



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15 a.m., June 30, 2024



A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases, a boundary is crossed:

In Jesus' time, the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel, Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

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 Donna Turcany in honor and celebration of Judi Melander's birthday.

Presiding Ministers

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Marianne Powrie
Rev. Larry Wright

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Joan Searles

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Ann Greenwood; Peggy Ragan; Joan Searles

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*WE STAND***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. (*brief silence*)

Holy God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven
and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 678

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

We sing together



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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GREETING

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

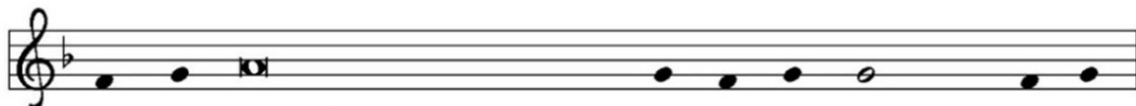
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

We sing responsively



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

GLORIA

We sing together

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

| Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

L: A Reading from Lamentations.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 30:1

To begin, the organist plays the refrain once, the cantor sings it once, and then we all sing it together.

I will ex - alt you, O LORD,
be - cause you have lift - ed me up.

Psalm 30:1

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PSALMODY: Psalm 30

L: ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

C: Refrain.

L: ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

C: Refrain.

L: ¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

C: Refrain.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

L: A Reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have.

¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

¹⁵As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes with rests, and a few longer notes with ties or slurs.

GOSPEL: Mark: 5:21-43

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say,

“Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685

We sing together



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| take my mo - ments and my days; | let them flow in cease - less praise. |
| take my feet and let them be | swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. |
| take my lips and let them be | filled with mes - sag - es from thee. |
| take my in - tel - lect, and use | ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. |

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

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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

Following each prayer petition, we respond:

L: ... In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

As the prayers conclude:

P: ... trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Simple Song from *Mass*
Tom Tryon, soloist

Leonard Berntein

Sing God a simple song: Lauda, Laude. Make it up as you go along: Lauda, Laude. Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise Him, to bless Him, to bless the Lord.

I will sing his praises while I live all of my days.
Blessed is the man who loves the Lord. Blessed is the man who praises him.
Lauda, Lauda, Laude, and walks in His ways.
I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laude.
For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand.
And the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night.

WE STAND
We sing together
Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.
C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We sing responsively

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE

The presiding minister sings

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody starts with a whole note G, followed by a half rest, then a half note G, and continues with a melody for the words 'It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,'.

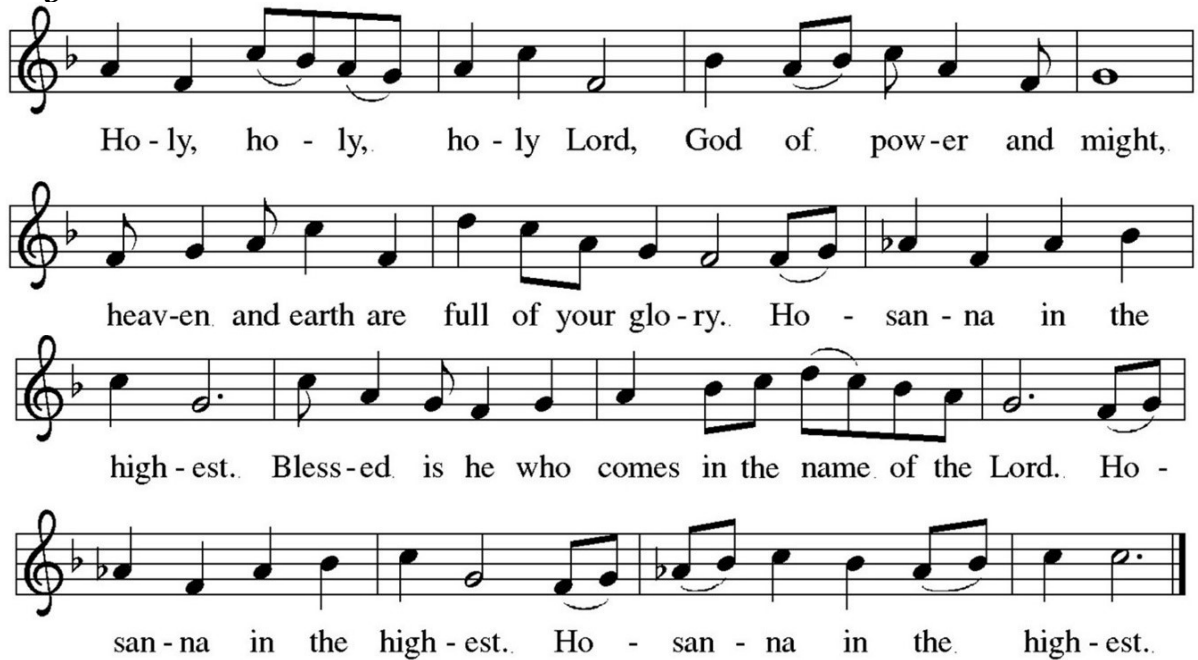
The presiding minister continues, then concludes ...

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

We sing together



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION SONG

We sing together



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

WE SIT

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you ... The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Dwell Thou In Me

Words and Music by Marian Wood Chapin

Tom Tryon, soloist

Dwell Thou in me, Lord, dwell within my very soul; My fortress be, protecting me against angry seas of lost control; Lord, dwell within my soul. Dwell Thou in me; Lord, dwell within my longing heart that I, through Thee, be conscious of thy giving love to thus impart. Lord, dwell within my heart and guide my steps, direct my way to strengthen those whose paths from Thee are straying. Dwell Thou in me, Lord, dwell within my restless mind; Grant that I see the nobler deed, the simple need of being kind. Lord, dwell within my mind and steadfastly, dwell Thou in me.

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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.

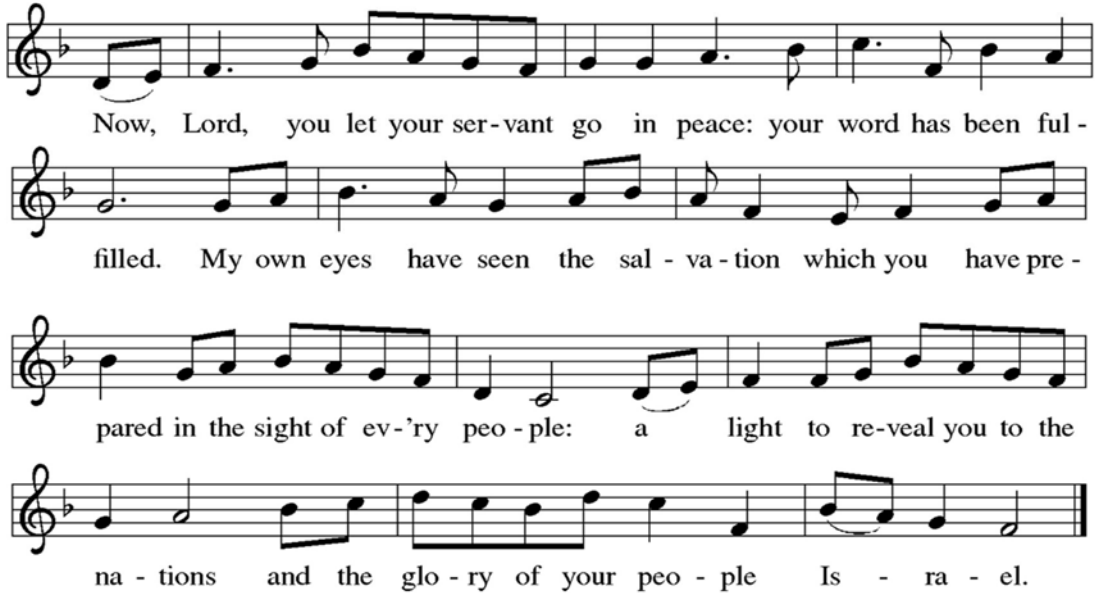
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

We sing together



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

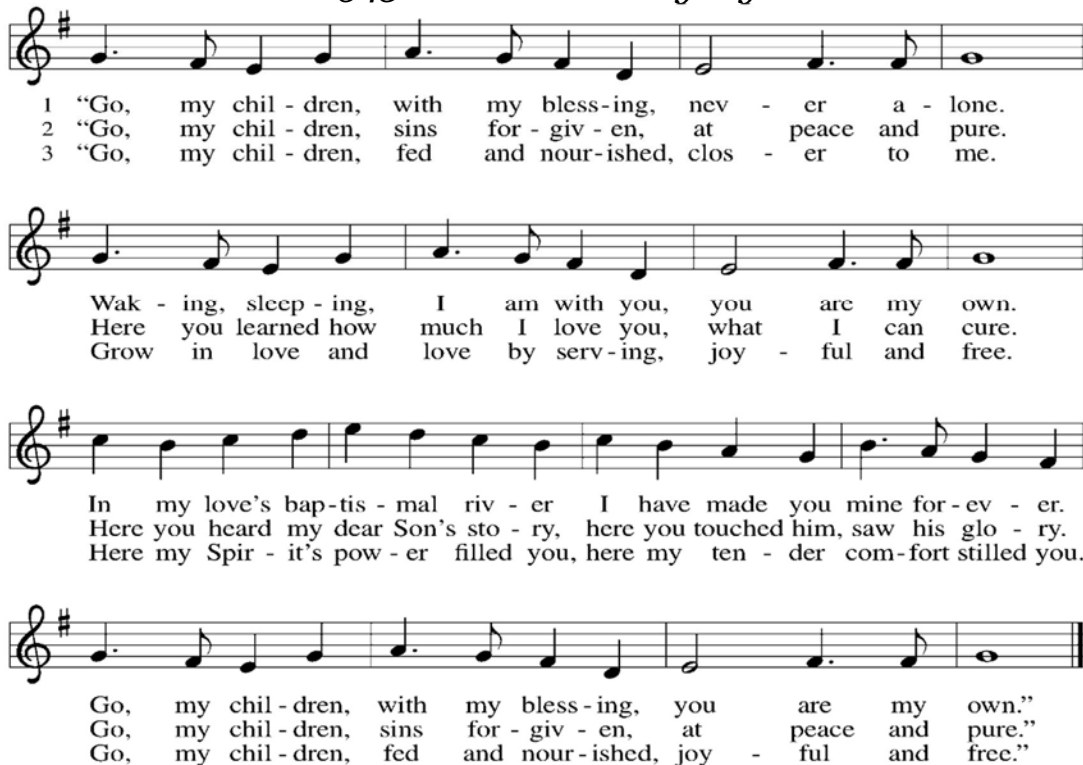
P: Now receive a blessing: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

Go, My Children, With My Blessing We sing together

ELW 543



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

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

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

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

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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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

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. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 871 4720 3661. Passcode 041291.**

Experiencing the Joy of Generosity! The Joy of Receiving God's Blessings: Appreciating What We Have

Scripture: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) **Prayer:** Lord, thank you for your generosity. Help me to receive with a thankful heart. Amen.

Church Office and Faith Food Pantry Will be Closed Thursday, July 4

The Faith office and Faith Food Pantry will be closed Thursday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. You still can help care for our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the white food pantry barrel.

You Can Help Faith Help the Needy through the 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 online through the Online Giving page at faithlutheransrq.com, or by designating a check or cash contribution. Thank you!

Donate Altar Flowers in Honor or in Memory

Please consider donating altar flowers in honor of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or to glorify God. The cost is \$30 for one vase or \$60 for two. Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “altar flowers” in the memo line. Check the altar flowers donation board in fellowship hall to see if your desired date is available. If not, choose an alternate date. **The next open date is Sunday, July 28.** 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.

From Pastor Larry: Which of These Biblical Books Would You Prefer to Study?

During our most recent Adult Bible Study gathering, we decided to try a different study method when we meet in October -- a chapter-and-verse reading of a selected book of the Bible.

My task was to present two or three choices for your consideration. It seemed to me that we should select a work from the Apostle Paul. Most of his material is in the form of letters and is brief enough for us to read in six weeks. He in large part addresses “do and don’t” points of Christian living in his day. It will be interesting to see how his teachings stack up with our contemporary views.

Please consider **Ephesians, Philippians or Colossians**. After perusing those choices, **your task is to report which you would prefer to study by indicating your preference on the response page in the narthex or responding to the survey in the Faith Friday Update email.** Thanks in advance for your input. I’ll take it from there. I look forward to our discussions in the fall.

Note: For the Spring 2025 Adult Bible Study session, we agreed to return to the study method in which I “bring the seminary to you” using DVD lectures and textbooks to foster discussion.

VBS Starts Soon!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp, July 22-26 at Faith will run 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday of that week, concluding at noon Friday with a special program for families and friends. There is **no cost to attend, and lunch and snacks are included!** Taught by trained teachers from Camp Luther Springs, VBS will include Bible study, worship, games, arts and crafts, nature studies and more. Although registration has officially closed, we can accept late registrations. You can find details, and the registration and health forms, in the Faith Friday Update email. To ask questions or get copies of the forms, contact Pastor Eric, pastor@faithlutheransrq.com or 716-352-0055.

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.

Worship and Service Calendar

Worship Services

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

Live-streamed and recorded at:

www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service

Sunday, June 23

Online views 112

8 a.m. in person 27

10:15 a.m. in person 102

Next Sunday, July 7

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The call of Ezekiel.

Psalmody

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy (*Ps. 123:2*)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

God's power made perfect in weakness.

Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

Sending of the Twelve to preach and heal.

This Week at Faith

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

10:30 a.m. Piano Tuning, sanctuary

7 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

Wednesday, July 3

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

Thursday, July 4

Church Office and Food Pantry Closed

Friday, July 5

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Saturday, July 6

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Sunday, July 7

- **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.**
- **Contact communications@faithlutheransrq.com** if you have an **addition to the Prayer List.** Please send updates when prayers are answered.

Prayer List

<p>Alan Pastor Steve Anderson, friend of Jan Phillips Chuck & Tani Banta Family & Friends of Allan Boardman, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell Arthur Brucato, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt Michael Burgess, friend of Janice Lorenz's son Dee Burlingame Evelyn Conlon Jeanine Davis (nee Molella), granddaughter of Karen and 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 and Jon Wooton Cliff and Snookie Hornsby Jesus & Rita Jimenez Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk Lillian Lapenckas</p>	<p>Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling Judi Melander Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis & Michael Leonhardt Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa and Pastor Eric Olsen Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan Family & Friends of Wally Pina Cindy Press, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell Robin Ryder, daughter of Floyd Ryder and sister of Gail Murphy Lorna Sawyers-Sucra, friend of Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins Becky Sciranko, niece of Alice Rush Joan Searles Stephanie Sebastyn, friend of Carolyn Winemiller Rev. John Spittal Mark Stengel David Turnbull, husband of Patricia White Family & Friends of Pastor David Wagner Brittany Wanko and her premature newborn infants, Olivia Mae and Emmet Walter Jon Wooton</p>
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