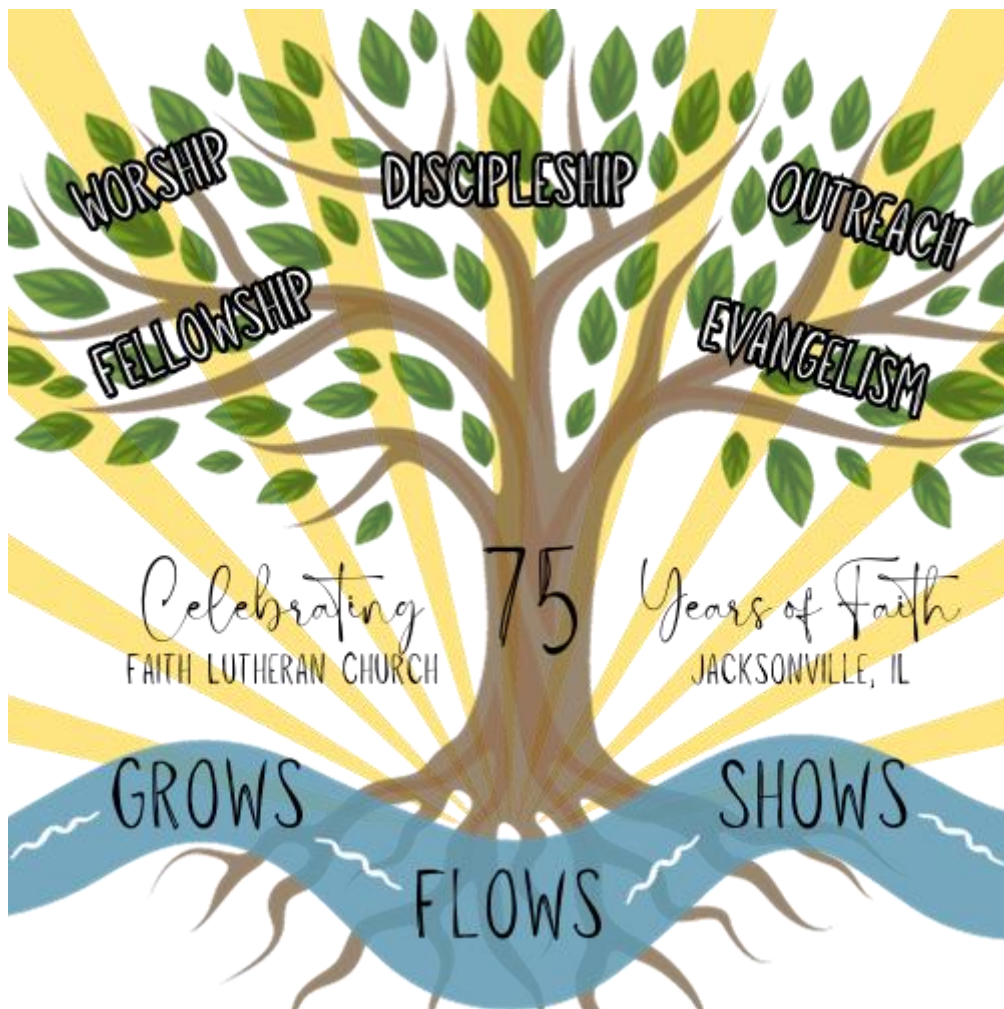


# 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Faith Lutheran Church

November 12, 2023



*Rooted in Faith... Growing for the Future!*

*Praise... gratitude... dedication. This pattern runs through the Bible again and again. God's people give praise to the Almighty, offer gratitude for God's faithfulness, and dedicate themselves to continuing in relationship with God the work of God's mission.*

***That is why we are here!** Today, we praise God, we offer gratitude for God's faithfulness on our congregation for the past 75 years, and we dedicate ourselves to continued partnership in mission and ministry together.*

*Greetings and Welcome*

*Prelude: "Variations on Foundation," by John Eggert*

*Commissioned by Faith Lutheran Church, Jacksonville, Illinois in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rev. John Roth's Ordination in 2008*

## GATHERING

Please stand and face the processional cross.

*\*Processional – "How Firm a Foundation" ELW 796*

*(organ)*

- 1 **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 **"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**
- 3 **"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**
- 4 **"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

*\*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

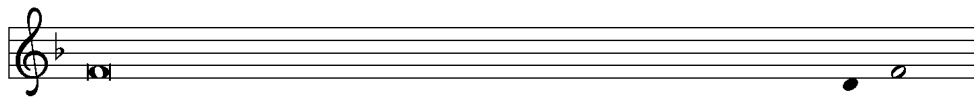
*Kyrie*

*ELW Setting 3, p. 138*


*(organ)*



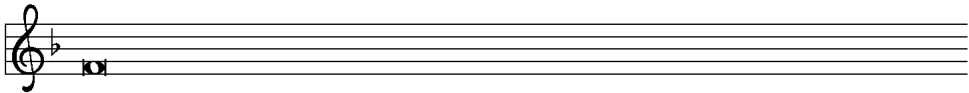
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



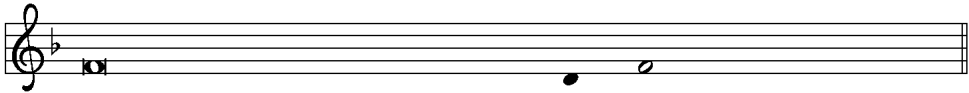
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



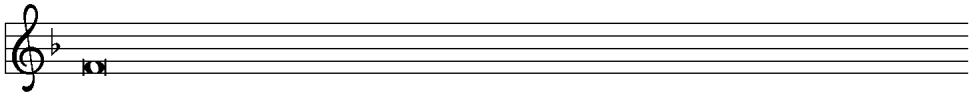
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



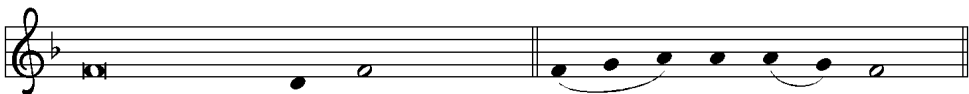
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



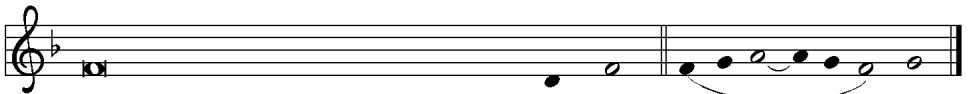
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

*This Is the Feast*

*ELW Setting 3, p. 140*

*(organ)*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

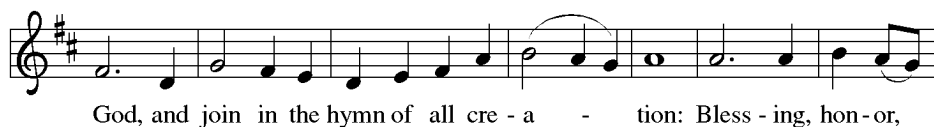
*Refrain*



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Children's Sermon*

*Children's Choir – "Thy Word"*

*Maria Snodgrass, Director*

**WORD**

*First Reading:* 1 Kings 8:54-61

*Reader:* Sharon Woodworth

<sup>54</sup>Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the LORD, he arose from facing the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched towards heaven; <sup>55</sup>he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice:

<sup>56</sup>Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. <sup>57</sup>The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, <sup>58</sup>but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors.

<sup>59</sup>Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people

Israel, as each day requires; <sup>60</sup>so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. <sup>61</sup>Therefore devote yourselves completely to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day.’

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 150*

Reader: Marilyn Dichsen

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;**

praise him in his mighty firmament!

<sup>2</sup>**Praise him for his mighty deeds;**

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

<sup>3</sup>**Praise him with trumpet sound;**

praise him with lute and harp!

<sup>4</sup>**Praise him with tambourine and dance;**

praise him with strings and pipe!

<sup>5</sup>**Praise him with clanging cymbals;**

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

<sup>6</sup>**Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!**

**Praise the LORD!**

*Second Reading:* Romans 12:1-2

Reader: Marilyn Dichsen

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

<sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Gospel Reading:* John 15:4-5, 12-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

*Sermon*

*Pastor Adam Dichsen*

*Hymn of the Day – “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ELW 733*

*(organ)*

- 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: 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!*

- 2 **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**
- 3 **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**



*\*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## DEDICATION

*Together, we strive for a balanced ministry. We reach up as we connect with God through worship. We reach in as we connect with one another through discipleship and fellowship. We reach out as we connect with our community near and far. Today, we recommit to this ministry together as we proclaim the gospel and grow for the future.*

*Dedication to Worship and Praise –  
Liddy Stark*

**P:** As people of God, we desire to worship together, in the full diversity in which God has made us, in humble adoration and celebration. Together, we recommit ourselves to worship and praise:

**L:** For bringing us to worship in the beauty of your holiness...

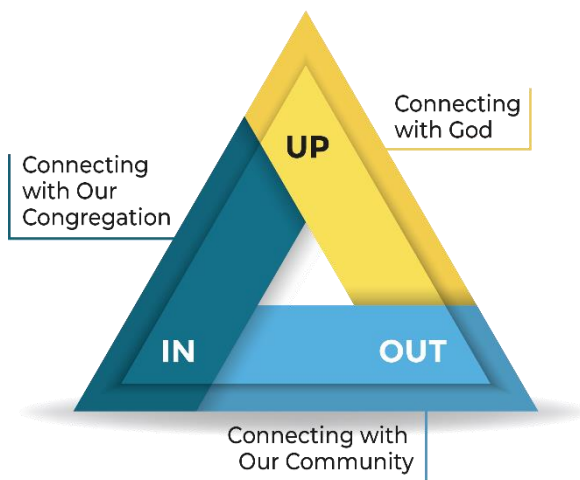
**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**L:** For water and word, bread and wine, signs of your grace...

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

**L:** For art that reveals your glory, music that lifts our hearts to you, and a sanctuary that gathers us as one body...

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**



L: That we may be faithful in worship and song, sacrament and prayer...

**C: We recommit ourselves to you, O God.**

L: That through worship in spirit and truth, we may become living temples of your presence.

**C: We recommit ourselves to you, O God.**

L: In the words of Psalm 150...

**C: “Praise the Lord! Praise God in the sanctuary! Praise God for God’s mighty deeds! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!”**

*Dedication to Discipleship and Fellowship – Tacy Mayner*

P: As people of God, we desire to grow in knowledge, understanding, and in relationship with one another. Together, we recommit ourselves to discipleship and fellowship:

L: For Bible studies, book groups, Sunday school and more...

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: For coffee pots and potlucks, movies and missions...

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: That we would seek to be fertile ground where all grow in their walk with you...

**C: We recommit ourselves to you, O God.**

L: That we may be refreshed in community with one another and equipped to love our neighbors as ourselves...

**C: We recommit ourselves to you, O God.**

L: In the words of Psalm 1...

**C: “Happy are those who delight in the Lord. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.”**

*Dedication to Outreach and Evangelism – Lori Oldenettel*

P: As beloved children of God, we desire to open hearts to Christ by showing God’s love in Jesus for the world and promoting justice and peace for our neighbors near and far:

L: For every sign of your peace in this broken world:

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: For every hungry neighbor fed and every homeless neighbor sheltered, every injured neighbor healed and every captive neighbor freed, for every burden lifted and every fear dispelled...

**C: We give you thanks, O God.**

L: That each of us may find new ways to serve, so that the light of your love may shine more brightly in us and on those around us...

**C: We recommit ourselves to you, O God.**

L: That we would look with hope to your coming kingdom and use our hands and feet to build it here...

**C: We recommit ourselves to you, O God.**

L: In Jesus' words from Matthew 5...

**C: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."**

### *Tree Dedication*

P: *(Jeremiah 17:7-8)* <sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

**C: <sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green.**

P: May this tree remind us of 75 years of your faithfulness, O God.

**C: And may we draw from your living water for years to come. Amen.**

\*Prayers – "Soli Deo Gloria" ELW 878, vv. 1, 3, 4, & 5

*(piano)*

- 1 **O God of blessings, all praise to you!  
Your love surrounds us our whole life through.  
You are the freedom of those oppressed;  
you are the comfort of all distressed.  
Come now, O holy and welcome guest:  
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**
  
- 3 **All praise for music, deep gift profound,  
through hands and voices in holy sound;  
the psalms of David, and Mary's praise,  
in wordless splendor and lyric phrase,  
with all creation one song we raise:  
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**



- 4 **All praise for Jesus, best gift divine  
through word and witness, in bread and wine;  
incarnate love song of boundless grace,  
priest, teacher, prophet in time and space,  
your steadfast kindness with human face:  
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**
- 5 **A billion voices in one great song,  
now soft and gentle, now deep and strong,  
in ev'ry culture and style and key,  
from hill and valley, with sky and sea,  
with Christ we praise you eternally:  
Soli Deo gloria! Soli Deo gloria!**

*Stewardship Time – “Let the Song of Praise Be Heard”*  
*Anniversary Choir*  
*Jean Welch, Choir Director*  
*Andrew Salyer, Accompanist*

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

*–Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew–*

*\*Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*\*Words of Institution*

*(piano)*

The communion liturgy “As Often As” was written by Bishop Emeritus John Roth when he served as Pastor at Faith from 1988-2011

P: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

*Refrain*

As of - ten as you eat this bread and  
drink this cup You pro - claim the Lord's death un - til he comes.

P: On the night of his betrayal, ... This do so you remember me.” *Refrain*  
After supper, ... This do so you remember me.” *Refrain*

*\*Lord’s Prayer*

**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.**

Communion Songs

"Beautiful Savior" ELW 838 (organ)

- 1 **Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2 **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3 **Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.**
- 4 **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**

"Companions on the Journey" (piano)

*Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life;  
and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God,  
we believe in the love of our God.*

1. **No longer strangers to each other; no longer strangers in God's house;  
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care,  
by the strength of those who care. *Refrain***
2. **We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord:  
to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God,  
to walk humbly with our God. *Refrain***
4. **We are made for the glory of our God, for service in the name of Jesus;  
to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, for we believe in the love of our God,  
we believe in the love of our God. *Refrain***

“Built on Faith”  
arr. Donn Stephens  
Sung by Melissa Street

*(piano)*

*Melissa Street wrote “Built on Faith” for our anniversary celebration.  
The lyrics are provided below to read and enjoy.*

Where two or more are gathered, in Jesus name He’ll be there  
His steadfast love and mercy forever shall endure

We give thanks to you O God for this legacy of Faith  
Years filled with new Mercies all these years of amazing Grace

*Refrain: Built on Faith not works lest we ourselves boast  
Planting the seeds for the Spirit to grow  
Sharing God’s grace as we welcome each soul  
Our journey is built on Faith*

So come as you are, lay your worries at His feet  
His grace is sufficient, His burden is light, he will meet our every need. *Refrain*

The Holy Word of God is the lamp that guides our way  
His spirit at work in our hearts and our minds as we gather to praise His name. *Refrain*

BRIDGE:

We are woven together in truth and in love  
Those who’ve gone before us and those yet to come  
We thank you for your promise to guide our every step  
Every good gift comes from above  
On this journey built on Faith  
*Refrain*

*\*Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

*\*Closing Prayer*

## SENDING

### *\*Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### *\*Sending Song – “A Mighty Fortress” ELW 504*

*(piano)*

- 1 **A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 **No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

*Interlude by the Faith Singers*

- 3 **Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**
- 4 **God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

### *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Worship Assistants

Banner Bearer: Adam Krohe  
Crucifer: Beckham Oldenettel  
Communion Assistant: Hallie Mayner  
Greeters: *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team*  
Readers: Marilyn Dichsen & Sharon Woodworth  
Usher: Pat Glyshaw  
Pastor: Adam Dichsen  
Music Director: Jean Welch  
Pianist: Jean Welch  
Organist: Sandi Watts  
Guest Pianist/Organist: Andrew Salyer  
Drummer: John Demien  
Financial Assistants: Greg Kimler & Patty Nelson  
Chancel Committee: Kim Heise  
Coffee Hosts: *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team*



### Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Rigby Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	
Marilyn Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Melissa Street	

### Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Patty Nelson	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Mike Oldenettel	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

The altar plants are donated today  
by Helen Cumby in loving memory of Bill's birthday

## What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 12, 9:30am: *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship*  
10:45am: Anniversary Reception in Gathering Area  
10:45am: Sunday School  
11:30am: *75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon in the Great Room*  
5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00pm: Support Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group  
10am: Discipleship Group in the Library  
4pm: Worship Core Team  
6pm: Women's Fellowship Game & Sub Sandwich Night

Thursday, November 16, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

Sunday, November 19, 9:30am: Worship  
10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, November 22, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, November 23: **Happy Thanksgiving**

### **Song Credits**

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## **News Updates**

### **Sunday School**

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

### **Giving Boutique**

The Giving Boutique will be open during the fellowship time prior to the anniversary luncheon. The project has raised over \$5,100 for 6 organizations: The Faith Youth Group, H.U.G.S., Lutheran World Services, the Foster Care Closet, the "Shine the Light" ministry at Faith, and the Jacksonville Food Center. Don't miss your opportunity to be a part of this project. There are still wonderful items from which to choose. Not really interested in "stuff" but want to be included? Stop by the Justice Room and make a donation to the organization(s) of your choice. Every single cent goes to the group you choose.

### **Music Rehearsals**

**Exaltation Ringers** rehearse on some Sundays after the service at 10:45am in the Choir Room. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

**Thank you** to Pastor Adam and all the Faith Family for all the prayers, cards, and concern given during Jerry's illness and at his death. They have been a great comfort to our family during this difficult time. *The family of Jerry Roegge*

### **Discipleship Group**

How well do you know the women of the Bible? Join us at **10:00am on November 15** in the Faith Library to test your knowledge. If you have any questions about our group or are curious about how we spend our time together, please call Kelly Hartz at 217-502-1979 or email [khartz@sompo-intl.com](mailto:khartz@sompo-intl.com).

### **Women of Faith Fellowship Night**

In November we're doing another Gal's Game Night but with sub sandwiches this time! Join us in the Great Room on **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm** for some friendly competition and yummy sandwiches. Bring your favorite board or card game and we'll choose ones that evening to play. Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by November 12 so we can provide enough food.

### **Potluck & Movie**

Potluck and a Movie will be on **Monday, November 20 at 11:30am** and will feature the film "Same Kind of Different as Me" based on our Book Club book. *Sharon Zuiderveld*

### **Book Group - "Blood Brothers" by Elias Chacour**

As a child, Elias Chacour lived in a small Palestinian village in Galilee. When tens of thousands of Palestinians were killed and nearly one million forced into refugee camps in 1948, Elias began a long struggle with how to respond. In Blood Brothers, he blends his riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict, exploring whether bitter enemies can ever be reconciled. This book offers hope and insight to help each of us learn to live at peace in a world of tension and terror. **A discussion will be held after worship on December 3.**

### **Ideas Wanted!**

Help prepare a great list of books for us to read in 2024. Which authors, titles, and subjects are you interested in exploring next year? Please email your suggestions to Kelly Hartz at [khartz@sompo-intl.com](mailto:khartz@sompo-intl.com). If you're passionate about a book and would also love to lead the group discussion, please let us know! We're looking for books AND leaders.

### **Community Thanksgiving Service**

The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is proud to announce its annual Community Thanksgiving Service, "Giving Thanks in All Circumstances," November 19, 2023 at

2:00pm. This year's event will be hosted at Trinity Episcopal Church, 359 W. State, Jacksonville. The service will include song, reflections, prayer, and a salute to veterans.

### **Sound Celebration Chorus**

The Sound Celebration Chorus invites you to their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Free Christmas Concert: Thanks for the Holidays. **Sunday, November 26, 2:00pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., Springfield. A free-will offering will be taken for our chosen charity – Springfield Area Micro Food Pantries.

### **Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts**

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

December 6: "The Extension Chords" (*with Jean Welch*)

December 13: Jacksonville High School Madrigals

December 20: Matthew Nall on piano

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5. **We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup.** If you would like to pitch in, contact the church office (245-8919 or [faithlutheran62650@frontier.com](mailto:faithlutheran62650@frontier.com)) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.**

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sharon Zuiderveld and her sister, Mary Ellen Peterson, are looking for crocheters and knitters (or those who want to learn) to help make prayer shawls. The shawls will then be given to friends as reminders that they are covered by our prayers and the love and grace of God. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl ministry may contact Sharon Zuiderveld. Beginners (and lefties) are welcome. Please let her know what day and time are best for you: [sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com) or 217-883-1258

### **Sign-Up Sheets**

are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You! We are Gifted to Serve!**

### **Faith Directory**

Thank you for your updated photos and information for our new digital directory! You can access it online by using this QR code. It is password protected, and the password is "faith". If you notice any changes or would like to add your photo, please contact the church office.

