



## RIC SUNDAY

**January 26, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God’s beloved child, “for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide as we strive to serve our world.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Today is RIC Sunday. As a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation we have adopted a public welcome statement that affirms our commitment to welcome and include all people. Today we reflect on what it means to be an RIC congregation and to recommit ourselves to our all-inclusive welcome and our call for justice for all marginalized communities. We encourage you to review our welcome statement above and reflect on how we can continue to grow to live into our welcome. This year’s theme of “Resilient Community” allows us to celebrate how far we all have come in difficult times while also reminding us we need to keep moving toward the goal of true inclusion. It focuses our attention on how community bonds and relationships sustain the individual members of the community, building resilience in institutions and individuals. When we work together for justice, communities are stronger; when we work together, people are stronger.

## **PRELUDE**

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

J.S.Bach, arr. Mary Howe

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** [Read in Unison]

**Let the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be pleasing to you, God, our rock and our redeemer.**

Psalm 19:14 Common English Bible

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We gather in the name of God, † Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

**We gather on the ancestral, traditional, and contemporary lands of the Anishinaabeg – Three Fires Confederacy of Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples. Faith Lutheran resides on land ceded in the 1819 Treaty of Saginaw.**

The roads that brought us here today were a place where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land and still do today.

**We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.**

## COMMUNAL LAMENT, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

(Based on Psalm 10)

In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts. After each petition, you are invited to respond saying:

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

Let us pray:

O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come closer and dwell among us, encouraging us as we build resilient and just communities.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep many of your beloved children from full belonging.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

Help us to remember that you see us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

God, forgive us, rise up, and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Remind us we are freed from sin through your grace and love. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded. **Amen!**

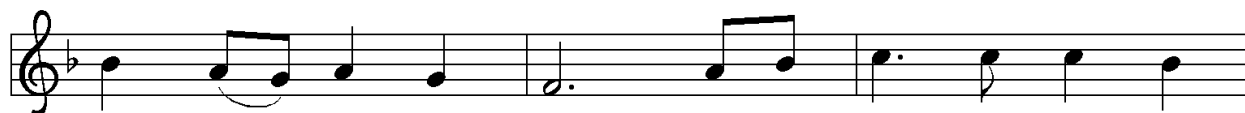
## GATHERING HYMN



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

# GREETING

The never ending grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the boundless and unconditional love of God, and the communion of the ever present Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE Shine Jesus Shine

♩ = 112



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,  
 2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence,  
 3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
 from the shad - ows in - to Your rad - i - ance;  
 so our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us, set us free by the  
 By the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness, search me, try me, con -  
 Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our



truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.  
 some all my dark - ness. Shine on me, shine on me.  
 lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on me, shine on me.

13      A      E/A   A   D                      A   Bm   Bm/A      Esus      E

Shine, Je - sus, shine, \_\_\_\_\_ fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

17      A      E/A   A   D                      A   Bm   Bm/A      G      Esus   E

Blaze Spir - it, blaze, \_\_\_\_\_ set our hearts on fire.

21      A      E/A   A   D                      A   Bm      Bm/A

Flow, riv - er, flow, \_\_\_\_\_ flood the na - tions with

24      Esus      E                      A      E/A   A   D                      A

grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, and

27      Bm      E7                      A   D/A                      E/A   D/A                      Last time  
1 A   D/A      A

let there be light.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

Holy God, your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know they are seen, known, and loved by you. May the example of Jesus continue to create words and action of courage in the work and ministry of antiracism.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-10**

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for this purpose. And standing beside him were Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his righthand side; while Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam stood on his lefthand side. Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, “Amen! Amen!” while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. The Levites—Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, and Pelaiah[a]—helped the people to understand the Instruction while the people remained in their places. They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don’t mourn or weep.” They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction. “Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet,” he said to them, “and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don’t be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



## **PSALM: Psalm 19**

**All Voices – R= Refrain L= Low Voices, H = High Voices**

**R-Your law, Yahweh, is perfect; it refreshes the soul.**

**L-**The heavens herald your glory, O God, and the skies display your handiwork.

Day after day they tell their story, and night after night they reveal the depth of their understanding. Without speech, without words, without even an audible voice, they cry throughout the world, and their message reaches the ends of the earth.

**H-**For in the heavens the sun has pitched a tent.

It comes forth with the grandeur of a wedding procession, with the eagerness of an athlete ready to race. It rises at one end of the sky and travels to the other end, and nothing escapes its warmth.

**R-Your law, Yahweh, is perfect; it refreshes the soul.**

**L-**Your law, Yahweh, is perfect; it refreshes the soul.

Your rule is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the naïve.

Your purposes, O God, are right; they gladden the heart.

**H-**Your command is clear; it gives light to the eyes.

Holding you in awe, Yahweh is purifying; it endures.

Your decrees are steadfast; and all of them just.

They are more precious than gold, and sweeter than honey, than honey fresh from the comb.

**R-Your law, Yahweh, is perfect; it refreshes the soul.**

**L**-In them your faithful people find instruction; there is great reward in keeping them.

But who can detect one's own failings?

Forgive the misdeeds I don't even know about!

**H**-Keep your faithful one from presumption as well, so that my faults never control me. Then I will be blameless and innocent of a graven error.

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Yahweh, my rock and my redeemer!

**R-Your law, Yahweh, is perfect; it refreshes the soul.**

The Inclusive Bible

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly, the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this.

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get greater gifts. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** (Noisy offering for Parish House)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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: Luke 4:14-21**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: The Spirit is upon me, because God has anointed me. God has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY – WE ARE A RAINBOW

mm=80

1. We're the light of all the world,  
 coat of ma - ny co -  
 hope to still be - lieve  
 face the storms of life,

we are a cit - y on a hill, We're a can - dle on a stand  
 lers, sewn from ma - ny dif - frent threads, co - v'ring all in warmth, in wel -  
 in to in mor - row's bet - ter day, We are peace in a world  
 we will ne - ver be a - lone, For our God will be with

pro - claim - ing light, We will not hide our lamp  
 come and in grace, God said "Let there be light",  
 that's torn a - part, We are joy that will last  
 us on the way, Hand in hand, side by side,

be - neath a bush - el an - y more, We will shine a ray of hope  
 cre - a - ted e - v'ry va - ried shade, In the rain - bow each of us  
 in all the strug - gles that we face, We are love that blooms and grows  
 we won't be fright - ened\* a - ny more, As the mourn - ing night of tears

that's burn - ing bright. Chorus: We are a rain - - - bow,  
 can find a place. in e - v'ry heart.  
 breaks in - to day.

sign of co - ve - nant and peace For the flood of tears will

fin - 'lly cease to be, Come shine your rain - - - bow,

splash your hues a - cross the sky, Paint the world in co - lours

\*alt: clobbered

**(SONG CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)**

proud and bold and free.

1. 2. 3. Paint the world in colors proud and bold and

2. We're a  
3. We are  
4. When we

free.

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## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God desires full life for all. As a church we recognize that beloved children whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of sexism and patriarchy are too often restricted from realizing abundant life. This church names as sin the social forces that silence, control, or devalue people on the basis of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm all people are created in God's image, and we reject any power, privilege, or prejudice that undermines our community and disrupts joy, gladness, relationships, and flourishing life for all people.

I invite you to profess your faith, renouncing the forces of evil and the power of sin. Do you renounce the powers of racism, sexism, queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and ableism?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce systems of oppression that harm God's children?

**We renounce them.**

Do you renounce the sins of silence that draw one away from God and neighbor?  
**We renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Creator?

**We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the liberating and reconciling love of God, let us pray for all people and all creation.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

We entrust these our prayers, spoken and silent, and our sighs too deep for words, to your abundant mercy, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

On the first day of the week the risen Jesus came among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (John 20:19, 21)

The peace of Christ be with you always!

**And also with you!**

## **OFFERING**

"Total Praise"

Richard Smallwood; arr. Joel Raney

Chancel Choir

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Generous God, we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

God is here!

**The Spirit is with us!**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to our God!**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**



## PREFACE

It is indeed our duty and our joy, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful Creator, for you sent your child to be the light and life for the world. Through that child you showed us how to love and be loved, how to enact justice, and how to work for peace. And so, with the all God's children, with all living things on this world, with earth and sea and stars, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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**

All thanks and praise are yours, O God, for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

On the night Jesus was sharing one final meal with his followers before being betrayed and arrested, he picked up some bread from the table, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to all those at the table with him, telling them: Take and eat this bread. It is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Then, after they had finished eating supper together, he picked up a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, telling them: This cup of wine is the sign of a new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

As we wait with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this resilient community.

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three.

**Amen!**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Heavenly God, giver of life, holy is your name, your realm 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 you reign in power and glory now and forever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Wisdom has prepared the food, poured the wine, and set her table. She calls and we respond:

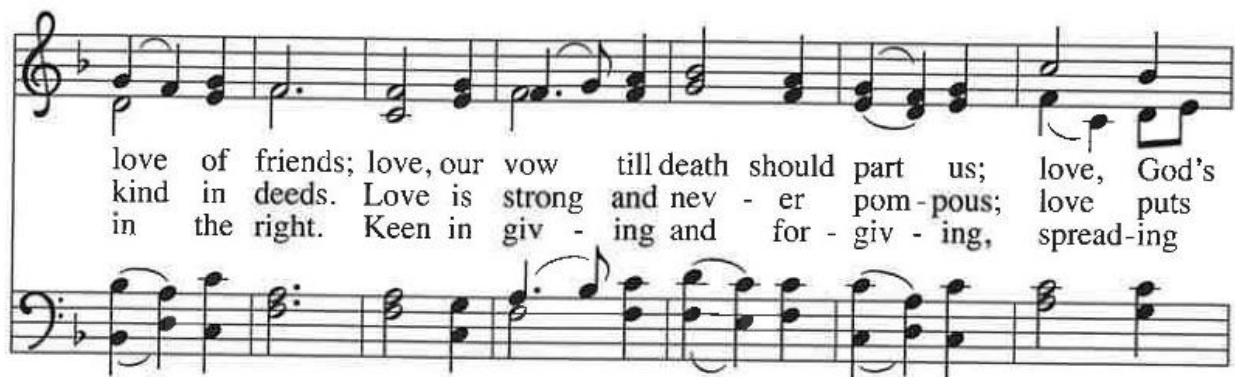
**Come, all are welcome to eat and drink.**

## **COMMUNION**

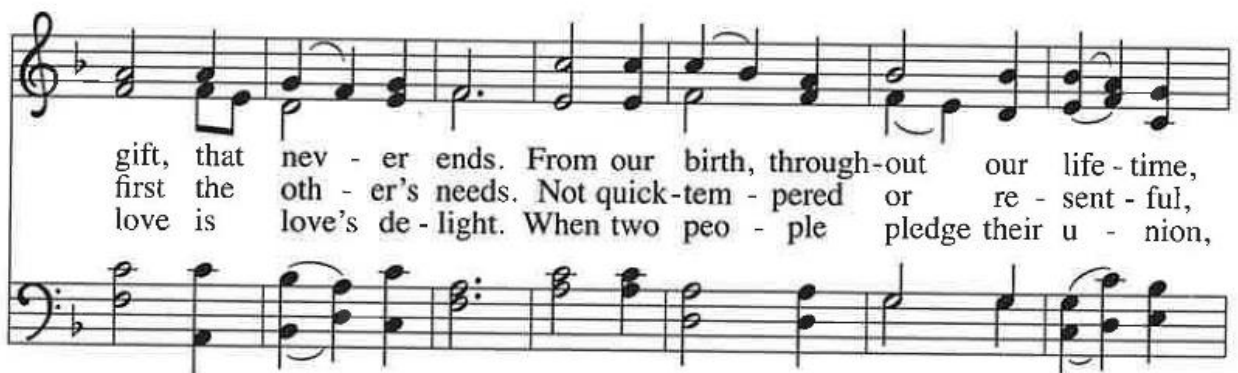
## COMMUNION SONG




1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through - out our life - time,  
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's

can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
 grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
 earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“All Are Welcome”

arr. Ron Schmoltze

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and reconcile you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of grace and mercy, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received—new life in Christ—for the world. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE CONCLUSION OF A CALL**

A: Bruce Thorsen, on Sunday, April 23, 2023, we of Faith Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, to guide us through our transition, and to preside at the Lord's table. With the gospel you have comforted us in times of sickness and trouble, and at the death of our loved ones. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been important to our life together in the church of Jesus Christ, in our service to this community, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

A: People of God, members of Faith Lutheran Church, do you release Bruce from service as your pastor?

**We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

A: Bruce Thorsen, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Faith Lutheran Church?

P: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

A: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock.

You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Bruce among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

Help Bruce and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As he has been a blessing to us, so now send him forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. *(Teresa of Avila)*

† May the blessing of God, Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion. **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

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Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

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Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!



## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to practice resilient justice.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please remain in your seats for our annual meeting.*

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## **FAITH VOLUNTEERS**

### **January 26**

Greeter(s): John & Ramona Backman

Reader: Warren Heilman

Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner

Ushers: John McCracken/Ken Milne

Altar Care: Diane Hill

Sunday School: Heidi Bowers

Coffee Hour: RIC Sunday

Counters: Jack Dingleline/Randy Royalty

Acolyte: Andrew Herek

### **February 2**

Greeter(s): Mike Eschelbach

Reader: Heidi Nussdorfer

Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner

Ushers: Gwynne & Mark Kadrofske

Altar Care: Rich Weingartner

Sunday School: John McCracken

Coffee Hour: Potluck

Counters: Matt Schnizlein/Tammy Heilman

Acolyte: Isaak Nyquist

## FLC SCHEDULE

### Sunday, January 26

- Sunday School @9am
- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: RIC Sunday
- Annual Congregational Meeting following service
- Celebration for Pastor Bruce following Annual Meeting

### Monday, January 27

- Boy Scouts @7pm in Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 28

- No Bible Study
- Girl Scouts Meeting @5:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, January 29

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Faith Bells rehearsal @ 6:30pm
- Chancel Choir rehearsal @ 7:30pm

### Friday, January 31

- Membership Committee Meeting @11am in Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, February 2

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: Presentation of Our Lord
- Installation of the Reverend Megan Floyd
- Potluck following service in Fellowship Hall