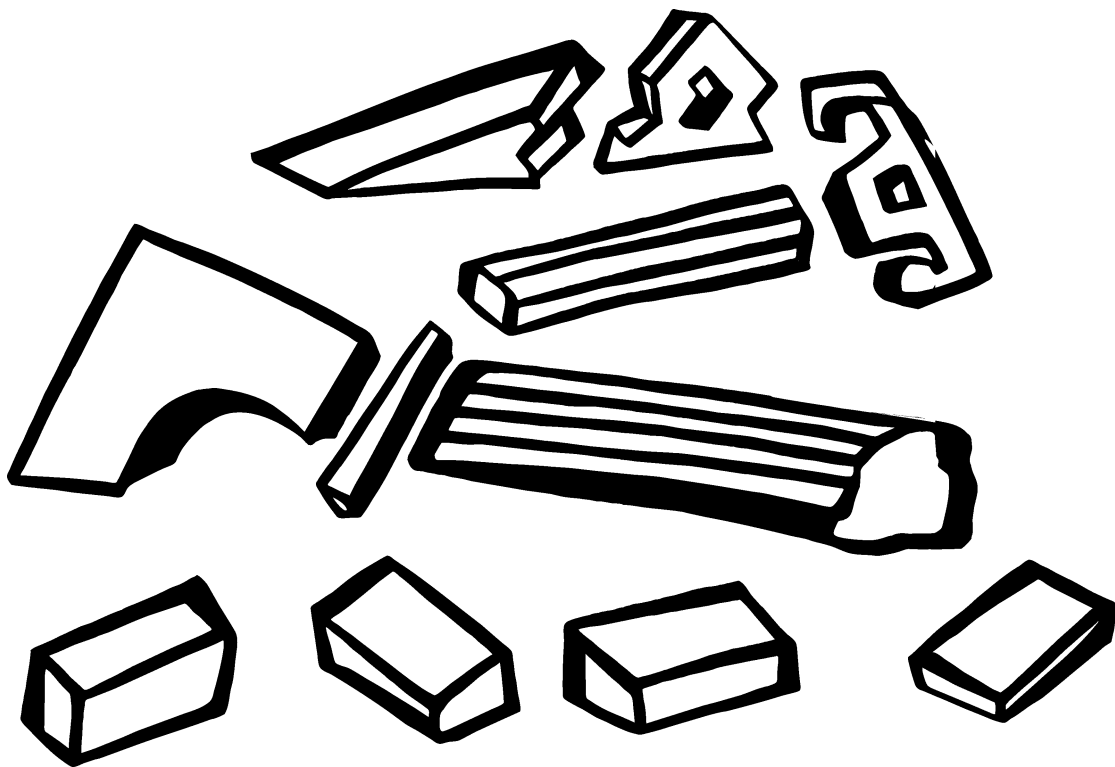
P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# 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.

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

- **Adult Forum** meets between worship services in the conference room. Next week, participants will study Lesson 3, "Help is Here", in Volume 12, "Walking with God".
  - **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. each Tuesday at The Toasted Yolk Cafe, 3750 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 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.
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### ***Bereavement Group Meets Wednesdays***

***Bereavement Group will meet at 3:15 p.m.*** on Wednesdays in the chapel. If you or a friend can use help bearing the burden of grief, this group is for you.

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### ***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](http://faithlutheransrq.com), or by designating a check or cash contribution. Thank you!

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### ***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.**

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**Members of Evangelism Ministry Team**

## **Experience 30 Day Prayer Devotional**

Guided by the book “Pray and Go”, by Thom Rainer, members of Faith Evangelism Ministry Team will spend the month of November reaching our church family and the greater community in prayer. The book – copies of which are paid for by a grant from the Faith Mission Endowment Fund – is an easy-to-use tool that empowers church members to focus outward and learn how to pray regularly.

During their 30-day experience, evangelism team members will meet together to share thoughts and experiences. Through Faith Friday Update emails, they also will share information about what they are learning about the power of prayer and how it prepares them to “make disciples”

The first gathering after just 4 days of prayer, highlighted the fact that each day is scripture based which validates the prayer opportunity for that day. On All Saints Sunday the prayer was dedicated to our specific church becoming a Great Commission Church. We prayed that the Holy Spirit would work in the lives of our members. We have many days to go.

A “Pray and Go” experience likely will be offered to All Faith Lutheran worshippers beginning in early 2025. Call Lauren at 941-529-6879 if you have any questions.

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### ***Experiencing the Joy of Generosity! The Joy of Receiving God’s Blessings***

**We should ask God to give us a place to serve and then be ready to respond in full obedience when God answers our prayer.**

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love” (Galatians 5:13).

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### ***Worship to Go Needs Your Help!!***

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

- **1:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18**, 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.
- **1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 19**, at Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore. Volunteers will meet at 12:45 p.m. in the chapel and will carpool to the facility.

#### **Next Month:**

Mon, 12/10- Elance (10:30)

Tues, 12/16 – Sarabella (1:30)

Tues, 12/17 – Angels Senior Living (1:30)

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

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## ***BLOOD DRIVE - TODAY!!!!***

SunCoast Blood Centers will be coming to Faith Lutheran Church for annual Blood Drive.

Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m in the Community Center.

(All donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin Card)

Please find link to sign up and choose a time:

[https://donorportal.suncoastblood.org/index.php/drive?view=employeesearch&id\\_employee=350](https://donorportal.suncoastblood.org/index.php/drive?view=employeesearch&id_employee=350)

***Walk Ins Welcome!!***

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### ***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.

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### ***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 December 1, 8, 29.** 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](http://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.

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### ***Workshop for New Pictorial Church Directory – TODAY!!!***

Be There Following Worship Sunday, November 17,  
to Learn About the New Digital Pictorial Church Directory

Immediately after the close of each worship service on Sunday, Nov 17, in the sanctuary, you'll be treated to information about Faith's new and long-awaited pictorial church directory. You are welcome to bring your laptop, tablet or mobile phone as members of the evangelism ministry team and finance committee talk through easy steps to take to

provide your information for the directory. If you are familiar with downloading apps, you are welcome to download the IconCMO app on your mobile phone.

During the session, you'll learn how to use Faith's safe and secure church software system to:

- Keep your own records up to date.
- See your donations to Faith.
- Choose what personal information you would like to share in the new pictorial directory.
- View the digital pictorial directory that includes your church friends. Paper copies will be available on request.
- Schedule a directory photo appointment with our own Kelly Ashlock by choosing a time on the sign-up sheet on the door of the children's quiet room in the back of the Sanctuary.

For more information or to ask questions, contact Lauren Wardach, 941-529-6879 or Lauren FLCSRQ@gmail.com.

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### ***Adult Forum***

Adult Forum meets during the first and second services on Sundays until 12/15 – conference room. Featuring Volume 12 – 7 Lessons – “Walking with God”. This week's is Lesson 3 "Help is Here".

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### ***Dedicate a Christmas Poinsettia to Adorn the Sanctuary***

Help adorn the sanctuary for Christmas while honoring a loved one or special occasion by dedicating one or more poinsettias. You will be welcome to take your plant(s) home after the Christmas Eve service. The cost is \$20 per plant (due to storm damage, prices have increased). Orders and dedications are due by Dec. 7. Special red-bordered giving envelopes for Christmas poinsettias are available in the narthex and pews. Or you can pay and record your dedication through the Christmas Poinsettia option on the Online Giving page at [faithlutheransrq.com](http://faithlutheransrq.com).

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### ***Zumba Class***

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!!!

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### ***Christmas Services***

Christmas Evening – 4 p.m & 7 p.m.

Christmas Day – 10 a.m.

***Special Music for all Services***

## ***The Greening of the Church!***

Please join in the festivity as we get ready to celebrate Christmas and help decorate the Sanctuary! Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> after 10:15 a.m. after Worship. decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Lunch provided. All are welcome! A sign up sheet will be in the nathex.

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## ***HERE I STAND UP! – TODAY!!!***

Comedy Benefit for Hurricane Relief  
Promising Category 6 Laughter!  
Help us raise spirits and money for a great cause!

**Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - 2 p.m.** at the Community Center

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## ***Christmas Angel Tree***

We are once again working with the Lutheran Services Florida in sponsoring 50 adults from the guardianship program for their Christmas Angel Tree. You will find a list of angels with their wish list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please sign your name next to an angel to sponsor them. All gifts are due by Monday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to wrap your gifts and label with your angel's name. Thank you and God Bless at this very special time of year!!!

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## ***Book Club***

Faith Book Club will be taking a reading break for the holidays and will not meet in November. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

We will next meet in December for a holiday luncheon at Apollonia in the Landings Shopping Center on Mon., Dec. 9th at noon.

We will resume our reading discussions on Mon., Jan. 27th with the book *The Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.

If you would like to join us please contact Janet Petersen at [luvstitches55@gmail.com](mailto:luvstitches55@gmail.com)

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## ***Hope Seeds / Mary Club***

After enjoying an informative luncheon and presentation by Maxine Busbaugh regarding the purpose and goals of Hope Seeds the members of Mary Circle created seed packages for turnips. These packets have the potential to provide food for thousands of people all over the world. We all had an interesting and fun time. Watch for more exciting news about this ministry coming to Faith and is open to all.

In December, Mary Circle will be lunching out at **Tripletail, located in Landings Shopping Center on 41. Tues., Dec. 12th at noon.** Look for signup sheet in the church narthex. All are welcome!

If you have any questions please email Janet Petersen at [luvstitches55@gmail.com](mailto:luvstitches55@gmail.com) or Donna Pappalardo at [donna326@aol.com](mailto:donna326@aol.com).

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

## Sunday, Nov. 10

Online views	201
8 a.m. in person	42
10:15 a.m. in person	142

## Next Sunday, Nov. 24

### First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

*The one coming with the clouds rules over all*

Psalm 93

*Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)*

### Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

*Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

John 18:33-37

*The kingdom of Christ*

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, Nov. 18

1:30 p.m. Worship to Go,  
Sarabella Senior Center  
6 p.m. Zumba Class, community center

### Tuesday, Nov. 19

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Breakfast,  
The Toasted Yolk Café, 3750 S. Tamiami Trail  
9:30 a.m. G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study,  
library  
1:30 p.m. Worship to Go,  
Angel Living Senior Center  
3 p.m. Evangelism Prayer Group,  
conference room  
6 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota Choir  
Practice, choir room

### Wednesday, 11/20

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel  
3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel  
6:30 p.m. Gulf Coast Fly Fishing Meeting,  
fellowship hall  
6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith Choir Practice, choir  
room

### Thursday, 11/21

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall  
9:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting,  
conference room  
1 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter, fellowship hall  
1:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting, conference  
room  
4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall  
5 p.m. Food Pantry

### Friday, 11/22

8 a.m. Jazzersize, community center

### Saturday, 11/23

8 a.m. Jazzersize, community center  
9 a.m. Diakonia, conference room

- 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	Kim McDonald
Dick Allender, cousin of Gerri Copper	Judi Melander
Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips	Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis
Chuck & Tani Banta	& Michael Leonhardt
Barbara Brannan, mother of Kim McDonald	Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk
Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis &	Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen
Michael Leonhardt	Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
Dee Burlingame	Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max &
Judy Carlsen	Pastor Marianne Powrie
Evelyn Conlon	Fran Perkins
Merle Cusmano	Jean Peters, friend of Faye Adkin
Doug Dahlquist, dad of Hannah Boyd	Carl Petersen
Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of	Richard Keith Radcliffe, brother of
Karen & John White	Gail Radcliffe Brown
Eloise Dettmer	Annabel Ryan
Ryan Donahue, friend of Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia	Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder &
Andrea Gamboa	sister of Gail Murphy
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles	Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head	Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Sonja Hickling, mother of Kelly Ashlock	Kathy Schilio
Becky Hilton Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen	Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita & Jon Wooton	Joan Searles
Jesus & Rita Jimenez	Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller
Alf Kirkeeng	Pastor John Spittal
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk	Pamela Spry, mother of Hannah Boyd
Lillian Lapenckas	Dr. Heather Stark, friend of Cliff Hornsby
Kevin Lasko	Mark Stengel
Chick Lehmann, husband of Suzie Lehmann	Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch	Leigh Tarantino, friend of Marlene
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &	Radesk
Michael Leonhardt	David Turnbull, husband of Patricia White
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of Susan Wakefield	Brittany Wanko & her premature newborn
Kimberly MacDonald & Barbara, self and mother	infants, Olivia Mae & Emmet Walter
Julie & Eli Maresch, niece & grandnephew	Friends & Family of Paul Wick
of Patty McKee	Jon Wooton
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law	Celeste & John Yee, daughter and father of Marlene
of Patty McKee	Radesk
Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling	