

Worship to the Glory of God

February 2, 2014

8 & 11 am



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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 2, 2014 – 8am & 11am

The Pre-service Music

The Chimes

The Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Lift High The Cross”

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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)

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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.

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.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
 Telling how God has received us.
 The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
 And what His Supper here gives us.
 Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
 Christ yesterday, today, the same,
 And evermore, our Redeemer.

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 in You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

People: **Amen.**

✠ *Please be seated*

The Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:21-28

The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. **22** But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever."

23 Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. **24** And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. **25** Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. **26** And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. **27** For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. **28** Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, **15** and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. **16** For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. **17** Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. **18** For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

Luke 2:22-32

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

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

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord **23** (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) **24** and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” **25** Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. **26** And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. **27** And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, **28** he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, **29** “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; **30** for my eyes have seen your salvation **31** that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

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 Hymn of the Day *“Rock of Ages”* 761

The Sermon **“Looking for the Donkeys”**
I Samuel 9:3
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✠ *Please rise for*

The Nicene Creed (8:00 am) *(back of hymnal)*

The Apostles' 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:*

✠ **The Offertory**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

809 v 1

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

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 10

✠ **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

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

528 v 1-3

- 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.**

The Distribution *(Please be seated)*

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

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

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

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

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

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

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

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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The Post-service Music

Those Serving Today:

Presiding Minister:

Duty Elder: 8:00 am Larry Roach; **11:00 am** Lamar Miller

Assisting Elder: 8:00 am Larry Roach

Acolyte: 8:00 am Cassy Perkins; **11:00 am** Austin Logan

Altar Care: 8:00 am Ginny Brown & Muriel Pearce;

11:00 am Edie Knudsen & Debbie Lackey

Altar Flowers are Given Today by:

Lay Reader: 8:00 am Renell Book; **11:00** Melodi Kasberg

Audio Assistant: 8:00 am Jonathan Tinker; **11:00 am** Bob Behnke

Video Assistant: 8:00 am Mike Muetzel; **11:00 am** John Schaeffer

Ushers: 8:00 am Ivo & Jackie Christopher and Rich & Sandi Leenhouts

11:00 am Jack Greenlee, Lee Alexander, Marian Malmgren & Ray LaVallee

Flower Angels: Lee & Darlene Alexander

Fellowship Card Ministry: Tom & Donalee Orgozelec

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. 3 rd	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Board of Christian Education Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 4 th	9:00 am	Willing Workers
	7:00 pm	“To Live is Christ” Bible Study – week 3
	7:00 pm	Study of St. John the Apostle
Wednesday, Feb. 5 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
	11:00 am	Ladies Guild Executive Board Meeting
	1:00 pm	Ladies Guild Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 6 th	7:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 7 th	9:00 am	Food Pantry
Saturday, Feb. 8 th	3:00 pm	Worship & Praise Rehearsal
	5:00 pm	Worship & Praise Service
Sunday, Feb. 9 th	8:00 am	Worship
	8:45 am -	Faith Family Fellowship and
	10:45 am	Sunday School “Sweetheart Breakfast”
	9:30 am	SS / Youth / Adult Bible Studies
	9:30 am	Blood Pressure checks in the Library
	11:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion

A Measure of Our Devotion

January 25 & 26, 2014	
Worship Attendance 2014 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	43/87/106
Worship Attendance 2013 (Saturday/8 am/11 am)	40/87/83
Sunday Communion 2013/2014	72/87
SS / Youth / Confirmation	25
Adult Sunday School and Mid-week Studies	35
Receipts for January 25 & 26, 2014	\$2,903.95
Total Receipts for January 2014	\$16,378.90
Total Receipts for January 2013	\$16,251.49

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: are due to Carole by noon on Tuesday.

- **CALL SERVICE TODAY:** The names of the candidates will be presented to the congregation for a vote. A call will be extended at that time to the Pastor receiving 51% of the vote. Please continue to pray that God will send His Shepherd to Faith Lutheran Church.
- **A NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** will be starting today. Led by Pastor Kuehn in the Sanctuary from 9:30 – 10:30 am. It is entitled “The Jesus Creed”.
- **THE ‘TO LIVE IS CHRIST’ SUNDAY MORNING CLASS** continues in the conference room at: 9:30 am.
- **THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY** is meeting on Tuesday Feb. 4th at 7 pm in the CLC. We will continue our study of the Twelve Disciples with “John”. Looking so forward to seeing everyone again. Questions? Call Tami at (727) 376-7028
- **TUESDAY EVENINGS WITH BETH MOORE:** Another opportunity to explore the life and ministry of St. Paul is offered on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the CLC. This course will conclude on March 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Miller at (727) 847-0959.

- **LADIES GUILD FEBRUARY MEETING** is just around the corner on the 5th. We will be having a special presentation by our very own Alex Onishenko, New Port Richey Fire Chief.
- **A "SWEETHEART BREAKFAST"** Faith's Family Fellowship will be joining our "Sweetheart Breakfast" next Sunday in the Christian Life Center. Enjoy an all you can eat pancake breakfast from 8:45 am until 10:45 am. Our Board of Human Care Ministries is sponsoring the sweet treats. So bring your "sweetheart", family and friends. It's all free and all ages are invited. See you there!
- **THE LADIES GUILD LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW** will be February 15th with doors opening at 11:00 am and lunch at 11:30. Tickets are available for \$10 in Narthex 2 before and after both services. Ladies fashions will be supplied by HPH Hospice Thrift Store. Chances to win a "Theme Basket" will be available with the purchase of opportunity tickets. More information will be in the "Messenger" so please read it very carefully to see how you can be of help in supporting this event.
- **PARTNERS FOR LENT FORMS** are to be placed in the offering plate. Be led by the Spirit and volunteer!
- **THE ALTAR FLOWER CHART** has been put back up so that we don't miss anyone's request for special flowers. Please feel free to fill in your special request at the same time that you submit your payment for the flowers.
- **"ADOPT-A-COCONFIRMAND"**: 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 (727)-848-2530. Thanks for your consideration and may God bless you and our confirmands.
- **IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT VBS:** We are in need of a Coordinator, or possibly Co-Ordinators to run this program. If you are interested, please call Phyllis Miller at: (727) 847-0959.
- **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:**
 - Members of the church that are celebrating birthdays this week are: (3) A.J. Onishenko (7) Lois Burgess (8) Joan Lippert.
 - Those celebrating anniversaries this week are: (3) Don & Maria Wyher.

- **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:** “How Great Thou Art;” “My Faith Looks up to Thee;” “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing;” “I come To the Garden;” “Go My Children with My Blessing.” Come next Sunday and sing these old favorites!
- **THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of paper bags.
- **THANK YOU:** Many, many thanks to my many friends at Faith. The process of getting well was made so much easier because of your love and compassion. Sometimes my room looked like a garden with all the beautiful flowers that were sent to me. Words cannot express my thanks for all your prayers and cards that were received. I’m hoping it won’t be long before I’m back among you. God’s richest blessing to all. Love, Leora.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

- **Health/Unspoken:** Gary Ahl, Robbie Baumgartner, Joanne Bellone, Mary Crane, Andy Curran, Pam DeSham, *Robert Engle*, Blanche Fowler, Bob Gould, Kathy Hane, Linda Hogg, *Karl Hyypio*, *Santiago Jaramillo*, Bev Kuhn, Eve Langner, Leora Laubugh, Jim Mattson, Sandy Meyer, Pat Noll, Dory Nussbacher, Joyce Pankner, Peter Pinaud, Connie Roach, Bob & Bea Schurkus, Tom Springer, Charles Steinbach, *Melba Sterwalt*, Jean Terkowski, Pastor & Mrs. Mike Thureau, Vern Torkelson, Chris Van Ess, Harry Van Ess, Pat Van Ess, Sherryl Williams, all Pastors, those serving our country, children who stray, all believers, the future of America.
- **Military:** Leo Ayala, Josh Butterworth, Justin Fivecoat, Tom Hartzell, Brandon Martin, Andrew Murphy, Richard Phernetton, Steve Roy, Jr., Andrew Springer, Vincent Sharkey, Andrew St. John, Alan Stackpoole, Todd Stanger, Tyler Wasson, all veterans, and all servicemen and women in VA hospitals.
- **Homebound:** Irene Berlin, Richard Brown, Florine Catt, Marilyn Eggert, Fran Fuller, Betty Gauthier, Vera Grondahl, Bobbie Hain, Lina Hartstein, Pat Hartwell, Selta Heintz, Baxter Holland, Maria Hulyk, James Ketner, Mona Krupicka, Mildred Jeffers, Curt Knudson, Marge LaVallee, Ron Long (Brooksville), Dottie Maslowski, Evelyn Miller, Kathleen Moore, Dave Noll, John & Lucille Noveck, Virginia Pohlman, John Reinstetle, Carl Schoebel, Fran Smith, Hank & Jan Whitt.
- **Families:** Bankhead-Criss; Carpenter; King; Lynch; Southerland

