



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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



Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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 provided by Faith Lutheran Church.

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Rev. Marianne Powrie

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Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

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Rev. Larry Wright

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Rev. John Hilficker
Rev. Marianne Powrie
Rev. John Spittal

**Executive Assistant to the Pastor
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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.

Gathering Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

First and Last Verse

We sing together

(See next page)

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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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 together



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,



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

Refrain

Canticle of Praise

We Sing together

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: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16

L: A reading from 1 Kings

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

C: The Word of the Lord.

Psalm Refrain: Psalm 146:8



Psalm 146:8

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Psalmody: Psalm 146:1-10

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. (Ps. 146:8)

L: ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help. ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

C: R

L: ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹ for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God; ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever; ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹ those who hunger. The Lord sets the ¹ captive free.

⁸ The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

C: R

L: ⁹ The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰ The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

C: R

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

L: The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

WE STAND

Gospel Acclamation

We sing together

(See next page)



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 12:38-44

P: The holy gospel according to Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

Sermon

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

Hymn of the Day

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW 707

First and Last Verse We Sing together

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry -
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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;

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: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

As the prayers conclude:

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. We deeply appreciate your support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.

WE STAND

Offertory Anthem

Soon and Very Soon
Voice of Faith Choir

Crouch, Andrae,
Setting by Jack Schrader

WE STAND

We sing together

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, 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.

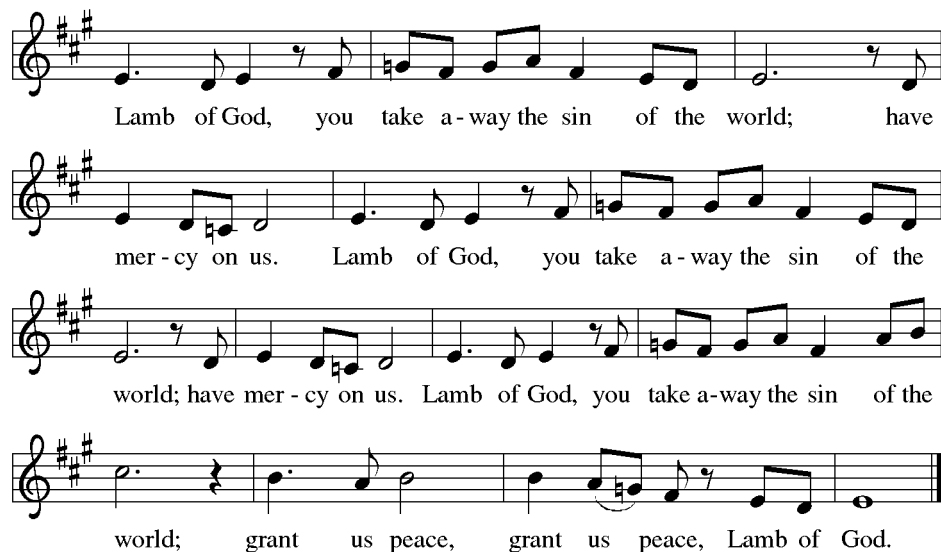
Amen.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

Alan Bullard

Voice 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

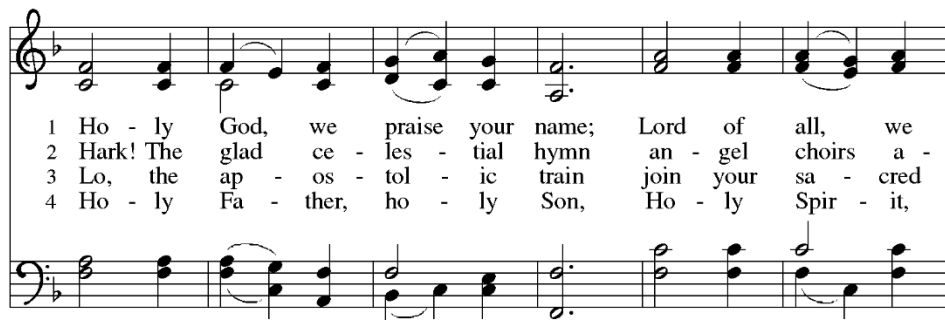
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Holy God, We Praise Your Name

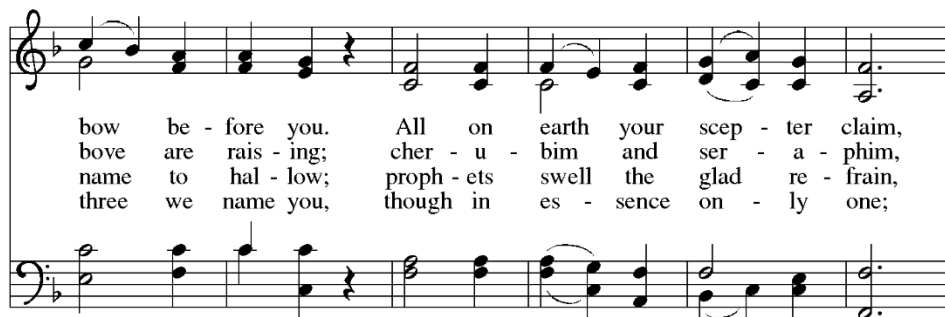
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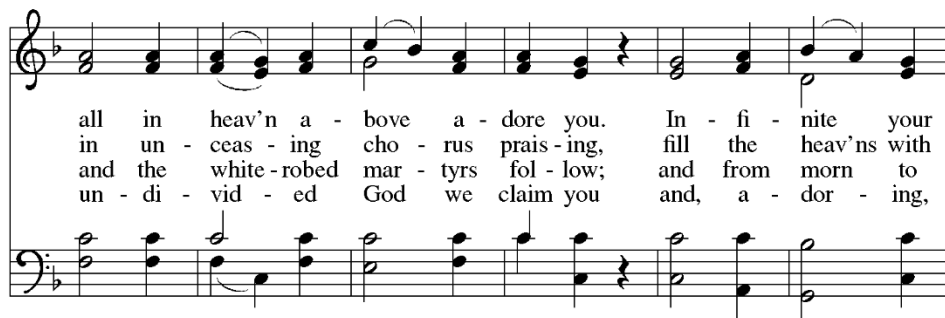
We sing together



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum** meets between worship services in the conference room. Participants will study Lesson 2, "It's Hot in Here and There's No Way Out". Next week's Lesson 3 – "Help is Here".
 - **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.
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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.

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!

The Greening of the Church!

Please join in the festivity as we get ready to celebrate Christmas and help decorate the Sanctuary! Sunday, Nov. after 10:15 a.m. after Worship.
decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Lunch provided. All are welcome!

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.**

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.

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).

Worship to Go Needs Your Help!!

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

- **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.

- **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.

Next Month:

Mon, 12/09 - Sarabella

Tues, 12/10 – Elance

Tues, 12/17 – Angels Senior Living

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

BLOOD DRIVE

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

Sun., Nov. 17th 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=employeeesearch&id_employee=350

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.

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 luvstitches55@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 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.

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.

Workshop for New Pictorial Church Directory.

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.
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- 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.

Zumba Class

Mondays 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!!!

Men of Faith Breakfast

Men of Faith Breakfast will be taking place at The Toasted Yolk for the remainder of the month. Come and join us at **The Toasted Yolk, 3750, S. Tamiami Trail**, at 8:30 a.m. for a hearty breakfast, prayer, and fellowship.

You can just show up or

RSVP by emailing Pastor Eric at pastor@faithlutheransrq.com or call the church office! # (941) 924-4664. All are welcome!

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 lesson is Lesson 2 “It’s Hot Here in Here and I Get Out”.

Illyrian Symphony Concert

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

Christmas Angel Tree

Coming soon! We are once again working with the Lutheran Services Florida in sponsoring 50 adults from the guardianship program for their Christmas Angel Tree. We will have detailed information in mid-November about how we can help out.

HERE I STAND UP!

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

Sunday, Nov. 17th - 2 p.m. at the 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, Nov. 3rd

Online views	250
8 a.m. in person	46
10:15 a.m. in person	108

Next Sunday, Nov. 17

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

The deliverance of God's people at the end

Psalmody

Psalm 16

*My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my body shall rest in hope (Ps. 16:9)*

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

*The way to God opened through Christ's
death*

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

The end and the coming of the Son

This Week at Faith

Monday, Nov. 11

5 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting, conference room
6 p.m.	Zumba Class, community center

Tuesday, Nov. 12

8:30 a.m.	Men of Faith Breakfast, Skilletts
9:30 a.m.	G.I.F.T.S. Women's Bible Study, library
10 a.m.	Worship to Go Prep, chapel
10:45 a.m.	Worship to Go, Elance
11 a.m.	Property Committee Meeting, conference room

12 p.m.	Mary Circle, fellowship hall
6 p.m.	Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir room and sanctuary

Wednesday, Nov. 13

9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Support Group, chapel
3:15 p.m.	Bereavement Group, chapel
7 p.m.	SRQ Illyrian Orchestra Rehearsal, community center

Thursday, Nov. 14

9 a.m.	Receive and Prep Food Delivery, food pantry
1 p.m.	Stitch 'n' Chatter, Room 212
1:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting, conference room
4:30 p.m.	Food Pantry Prep
5 p.m.	Food Pantry Open
6:30 p.m.	Voices of Faith Rehearsal, choir room

Friday, Nov. 15

8 a.m.	Jazzercise, gym
7 p.m.	SRQ Illyrian Orchestra Rehearsal, community center

Saturday, Nov. 16

8 a.m.	Jazzercise
9 a.m.	Diakonia, conference room
7:00 p.m.	SR Illyrian Concert, community center (audience welcome in at 6:30)

Sunday, Nov. 17

8 a.m.	In-Person Worship Service, sanctuary
8 a.m.	Blood Drive, parking lot
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
2 p.m.	Comedy Benefit, community center

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
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
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
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
Ed & Gail Straight, friends of Nancy Dandino
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