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OF LIFE

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## AS WE GATHER

Jesus asked His disciples a defining question — one that revealed the level of their understanding and belief in His work and ministry. In response, the disciples shared what others were saying, but this left Jesus unsatisfied, so He asked again. Peter then gave an answer that was a gift to him from his Father in heaven.

Jesus also answered this question about Himself many times throughout the Gospels. This series will lead us to a deeper understanding of His radical claims — claims that confounded the leaders, confused many and were difficult even for His disciples to grasp.

*Ego Eimi* — an ancient Greek phrase meaning “I Am” — begins each of these identity statements of Jesus.

Join us over the next eight weeks as we hear and consider His words.

## WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

As we gather this day, we do so in the joy and victory of the risen Messiah. Having just walked together through the journey of Holy Week — from the cross to the empty tomb — we now continue forward in the light of the resurrection, where death is defeated and life is restored in Christ.

Today, we begin a new series, *Who Do You Say I Am?* as we hear Jesus speak clearly about who He is. These words are not only for those who first heard them, but for us as well, calling us to listen, to believe and to respond.

We are glad you are here. Whether you are a longtime member or visiting with us for the first time, we pray that you are strengthened by God’s Word, encouraged in the fellowship of His people and drawn ever closer to Jesus, our risen Lord.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

**FRAGRANCE-FREE SEATING & HEARING ASSISTANCE** A fragrance-free seating area is available for those with sensitivities. Hearing assistance devices are also available - please see an usher before worship.

✠ WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE THREE ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*LSB 457*

*(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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.**

*P: O almighty God, merciful Father,*

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 34:1-8*

*P: I will bless the Lord at all times;*

**C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

*P: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;*

**C: let the humble hear and be glad.**

*P: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,*

**C: and let us exalt his name together!**

*P: I sought the Lord, and he answered me*

**C: and delivered me from all my fears.**

*P: Those who look to him are radiant,*

**C: and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

*P: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him*

**C: and saved him out of all his troubles.**

*P: The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,*

**C: and delivers them.**

**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: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!*

**C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

*P: I will bless the Lord at all times;*

**C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

### GLORIA PATRI



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## KYRIE



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



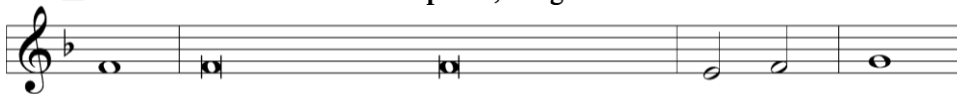
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*P: Glory be to God on high:*



and on earth peace, good - will toward



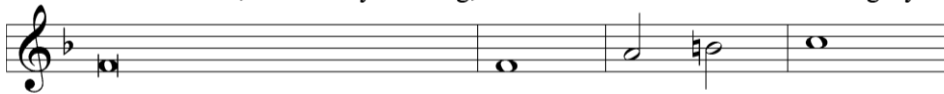
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: *The LORD be with you.*

And with thy spir - it.

P: *Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

A - men.

*(please be seated)*

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, *It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.* And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

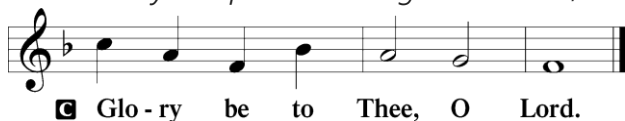
## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



## HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35-51

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



Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life**; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, *Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?* Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me — not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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 THE DAY

*I Am the Bread of Life*

### **Verse 1**

I am the Bread of life.

You who come to Me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in Me shall not thirst.

No one can come to Me unless the Father  
beckons.

*Refrain*

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.

### **Verse 2**

The bread that I will give is My flesh for the  
life of the world, and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever; you shall live forever.

*Refrain*

### **Verse 3**

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood, and drink of His  
blood, you shall not have life within you.

*Refrain*

### **Verse 4**

Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ,  
the Son of God, who has come into the  
world.

*Refrain*

## SERMON

*I AM The Bread of Life*

## GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LSB 805

*(please rise and sing).*

## PRAYER 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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you † and give you peace.*



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

*(please be seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CLOSING HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*

LSB 549

### SILENT PRAYER

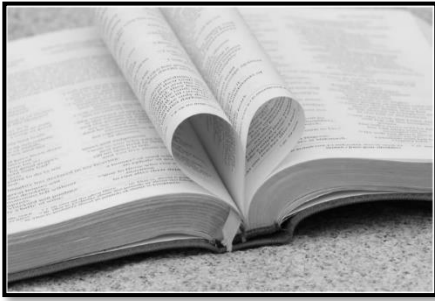
### PRAYER AT THE THREE CROSSES PLEASE REMAIN AFTER THE CLOSING HYMN

Following worship, we invite you to gather with us near the three crosses overlooking the new development for a brief time of prayer. Together we will pray for our church family, our neighbors and the continued growth of our community.

Afterward, stay and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✠ Father God in heaven, in the wilderness outside of Egypt, You sent the slaves that You had freed by Your power, manna to eat — bread from Heaven. During the time of the disciples, You sent Your Son, our Savior, to offer up His life as the ransom for our sin. In so doing, He gave Himself up to death, even death on the cross, so that we might live. He has become our Bread of Life, the greatest sign and symbol of Your great love for all whom You have created. Bless us each day to walk in the light of the One who has given us such an unfathomable gift.
- ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up to You on Your triumphant throne, prayers for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing. Hear us now as we name these aloud, and lift up all the others in the silence of our hearts. Hear our prayers for Mackenzie & her daughter, Wirth Family, Louie Lott, Carl Metzger, Bob Holthaus, Dean Moore, Terry Weaver, Lois & Ed Stern, Amy, Richard Pruefer, Harold Lutz, Juanita Oxford, 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 and Doug Deuchler.
- ✠ Holy Spirit, we thank You for the gift of faith that allows us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, and to participate in the victory He won over hell, death and the power of the devil. Holy Spirit, please continue fanning into flame the gift of faith in all the hearts whom You have touched with Your love. Break the hardened hearts of any who have turned themselves against You, the one true God and open their eyes so they might experience the truth and be saved.
- ✠ Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all the good works You accomplished in Your church through this season of Lent, through this Holy Week just passed, and in, with and through Your people. As many have poured out much to bring joy and Good News to others, refresh them in body, mind and spirit, allow them to experience more fully the inflowing grace and mercy which only come from You.



## **CIVIL DISCOURSE 101** *Starting April 26*

Maintaining our Christian identity in difficult conversations.

In today's world, conversations can quickly turn into conflict. We are often encouraged to oppose, argue and even dismiss those who think differently than we do.

But as Christians, we are called to something

different.

**Civil Discourse 101** is a 9-week Bible study focused on learning how to engage in meaningful conversations with others — especially when we disagree — while still reflecting the heart of Christ.

This course is not about winning arguments. It's about:

- Listening well
- Responding with grace
- Strengthening relationships
- Honoring God in every conversation

Together, we will explore how to navigate real-life discussions with humility, wisdom and love. Come grow with us as we learn how to speak truth with love — and live it out in every conversation.

**UNITED IN PRAYER** Share prayer requests by filling out the yellow card in the pew back, online ([faithlecanto.org/prayer](http://faithlecanto.org/prayer)) or email ([prayer@faithlecanto.org](mailto:prayer@faithlecanto.org)). Requests may be private or shared.

Those interested in joining the Prayer Chain or helping form a Prayer Team are invited to visit the church office, sign up at the Welcome Table or speak with Pastor Galligar.

**NEED A VISIT?** If you or a loved one would benefit from a pastoral visit, call Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820 or the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office Hours: Mon–Fri, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

**THE CHOSEN / HUMBLE** Join us on Wednesday at 5:00 PM as we gather to watch and discuss *The Chosen: Humble*. This episode focuses on Mary of Bethany as she anoints Jesus' feet. When questioned, Jesus explains that she has done this in preparation for His burial.

At the beginning of the episode, King David returns from battle and teaches his son how to prepare a sacrificial lamb by anointing its feet. The lamb will live in their home, and they will come to love it before the sacrifice.

### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

#### WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday	36
Good Friday	62
Saturday	50
Sunday Sunrise	43
Sunday Celebration	133
Total Holy Week Worship	324
The Chosen	11

### ☺ Happy Birthday ☺

Betty Marquette (4/13) & Nancy Lukitsch (4/17)

### 💍 Anniversaries 💍

Sheldon & Judy Moore (4/17)

### 🌸 Flowers given by 🌸

John Bechler – He is Risen Indeed!

### GIVING SNAPSHOT

WEEK	BUDGET GIVING	PLAN	OVER/UNDE R BUDGET
11	5,966	5,000	966
12	4,321	5,000	-679
13	4,908	4,500	408
14	10,350	7,000	3,350



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start. **Questions?**

Contact Mike at  
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or (352) 357-1792.

### CHURCHTRAC UPDATE

- Faith Lutheran Church uses *Churchtrac* to manage membership records, giving, communication and financial operations. The system was adopted in 2024 and is securely cloud-based.
- *Churchtrac* includes tools for tracking membership information, recording contributions, sharing schedules and personal records with members, and managing church finances. Most modules are already in use, with the accounting module scheduled to go live on May 1, 2026.
- TEAM:
  - Mike Feltner
  - Tim Gabbert
  - Lete Connelly
  - Melissa Climer
  - Malinda Claffey
  - Alan Benner



**April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 19<sup>th</sup>**

MONDAY	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Breakfast @ Papa J's Diner
	5:00 PM	Ladies of Faith - FH
WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM	The Chosen - FH
THURSDAY	2:00 PM	Ukulele Group - Narthex
	4:00 PM	Church Council - FH
FRIDAY	1:00 PM	Euchre & Games - FH
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	LWML Spring Rally – FH & Sanc.
	5:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
	11:00 AM	Bible Study: Book of Genesis - FH

**MEN OF FAITH** Start your week with breakfast @Papa J's Diner, Inverness for fellowship and God's Word! Bible Study for Monday at 8:30 AM to discuss "Southern Kingdom – Journey into Exile" Isaiah 1. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905

**LADIES OF FAITH** Women's ministry doing God's work through service, prayer and fellowship. *Monday @ 5:00 PM.* New faces welcome! Info: Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477.

**THE CHOSEN** Potluck • Season 4/Episode 8: *Humble* • Discussion • Come share food, watch and reflect together! Everyone welcome. Contact: Barb Feltner (812) 371-2352.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** If you have any items or concern for the Church Council to address, please contact Don McNeil at (352) 697-2046.

**UKULELE GROUP** Come strum, learn and enjoy! Contact: Joy Wilson (352) 726-0406.

**EUCHRE & GAMES** All welcome to join us on *Friday @ 1:00 PM* in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend, invite a neighbor, fun for all. Contact: Vicki Mueller (810) 434-1975.

**LWML SPRING RALLY - THIS WEEK** The LWML Spring Rally will be held here at Faith on Saturday, April 18 at 8:30 AM, beginning in the Fellowship Hall and moving to the Sanctuary. Ladies from across

our district will gather for a day of fellowship and encouragement as we welcome Kyle Lublin from Redeeming Life Maternity Home.

We are still collecting "Gifts from the Heart" donations, including baby supplies, personal care items and household goods. Please see the full list in the Narthex.

If you are able to help with final preparations or on the day of the event, please contact Gina Galligar.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** Our study of *Exodus* will continue for one more week. Join us following fellowship after the 9:30 worship service.

The following week, we begin *Civil Discourse 101* — we invite you to join us.



**LWML MITE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK** Every third Sunday, our Ladies of Faith gather mite offerings for LWML mission work.

Place your mites in the large box in the Narthex or bring your own mite box to add to the collection. Offerings support missions near and far. Thank you for your faithful support! Contact: Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477

**SECOND-MILE GIVING** At Faith Lutheran, we seek to be a beacon of God's love, shining Christ's light into our community and beyond.

*Second-Mile Giving* reflects that calling. Jesus says, *If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles* (Matthew 5:41). It invites us to respond to God's grace with joyful generosity

beyond our regular offerings.

On the third weekend of each month, we have the opportunity to support missions beyond our church through a special door offering.

This month, our *Second-Mile Giving* supports Daystar Life Center, serving individuals and families throughout Citrus County who are facing difficult circumstances. Daystar provides assistance with food, clothing, rent and utilities, helping meet immediate needs while offering stability, encouragement, and hope to those they serve.

We invite you to prayerfully consider giving as you are able.



**FEELING HUNGRY?** Have you ever been so hungry that your stomach starts to growl? Maybe you can't stop thinking about your favorite food!

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the Bread of Life." That might sound a little strange at first. Jesus isn't talking about bread like we eat at the table — He's telling us that just like food gives our bodies strength, He gives our hearts what we truly need.

Sometimes we try to fill ourselves with other things — like snacks, games, toys or even being busy — but those things don't last very long. Jesus promises something better. He gives us love, forgiveness and life that never runs out.

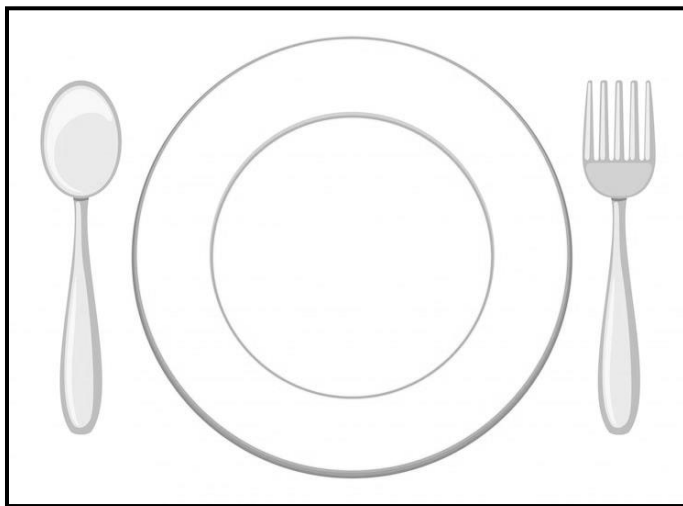
**TRY THESE ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK!**

1. **Bread Reminder** Next time you eat bread, crackers or a meal, pause and say:  
"Jesus, thank You for being my Bread of Life."

2. **Fill the Plate** Inside the plate, draw or write things that make you happy (toys, food, games). Then around the plate, write:

"Jesus gives me what I really need."

3. **Growl Check** When your stomach growls this week, remember:  
Your body needs food —  
but your heart needs Jesus!



**PRAYER:** Dear Jesus, thank You for being the Bread of Life. Thank You for loving me and giving me everything I need. Help me trust in You each day. Amen.

**ONE SENTENCE TO REMEMBER**

**Jesus gives us what we truly need – and He never runs out.**