



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

## **Christ the King**

10:15 a.m., November 24, 2024



Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of 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 Eloise Dettmer in memory of father, Fred Dettmer.***

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Rev. Marianne Powrie

**Assisting Minister**

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**Lector**

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**Congregation Council**

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

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**Pastor**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

**Assistant to the Pastor**

Rev. Larry Wright

**Retired Pastors in Residence**

Rev. John Hilficker

Rev. Marianne Powrie

Rev. John Spittal

**Executive Assistant to the Pastor  
for Administration**

Heidi Floyd

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

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE STAND

#### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

**ELW 855**

*We sing together  
(See next page)*

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - cf - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
 Music: DIADEMAŦA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

## 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*



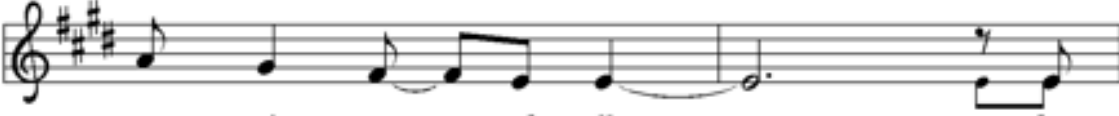
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.




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

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*WE SIT*

## First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

A Reading from Daniel.

<sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup> A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

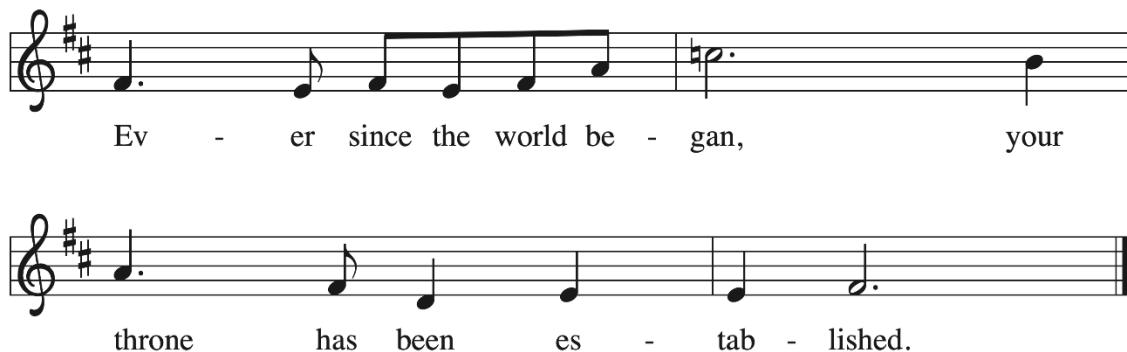
<sup>13</sup> As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody: Psalm 93



Ev - er since the world be - gan, your  
throne has been es - tab - lished.

Psalm 93:2

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

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

<sup>2</sup> Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established; you are from everlasting.

**R**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. <sup>4</sup> Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

**R**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-s**

**L:** A reading from Revelation

<sup>4b</sup> Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**L:** <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be.

Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**L:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*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: John 18:33-37**

P: The holy gospel according to John

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

P: <sup>33</sup> Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

*WE SIT*

**Sermon**

Rev. Marianne Powrie

*WE STAND*

**Hymn of the Day**  
**679** *We sing together*

**For the Fruit of All Creation**

**ELW**

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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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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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: Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders (*like Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, whom we commemorate today*) who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Heal those suffering in mind, body or spirit from all illness and affliction. We especially lift up all our prayer list and those we name before you now silent or aloud. (*pause*)

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: God of Peace, we ask from an end of all violence conflict and war. We especially pray for a just peace in Israel & Gaza, Palestine, Lebanon, and between Russia and Ukraine. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer**

L: Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy.

Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

L: Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,  
**C: 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: receive our prayer.**  
**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**

**Find Me a Thankful Heart**  
*Voices of Faith*

*Lloyd Carson & Jan McGuire*

### *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**      **Come to The Table of the Lord**      *Albrecht, Sally K,  
and Jay Althouse*

*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**

**Sending Song**

**Lift High on The Cross**  
*We sing together  
(See next page)*

**ELW 660**



*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## ***Welcome, Visitors!***

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. Please let us know that you visited by signing our guestbook and/or filling out a Visitor Card located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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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 4, "When Your Heart Cries Out", 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:

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

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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 12/29, 1/05, 1/12.** 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.

## ***Workshop for New Pictorial Church Directory***

Be There Following Worship Sunday, January 12, 2025  
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](mailto:LaurenFLCSRQ@gmail.com).

## ***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 4 "When Your Heart Cries Out".

## ***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 Eve – 4 p.m & 7 p.m.

Christmas Day – 10 a.m.

***Special Music for all Services***

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

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 narthex.

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### ***Chose Generosity – Adopt a Lutheran Services Client***

Please consider adopting one (or more) of the 50 clients we have been assigned by Lutheran Services Florida to make someone's Christmas just a little bit nicer. Look for the table set up in the narthex to make your selection. Be sure to sign your name next to whomever you choose. All gifts are due back by DECEMBER 16 and should be WRAPPED and LABELED.

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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 Monday, December 9 at 12 noon.**

We resume our reading discussions on Monday, January 27 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. 10th 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).

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### ***FLC New Member Q&A***

To be held during Coffee Hour on Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>  
If you are interested in becoming about membership please join us!

### ***Receiving New Members***

We will be receiving new members on Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>  
during the 10:15 service.

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### ***Mid-Week Soup Supper & Taize Worship***

Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Supper @ 5 p.m.  
Worship @ 6 p.m.

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### ***Thanksgiving Day Closed***

Faith Lutheran Church will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving and we will not have Food Pantry on that day.

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### ***Special Service at FLC!!!***

Please JOIN US for a very special additional service next **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.** to commemorate World AIDS Day. Diversity Voices of Sarasota will share several moving musical offerings. Please join us as we pause to remember and worship.

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### ***CHRISTMAS CAROLING!***

We will be caroling together on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We will gather after the 10:15 service to visit shut-ins and nursing homes to share the spirit of Christmas with those that cannot get out by themselves. It will be a fun and festive time!

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### ***SAVE THE DATE!***

Join us for a Festive Musical Celebration as we install Andi Zdrava as our Director of Music. **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.**

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### ***TODAY!!! SWFL HONOR FLIGHT PRESENTATION***

Please join us today during Coffee Hour to see pictures and share Alf's recent trip to Washington D.C. to celebrate the SWFL Honor Flight. We would like to salute and thank Alf for his service during and after the Korean War. Scott will be providing Coffee Hour lovely nourishments.

## 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. 17

Online views	260
8 a.m. in person	45
10:15 a.m. in person	130

### Next Sunday, Dec. 1

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

*The one coming with the clouds rules over all*

Psalm 95:1-10

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

#### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

*Glory to the one who made us a kingdom*

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

## This Week at Faith

### Monday, Nov. 25

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 26

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  
5 p.m. Congregation Council, conference  
room  
5:30 p.m. Evangelism Prayer Group, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
across from elevator  
6:00 Diversity Voices of Sarasota, choir  
room & gym

### Wednesday, 11/27

10:30 a.m. Prayer Support Group, chapel  
3:15 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel  
6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith Choir Practice, choir  
room

### Thursday, 11/28

9 a.m. Food Pantry Prep, fellowship hall  
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, 11/29

8 a.m. Jazzercise, community center

### Saturday, 11/30

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

**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  
Bob Hurdle, friend of Gerry & Karen Kolschowski &  
Gerri & Terry Copper  
Jesus & Rita Jimenez  
Alf Kirkeeng  
Leonard Kotwitz, brother of Janet Falk  
Lillian Lapenckas  
Kevin Lasko  
Chick Lehmann, husband of Suzie Lehmann  
Ruth Levy, sister of Joan Hirsch  
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &  
Michael Leonhardt  
Pat Longo & Ronnie Mojo, friends of Susan Wakefield  
Kimberly MacDonald & Barbara, self and mother  
Julie & Eli Maresch, niece & grandnephew  
of Patty McKee  
Paul & Debbie Maresch, brother & sister-in-law  
of Patty McKee  
Dennis McCaughey, friend of Lois Weaverling  
Kim McDonald

Judi Melander  
Alison Nommay, friend of Karla Lewis  
& Michael Leonhardt  
Terry O'Connell, friend of Marlene Radesk  
Meghan Ortega, niece of Lisa & Pastor Eric Olsen  
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan  
Sue Ostrom  
Pastor Terry Parker, friend of Max &  
Pastor Marianne Powrie  
Fran Perkins  
Jean Peters, friend of Faye Adkin  
Carl Petersen  
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  
Shirley Schimke  
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  
Dr. Patty White  
Jon Wooton  
Celeste & John Yee, daughter and father of Marlene  
Radesk