



Faith Lutheran Church

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:15 a.m., May 12, 2024



The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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 the Bolon/Puebla Family in celebration of Grandma Nanette and Grandma Barbara.

Presiding Ministers

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

Lector

Judy Carlsen

Director of Music/Organist

David V. Patrick

Cantor

Tom Tryon

Vocals

Voices of Faith Choir

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- 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WE STAND

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*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: 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW 634

We sing together



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
- 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
- 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6

Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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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.

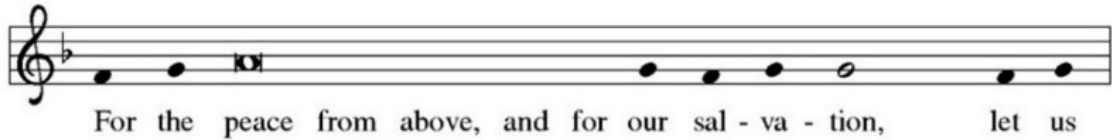
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

We sing responsively



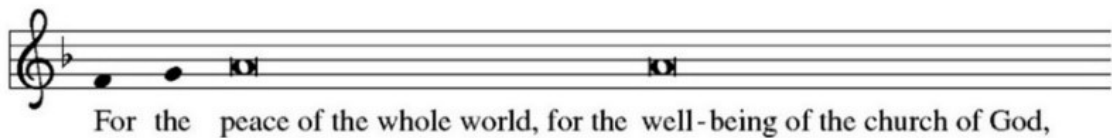
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



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



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



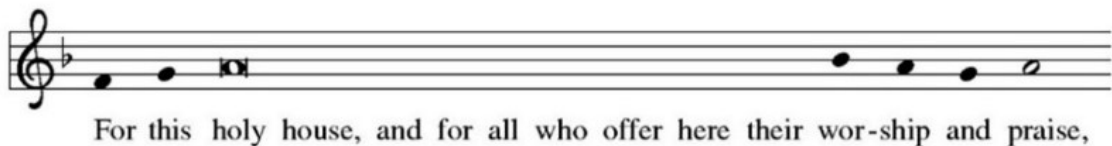
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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



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



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



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



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.



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. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit, transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

L: A Reading from Acts.

15In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, 16“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—17for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” 21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” 23So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 1:6

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



Psalm 1:6

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PSALMODY: Psalm 1

L: ¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

C: Refrain.

L: ³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.
⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

C: Refrain.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

L: A Reading from 1 John.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We sing together

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

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus prayed:] 6“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. 16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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: ... God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

As the prayers conclude:

P: ... Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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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support of Faith Lutheran's ministries.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

We Will Keep Our Faith Alive

Don Besig and Nancy Price

Voices of Faith Choir

Gathered here, within this place, we can share in God's redeeming grace.
There's no room for doubt or fear; we can feel His presence here.
As we face each passing day, we will serve and honor and obey;
And if hope should start to dim, we will know our trust is in Him.
And we will keep our faith alive. God will always be our guide.
Through the darkest night, we will see God's light. We will keep our faith alive!
We will live as God has planned though at times we may not understand.
Many things we may not see, but our faith will help us believe.
From His word we learn the truth; through His love we all are born anew.
With His help, we will not fail for we know our God will prevail.
When we share the love He gives, all the world will know that we are His.
In God's name we stand as one, and through us, His work will be done!
We will stand as one 'til His work is done, we will keep our faith alive!

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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. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

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.

PREFACE

The presiding minister sings

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

The presiding minister continues, then concludes ...



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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: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father ...

... 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: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered
for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and
blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your
saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

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

He Gives Me Peace
Voices of Faith Choir

Cindy Berry

Sometimes the trials of life seem hard to bear. Sometimes the music of my soul grows dim. In times like these my faith grows weak; I long to hear the Savior speak. Where are You, Father, where are You? You promised You would always be near. Then I hear Your voice deep within my soul, saying "Child, my child, I am here!" Peace, peace, my Savior gives me peace when I'm crushed by the weight of my storm. His precious hand will guide me, and He will safely hide me in the shelter of His loving arms. Peace, peace, I love His perfect peace. As I trust Him, I've no need to fear. In my Father's hands I can rest, for He knows what is best for me. Peace, He gives me peace.

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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. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

We sing together



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-



pared 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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen!

SENDING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

We sing together



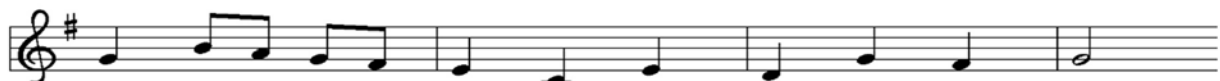
1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



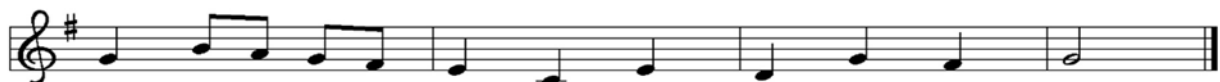
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Rondeau from *Sinfonies De Fanfares*
Jean Joseph Mouret

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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.

Happy Mother's Day!

Today, Faith offers carnations for mothers and those who provide mothering love. May God bless you all.

Join in Prayer and Bible Study

- **Adult Forum meets between worship services in the conference room.** Today, participants will study Lesson 3, "He Leads Them Like a Shepherd," in Volume 10, "With All Your Heart – Being God's Presence to Our World," in the "That the World May Know" video series.
- **Men of Faith** meet for breakfast and prayer at **8:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, at Skillets, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail.** Men of Faith also are invited to a planning meeting at **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, in the chapel.**
- **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 "Be Still and Know – A Study of Rest and Refuge."
- **The spring session of Adult Bible Study** focuses on chapters from a favorite resource: "**Reading Biblical Literature,**" with Dr. Craig R. Koester, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary. **The remaining one-hour session begins at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, in the second-floor classroom.** Pastor Larry leads the study, which concludes with John on the Word Made Flesh. Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom: **Meeting ID 828 5756 9204. Passcode 587680.**
- **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.**

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.

Sunday School Summer Hiatus Begins Next Week

Today is the last day of Sunday School for the season. It will resume in September.

Find Out How You Can Help Faith Better Serve Families

Are you interested in how Faith Lutheran can help young people learn about the gospel and how our congregation can better serve families? **Contact Deborah, familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-914-7553, to find out how you can help.**

Kids and Families: Register for VBS

Register now for **Vacation Bible School (VBS) Day Camp, July 22-26 at Faith**. It 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. Look for details, and the registration and health forms in the Faith Friday Update email. To ask questions or get hard copies of the forms, contact Deborah Dornemann, familyandchild@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-914-7553.

Mary Circle Meets May 14

All ladies of Faith are invited to the next meeting of Mary Circle at **noon, Tuesday, May 14, in fellowship hall**. The agenda includes planning for next year, and completing and boxing personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Bring your lunch; dessert is provided.

Three of Faith's Young People Will be Confirmed May 19

Alma Dornemann, Jazmin Gamboa and Christian Jones will be confirmed during the 10:15 a.m. service on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. Plan to be there as we celebrate their lives of faith among us.

Faith Food Pantry Needs You and Your Donations

Help care for our hungry neighbors by placing donations of food or paper products in the white food pantry barrel. And please consider volunteering at the pantry as friends help friends with both food and attention. 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, June 2.** 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.
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Watch for Your Quarterly Year-to-Date Giving Summary

Late last week, year-to-date giving summaries from Faith for January-April 2024:

- Were emailed to those with valid, opted-in email addresses on file. If you did not receive your summary, please check your spam email folder.
- Were sent via U.S. Mail to the address on file for those without email addresses or those who have opted out of using email communication.

If you have changes or updates to your contact information, please:

- Contact Jenniffer in the church office, officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-924-4664; or Patty McKee, financialsecretary@faithlutheransrq.com or 941-921-3709.
- Or complete a brief Household Update Form available on the narthex table, and place it in the offering plate.

If necessary, you can request a paper copy of your giving summary by contacting the church office or Patty McKee.

New Member Q&A and Coffee Hour Set for May 26

Are you considering membership at Faith? Join Pastor Eric and other congregational leaders for a Q&A and coffee **hour after 10:15 a.m. worship May 26**. Faith will receive new members during both June 9 services.

Worship to Go Could Use Your Help

The next Worship to Go service at:

- **Elancé begins at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, in the independent living facility's Tiffany Room next door to Faith.** Volunteers will meet at **10 a.m. in the Faith chapel** to review the service.
- **Angels Senior Living, 5750 Honore Ave., is set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, in the facility's second-floor theatre.** Volunteers will meet at **12:45 p.m. in the Faith chapel** and will carpool to the facility.

Worship to Go needs additional helpers. Contact Pastor Eric directly, 716-352-0055. No experience necessary!

May Stewardship Message

If we are going to serve the Lord, we should do so wholeheartedly and see what God will do in response.

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Remembering Pastor David Wagner

Pastor David Wagner, a beloved member and retired pastor in residence at Faith, joined the church triumphant May 7 following a battle with cancer. Pastor Eric will travel with Pastor David's husband, Tom, and family May 20-21 to officiate a celebration of life and interment service in New Jersey. Bishop Suarez and other clergy will participate in a celebration eucharist for Pastor David in June at Faith, date and time to be determined. *Dear Lord, receive Pastor David into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.*



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, May 5

Online views	82
8 a.m. in person	43
10:15 a.m. in person	141

Next Sunday, May 19

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds.

Psalmody

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (*Ps. 104:30*)

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

Praying with the Spirit.

Gospel

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Christ sends the Spirit of truth.

This Week at Faith

Monday, May 13

5 p.m. Executive Committee, conf. room

Tuesday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Men of Faith Prayer Breakfast, Skilletts, 8635 S. Tamiami

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study, library

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

10 a.m. Worship to Go Prep, chapel

10:45 a.m. Worship to Go, Elancé

11 a.m. Property Committee, conf. room

12 p.m. Mary Circle, fellowship hall

7 p.m. Diversity Voices of Sarasota, sanctuary

Wednesday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, upstairs classroom

10:30 a.m. Prayer Group, chapel

1 p.m. Bereavement Group, chapel

6:30 p.m. Voices of Faith Choir Rehearsal, choir room

Thursday, May 16

9 a.m. Receive and Prep Food Delivery

9:30 a.m. Finance Committee, conf. room

10 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

1 p.m. Stitch 'n' Chatter, room 212

1:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, conf. room

4:30 p.m. Food Pantry Prep

5 p.m. Food Pantry Open

Friday, May 17

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

Saturday, May 18

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise, gym

9 a.m. Diakomia, conf. room

Sunday, May 19

9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, conf. room

9:30 a.m. Voices of Faith, choir room

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- 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 to add someone to or remove someone from the Prayer List.

Prayer List

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Marsha Anderson, sister of Gail Murphy
Rev. Steve Anderson, pastor at
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Tim Anderson, son-in-law of Dick and Jetty Zarfos
Family & Friends of Tina Arnold
George and James Ball, brothers of Alix Giannini
Anna Bancroft, 6-year-old
friend of Alyene Weaver
Chuck Banta
Chloe Bennenthum, friend of Gail Murphy
Allan Boardman, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell
Sean & Rebekah Brett, son and daughter-in-law
of Alyene Weaver
Charles Budreau
Jason Byrne, friend of Anita Wooton
Elise Carmona
Michelle Cave, friend of George Young
Evelyn Conlon
Family & Friends of John Conlon
Family & Friends of Jordan Demers,
cousin of Hannah Boyd
Eloise Dettmer
Philomena Dimichelle, friend of Conrad Zabor
Ken Dixon
Ryan and Valerie Donahue
Elizabeth Farmer
Judy & Robert Ferguson
Carolyn & Marty Friedman,
friends of Marlene Radesk
John Gallo, friend of April Shettler
Andrea Gamboa
Laurie Good, friend of Ann Greenwood
Paula Haas, friend of Eloise Dettmer
Jon Hale
Alyssa Hansen, cousin of Lisa Olsen
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Patricia Head, mother of Wayne Head
Becky Heeps, friend of Lisa Olsen
Michael Helpin, friend of Marlene Radesk
Christiana Holmes
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of
Anita and Jon Wooton
Tesa Inkrott,
granddaughter of Pete & Carole Inkrott

Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Alf Kirkeeng
Lillian Lapenckas
Family & Friends of Kathy Lasko
Jacqueline Laurent,
friend of Margaret Borrows
Diane Lewis, sister-in-law of Karla Lewis &
Michael Leonhardt
Lois Light
Shirley Manning, friend of Margaret Borrows
Paul & Debby Maresch
Vincenzo Mariani, friend of Conrad Zabor
Annabelle Martone
Kathleen McBride
Judi Melander
Jeremy & Yvonne Mullins
Beverly Novak, cousin of Patty McKee
Olaf Olsen, father of Pastor Eric Olsen
Judy Osborn, sister of Peggy Ragan
James & Virginia Pease
Fran Perkins
Wally Pina
Kristen Pizan
Cindy Press, friend of Kevin & Linda Fewell
Marlene Radesk
Fritz Rappold
Gabriel Rockwell
Ted and Carol Rodi
Floyd Ryder
Mike Schell
Phillip Schlueter
Family & Friends of Fire Lieutenant James Joel Slack
Family & Friends of Donna Souders, mother of
Lois Weaverling's friend
Rev. John Spittal
Ron and Leigh Tarrantino
Werner Thomsen, brother of John Thomsen
Colette Thornbloom
David Turnbull
Family & Friends of Pastor David Wagner
Brittany Wanko and her premature newborn
infants, Olivia Mae and Emmet Walter
Alyene Weaver
Jon Wooton

