

***Worship to the Glory of God
Sunday, February 9, 2014
8 & 11 am***



Prayer

is the breath, the watchword,
the comfort, the strength,
the honor of a Christian.

—Spurgeon

Faith Lutheran Church

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Saturday Worship & Praise: 5 pm
(Communion 1st Saturday of month)

Sunday Worship: 8 & 11 am
(Communion: 1st & 3rd Sun. @ 8 am
2nd & 4th Sun. @ 11 am)

Sunday School &
Adult Bible Classes: 9:30 am

website: faithnpr.org

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 9, 2014 – 8am & 11am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

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The Invocation (please rise)

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: All of us have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: But God is really kind, and because of Jesus Christ, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: God sent Jesus Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life’s blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: God gave Christ to die for our sins, and he raised him to life, so that we would be made acceptable to God.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: And now, because of our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

Pastor: You have been saved by faith in God’s kindness. This is not of your own doing; it is the gift of God.

People: This is most certainly true.

Pastor: This is the true grace of God; stand fast in it.

People: Here we stand; God help us! Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Kyrie (spoken) 152

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

✠ **Hymn of Praise** (sung) “Built on the Rock” 645 v 1,2

1	Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting.	2	Surely in temples made with hands God, the Most High, is not dwelling High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling. Yet He who dwells in heav’n above Chooses to live with us in love Making our bodies His temple.
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The Prayer for the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us pray... "O God, you have given us all things. We are stewards of your creation. We are witnesses of your love in Christ Jesus. We are sharers of your Word. Keep us always steadfast in faith, courageous in trust, and confident in your promises in Scripture, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

People: Amen.

✠ *Please be seated*

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

¹Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. ³'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶'Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

✠ *In honor of Christ the Light of the World we rise to sing*

All Sing:

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

905 v 2

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Pastor: This is The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (spoken)

The Greeting (please turn to someone next to you, or in front, or behind you)

✠ Please be seated

The Sermon Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” 702

The Sermon “Samuel Anoints David” 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Rev. Gilbert Kuehn, Vacancy Pastor

✠ Please rise for

The Apostles’ Creed (8:00 am) (back of hymnal)

The Nicene Creed (11:00 am) (back of hymnal)

The Gathering of the Offerings (Please be seated)

✠ As the offerings are brought forward the congregation rises to sing:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

The Prayers (The Pastor will end each petition with *"Lord, in your mercy ..."* and the congregation will respond with **"hear our prayer."**)

Lord's Prayer

8:00 am service continues

11:00 am service concludes on page 9

✠ **THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord. (spoken)

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise. (spoken)

Pastor: It is indeed right and helpful that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 528 v 1,2,3

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| 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace! | 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name. |
| 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace. | |

The Words of Institution

Pastor: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. (spoken)

The Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

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**All Sing: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

An appropriate personal prayer before receiving the Sacrament can be found on the page opposite the inside cover of the hymnal.

"White grape juice is available; as well as gluten-free wafers"

- ✘ Faith's statement of faith regarding communion is printed on the reverse side of the Fellowship Card.
- ✘ Those who desire to commune are invited to follow the ushers' instructions.
- ✘ Receive the bread from the elder either on the tongue or in the hand. Receive the wine either in the individual or the common cup. If you prefer the individual cup, take one from the proffered tray, place the empty cup in the basin as you return. If you prefer the common cup or chalice, please assist the serving pastor by guiding the cup to control the flow. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.
- ✘ Anyone having difficulty walking to the front of the church may sit in the front pew on the lectern side.
- ✘ Non-confirmed children will be received at the altar rail for a blessing.

The Hymn sung during the Distribution

1 I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain

3 I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

Refrain

"I Come to the Garden"

2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice,
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.

Refrain

Refrain:

**And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

✠ *please rise for*

Post-Communion Canticle (sung)

"Thank the Lord"

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**All Sing: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He
recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of
thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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*Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through
this helpful gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would
strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love
toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

8:00 am & 11:00 am worship concludes with

The Benediction

The Proclamation

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn

“Go My Children, with My Blessing”

922 v 1,4

The Post-service Music

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister: Rev. Gilbert Kuehn

	8 am service	11 am service
Assisting Elder:		Bob Brown
Duty Elder:	Larry Roach	Lamar Miller
Acolyte:	Austin Logan	Kristen Hahn
Altar Care:	Ginny Brown & Muriel Pearce	Edie Knudsen & Debbie Lackey
Lay Reader:	Yvonne Burkee	Sue Leader
Audio Assistant:	Keith Allard	Rose Wegner
Video Assistant:	Mike Muetzel	John Schaerffer
Ushers:	Norm Braun, Barb Goodhue, Adele Burke & Kathy Hoback	Jack Greenlee, Lee Alexander, Marian Malmgren & Ray LaVallee
Flower Angels:	Lee & Darlene Alexander	Lee & Darlene Alexander
Fellowship Card Ministry:	Tom & Donalee Ogorzelec	Tom & Donalee Ogorzelec

Our Purpose

The love of Christ compels us to reach out and make disciples who seek the lost, strengthen the weak, and serve those in need while giving glory to God.

Stewardship Sentence:” The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in the World and all who live in it.” A Steward is a manager of someone else’s property. How well do YOU manage God’s property?

This Week’s Opportunities to Seek, to Strengthen, and to Serve

Monday, Feb. 10 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	2:00 pm	Board of Finance
	7:00 pm	Executive Council
Tuesday, Feb. 11 th	7:00 pm	“To Live is Christ” Bible Study – week 4
	7:00 pm	Study of St. John the Apostle
Wednesday, Feb. 12 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	Noon	Genealogy Society / CLC
Thursday, Feb. 13 th	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Narcotics Anonymous / GSH
Friday, Feb. 14 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Feb. 15 th	11:00 am	Ladies Guild Luncheon & Fashion Show
	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service
Sunday, Feb. 16 th	8:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Studies
	11:00 am	Worship

Light the Way Campaign Total	\$5,945.00
Food Pantry Item of the Month	Jelly

A Measure of Our Devotion

February 1 & 2, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	30/82/101
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	40/68/99
Saturday/Sunday Communion 2014	30/82
Saturday/Sunday Communion 2013	40/61
SS / Youth / Confirmation	25
Adult Sunday School and Mid-week Studies	35
Receipts for February 1 & 2, 2014	\$5,486.05
Receipts for February 2 & 3, 2013	\$6,830.50
Total Receipts for January 2014	\$16,585.00
Total Receipts for January 2013	\$16,251.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **A "SWEETHEART BREAKFAST"** It's a combo this week! We're having the Faith's Family Fellowship coffee time and our all you can eat pancake breakfast this morning. Please join us in our Christian Life Center from 8:45 until 10:45, as we celebrate "Jesus Loves You" Sunday. It's all FREE! The menu is pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and sweet treats. Our thanks to the Board of Human Care Ministries for sponsoring the Family Fellowship this month. Join in on this very special morning. All ages are invited!
- **THE LADIES GUILD LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW** offers you a last chance to purchase your \$10 tickets for the Ladies Guild Luncheon and Fashion Show this Saturday, February 15th at 11:00 am. See the Ladies Guild members in Narthex 2 before and after both services. HPH Hospice Thrift Store is supplying our fashions. Chances to win a "Theme Basket" will also be available at the luncheon.
- **JUST A REMINDER** that Carol Springer, R.N., will be in the library to take blood pressures today. Thank you, Carol, for this service.

- **PASTOR'S INFORMATION CLASS** continues on Saturday, February 22 at 3pm in the church. Anyone wishing to know more about the Lutheran Church and possibly becoming part of Faith Lutheran should contact the church office or Pastor Kuehn.
- **BIBLE STUDIES OFFERED:** We currently have several studies to choose from on Sunday mornings, and Tuesday evenings. Which one will you choose?
- **A COMMITTAL SERVICE** will be held in our church for long-time member, Betty Gauthier on Sunday, February 23rd at 12:15pm following the late service. Her three daughters, Renee, Michelle, and Lycia will be present to receive your condolences.
- **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE:** At the February 2nd special Congregational Meeting held after the late service, Pastor Peter Weeks from Cape Coral, Florida was selected to receive the Divine Call to serve as Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. Kindly pray that the Holy Spirit will guide him, and he will accept our Call.
- **DO YOU HAVE A MISSION PROJECT** or idea that would help our community? Need money to get your mission project started? The Pasco County Chapter 30749 of Thrivent Financial for Lutheran funding is available NOW for the FIRST QUARTER of 2014. Care Abounds in Communities applications for funds can be submitted NOW. Contact Rose Ann Verheyen, Barbara Hahn or Kathy Butler for the applications. So easy, and so rewarding.
- **THE FAVORITE SONGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE:** "Holy, Holy, Holy", "Built on the Rock", "Come, Thou Almighty King", "A Mighty Fortress", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", "Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing", "The Lamb" and "Jerusalem the Golden".
- **"ADOPT-A-CONFIRMAND":** We have two confirmands yet to be "adopted!" Do you have a little time to spare to support a confirmand through her confirmation years? All you need to do is pray for your confirmand, keep in touch and support her and possibly remember her on special occasions (nothing big or expensive). You will receive an information sheet on your confirmand to help you to get to know her. If interested, please see Sandy Thompson or call her at 848-2530. Thanks for your consideration and may God bless you and our confirmands.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

Members of the church that are celebrating birthdays this week are:

(10) Carol Saunders (11) Joshua Spitler (12) Christian Cook
(14) Lewis Fowler, Helen Ketner (15) Donna Forester
(16) Ardys Schoebel, Bea Schurkus and Larry Zimdahl.

Those celebrating anniversaries this week are:

(12) Richard & Rossanna Jensen.

Important: If you use a pew envelope for your offering, and you would like a record of your giving, **please check the appropriate box and put your name/address/zip code on it.** Also, if your contribution is for a special dedicated fund please also put this information on the **outside of the envelope.** This helps us to ensure the proper crediting of contributor records.

To make sure—The best way that you can ensure that your needed gifts go to the proper place, is to note the proper place on the envelope and not just the memo line on a check. By noting it in two places, two sets of eyes will note where the gift is to be given. If you use a pew envelope please be sure to write your name on the outside of the envelope.



Vacationing? Don't let your giving go on vacation. Let's not forget that giving is not an obligation, but rather an act of obedience. It is our way of thanking God for what He has already given us. May God bless you as you obey.

A coin box for donations to the Needy Fund is on the cabinet in Narthex 1. If you wish to donate by check or currency that you would like recorded on your contribution statement, please continue to place your donation in an offering envelope and place it instead in the offering plate. With your support, Human Care Ministries continues to give assistance to those in crisis. Thank you!

