



what do you know about ...

THIRST?

March 7th - 8th



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AS WE GATHER

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, *all the congregation of the people of Israel* grumbled against Him because *there was no water for the people to drink* (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people.

In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at *about the sixth hour* (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is *the gift of God* (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people *a spring of water welling up to eternal life* (John 4:14).

By this grace in which we stand, at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we *worship the Father in spirit and truth* (John 4:23). We *rejoice in hope of the glory of God* because *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us* (Rom. 5:2, 5).

WELCOME

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are so glad you are here. As we gather in worship, we come with different needs, questions and burdens - yet we are united in Christ, who refreshes weary hearts and strengthens us through His Word. Our prayer is that today you experience His peace and encouragement.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded that only the Lord truly satisfies our deepest thirst. In Him we find grace, hope and renewed strength for the days ahead.

Following worship, we invite you to join us at the Three Crosses for a brief time of prayer. Together we will lift up our church family, our neighbors and the growth unfolding in our community. We would love for you to stay and be part of this time as we seek the Lord's guidance and blessing.

If you are visiting with us today, please stop by the Welcome Center - we would be delighted to meet you and help you feel at home.

✠ WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE ONE ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP *Sunday – O Master Let Me Walk with Thee* *Bell Choir*

OPENING HYMN *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* *LSB 791*
(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father.

C: 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.

P: 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 Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

P: *Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*
C: **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

P: *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*
C: **My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;**

P: *my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*
C: **Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,**

P: *where she may lay her young, at your altars,*
C: **O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

P: *Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,*
C: **ever singing your praise!**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: *Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,*
C: **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

KYRIE

P: *In Peace let us pray to the Lord.*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

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



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: *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.*



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.*



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: *The Lord be with you*



C And al - so with you.

P: *Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



C A - men.

(please be seated)

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

**Children exit for Sunday School*

LENTEN VERSE

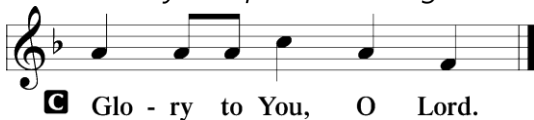


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
mer-ci-ful, slow to an-ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead-fast love, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.*



Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

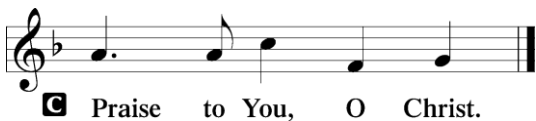
[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you

knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life † everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

LSB 761

SERMON

What do you know about ... Thirst?

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(please rise and sing)

OFFERTORY HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor † and give you peace.



(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

SILENT PRAYER

PRAYER AT THE THREE CROSSES *PLEASE REMAIN AFTER THE CLOSING HYMN*

Following worship, join us near the three crosses overlooking the new development for a brief time of prayer for our church, our neighbors, and the growth in our community.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow. All are welcome.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✚ Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living water that brings life eternal to all those who believe in You. Grant us, O Lord, the desire to hold fast to the Word as we walk through this life, that the living water of the gospel may flow through our lives into eternity with no obstruction. Lead us in the way of everlasting life so that all with whom we come into contact will come to know that You are the giver of life eternal.
- ✚ Health concerns: Dean Moore, Ron Koch, Terry Weaver, Lois & Ed Stern, Amy, Richard Pruefer, Harold Lutz, Juanita Oxford, Ray Bangel, Muriel Hanny, Gerri Peterson, Cinara Navarro, Cindy Rockwell, Terry Weiland, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Bonnie Berg, Jerry Marquette, Bill & Joyce Engelbrecht, Gina Galligar, Phyllis Jodis, Don Jones, Doug Deuchler.
- ✚ Merciful Lord, we also lift before You our friend and advisor Rev. Peter Meier, who is currently leading a Bible study travel group in the Holy Land. Watch over him and all those traveling with him during this time of unrest. Grant them safety in their travels and guide them as they make their way home.
- ✚ Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ to be our Savior and our Shepherd. We also give you thanks and praise for those men who have accepted the call to serve You as elders of Faith Lutheran Church. We pray that each of them would be filled with Your Holy Spirit, grounded in Your Word, and have hearts overflowing with Your love as they minister in godly ways to all those who are connected to this family of Faith.

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER Do you have a prayer request? Whether a thanksgiving, concern or need for healing, we invite you to share what is on your heart. Submit requests using the yellow prayer cards in the pews, online at www.faithlecanto.org/prayer or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Requests may be kept private or shared with the congregation.

Our Prayer Chain and Prayer Team faithfully lift up the needs of our church family and community. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, training is provided. Visit the church office, sign up at the Welcome Table or speak with Pastor Galligar.

NEED A VISIT? If you or a loved one is hospitalized, homebound or would benefit from a pastoral visit, we want to be there for you. Please contact Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820, or reach out to the church office at (352) 527-3325 to be connected with an Elder.

Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM. We are here to walk with you, support you and remind you of God’s presence in every season.

SECOND-MILE GIVING — LOOKING AHEAD God’s love shines Christ’s light into our community and beyond. Rooted in Jesus’ words, *If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles* (Matthew 5:41), ***Second-Mile Giving*** invites us to respond to God’s grace with joyful generosity.

Next weekend, the third weekend of the month - as has become our custom - we will receive a special door offering to support mission and ministry beyond the walls of our church.

This month, our ***Second-Mile Giving*** will support the work of *Citrus County Children’s Advocacy Center, Jessie’s Place*, which provides protection, advocacy and care for children and families facing abuse and difficult circumstances in our community.

We give not out of pressure or obligation, but as grateful recipients of Christ’s love, allowing His mercy and compassion to reach those in need through us.

MITE SUNDAY — NEXT WEEKEND Next weekend we will again observe Ladies of Faith Mite Sunday. Each month, mite offerings are gathered to support mission work through the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). These small gifts, offered in faith and gratitude, combine with others across the country to support mission grants that share Christ’s love around the world.

You are invited to place your offering in the large Mite Box in the Narthex or bring your personal mite box to add to the collection. Our Ladies of Faith Treasurer gathers the offerings and sends them on to support these important mission efforts.

Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers as we work together to spread the Gospel near and far. Contact Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE There are many ways to serve at Faith - here are two current needs.

- **Ushers** help welcome worshipers and support services with warmth and care. If you are able to assist, please contact Vicki Mueller at (810) 434-1975.
- **Sound Room Volunteers** support worship through audio and livestream ministry. If you enjoy technology or working behind the scenes, this could be a great fit! Talk with Lete Connelly (352) 560-1075 or Pastor Galligar(812) 350-7820 to learn more.

Thank you for considering how God may be calling you to serve His church family!

LADIES OF FAITH MEETING Attention all ladies of the congregation! The next Ladies of Faith meeting will be held Monday, March 9th at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Among the items to be discussed is the upcoming Spring Rally on April 18 - please mark your calendar! As part of this event, we will be collecting items to support *Redeeming Life Maternity Home in Sanford, Florida*. Donations may include clothing, baby supplies, personal care items, small kitchen appliances, bedding, cleaning supplies, serving dishes and gift cards. A collection box will soon be available.

More information can be found in the March newsletter. We hope many of you will join us and help make this year's rally a wonderful event! Contact Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477.

FRAGRANCE-FREE SEATING AREA For the comfort of those with scent sensitivities, a designated fragrance-free seating area is provided. Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

NEED HELP HEARING THE SERVICE? We're happy to assist! Please see an usher before worship to borrow a hearing assistance device.

WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY

We encourage you to take part in both our Weekend and Wednesday services and consider inviting a neighbor or friend to join you. We hope you'll join us as we continue this journey together.

THE MASTER'S TOUCH Wednesdays 5:00 PM | Dinner follows in the Fellowship Hall.
Series Includes: *A Religious Leader • A Widow • The Blind • The Disciples • The World*

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ... ? Saturdays 5:00 PM | Sundays 9:30 AM
Series Includes: *Light • Life • Triumph • Darkness • Joy • Power*

GIVING SNAPSHOT			
WEEK	BUDGET GIVING	PLAN	OVER/UNDER BUDGET
7	4,428	5,000	-572
8	4,012	4,000	12
9	8,326	7,000	1,326



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Contact Mike at
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or (352) 357-1792.

<u>ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK</u>	
WORSHIP	
Saturday	45
Sunday	79
Total Worship	124
Wednesday	43
Bible Study	15

😊 Happy Birthday 😊

Cody Wirth (3/12) & Jerry Marquette (3/13)

👰 Anniversaries 👰

Adam & Emily Will (3/11) &
Dean & Deborah Schmidt (3/12)

🌸 Flowers given by 🌸

Phil & Karis Geistfeld – Barrett's Birthday

March 9th through March 15th



MONDAY	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Monday @ Papa J's Diner
	5:00 PM	Ladies of Faith - FH
TUESDAY	2:00 PM	Bell Choir - Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM	The Chosen - FH
	5:00 PM	Lenten Worship Series - Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Lenten Dinner - FH
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	Elders Meet - FH
	2:00 PM	Ukulele Group - Narthex
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	Stitch N' Tie - FH
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:00 AM	Bible Study: Book of Exodus - FH
	11:00 AM	Inverness Springtime Festival @ The Depot

MEN OF FAITH

Start your week with breakfast, fellowship and God's Word! Join us Monday at 8:30 AM. All men welcome. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

LADIES OF FAITH Women's ministry doing God's work through service, prayer and fellowship. New faces welcome! Info: Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477.

BELL CHOIR Add your hands to our joyful sound! Rehearsal is Tuesdays at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Beginners welcome. Contact: Walt Lukitsch (262) 784-3232.

THE CHOSEN There will be no gatherings of The Chosen until Holy Week. We will resume on April 1st. Contact: Barb Feltner (812) 371-2352.

ELDERS MEETING The Elders provide guidance, prayer and support for our congregation. We're looking for more men of faith to join this ministry. To learn more or share a need, contact Don Mueller (810) 705-2539.

UKULELE GROUP Meets Thursdays at 2:00 PM in the Narthex. Come strum, learn and enjoy! Contact: Joy Wilson (352) 726-0406.

STITCH N' TIE 2nd & 4th Fridays. Come sew, craft and enjoy great company! All skill levels welcome. Contact: Marilyn Jones (352) 697-0330.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY – *One, Two, Three...*: God is our rock and our refuge. He helps us understand the best ways to live in His creation with the Ten Commandments given through His servant, Moses. We continue our study of the *BOOK OF EXODUS* Sunday at 11:00 am, following fellowship after the 9:30 worship service. All are welcome to join us on the journey.

INVERNESS SPRINGTIME FESTIVAL OUTREACH BOOTH

March 15 • 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Faith Lutheran Church will have a booth at the Inverness Springtime Festival at The Depot in Inverness. This new community event provides a wonderful opportunity for us to share the message that Jesus is the reason for the season and to connect with people throughout our area.

Members of Faith will be distributing Arch Books, Thrivent t-shirts and other small giveaways as a way to share encouragement and invite others to learn more about our church family. If you are attending the festival, please stop by the booth to say hello, offer support and help us extend a warm welcome to our community.

Events like this allow us to live out our calling to be a beacon of God’s love and to expand His Kingdom in our community.



OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED AT FAITH

Prayer Requests: You may submit prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews or by emailing: prayer@faithlecanto.org

Prayer at the Three Crosses: Following worship on non-Communion weekends, join us for a brief time of prayer at the Three Crosses overlooking our growing community.

Midweek Lenten Worship: Wednesdays at 5:00 PM, followed by supper in the Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD Palm Sunday – March 29th Children will process with palm branches at the beginning of worship. Easter Egg Hunt @

8:45AM following Easter Sunrise Service.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY SURVEY We are exploring the start of a Women’s Bible Study at Faith and would love to hear from you. Thank you to those who have already returned their surveys - we would appreciate hearing from more of our women as we plan this new opportunity.

If you haven’t completed a survey yet, please pick one up this weekend or share your feedback by calling Delores Clouse at (515) 729-1501.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIRST? Have you ever been really thirsty? Maybe after playing outside, running or being in the hot sun. When we are thirsty, our bodies need water. Water refreshes us and helps us feel better.

In the Bible, Jesus once met a woman at a well. He told her about a different kind of water — *living water*. Jesus was teaching that our hearts also get thirsty. We need His love, forgiveness and truth to fill us up inside.

Only Jesus can truly satisfy the thirst of our hearts. When we listen to His Word, pray and trust Him, He refreshes us and gives us life that lasts forever.

ACTIVITY Use the four water drops.

Write or draw in each drop:

Drop 1: Write your name.

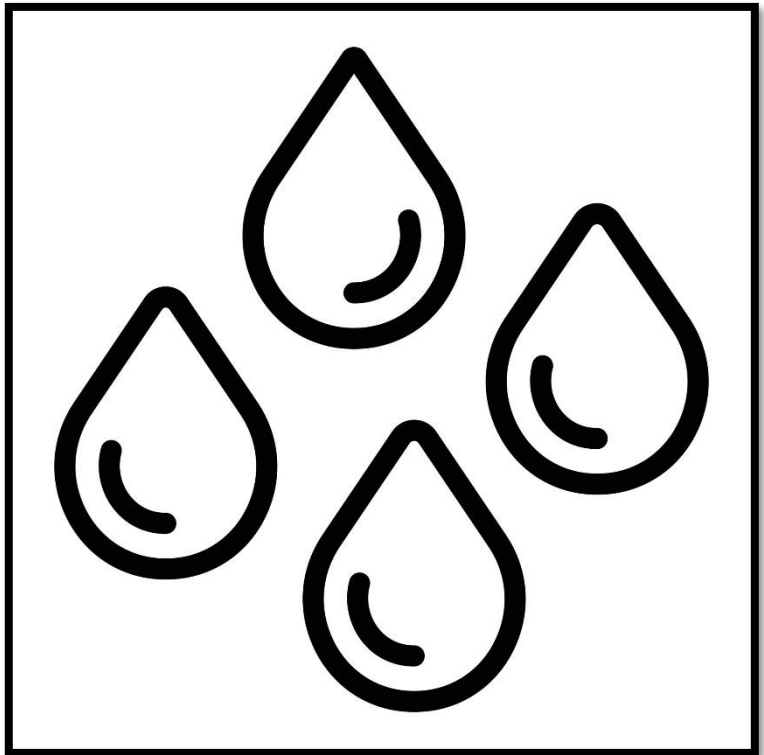
Drop 2: Draw something you thank God for.

Drop 3: Write the name of someone you can show kindness to this week.

Drop 4: Draw or write something that helps you stay close to Jesus (prayer, Bible, church, helping others).

Color the drops blue to remind you of living water.

PRAYER Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving us and caring for us. Fill our hearts with Your living water so we can trust You and share Your love with others. Amen.



ONE SENTENCE TO REMEMBER

Jesus gives living water that refreshes our hearts.