

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

THE ORCHARD PROJECT



Faithfulness

July 11 & 12, 2026
AS YOU WISH



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gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. – Psalm 100:5

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church! We are grateful you have joined us as we gather to worship our faithful God and continue our journey through The Orchard Project.

This week we reflect on the fruit of the Spirit known as *Faithfulness*. In our common understanding, faithfulness means maintaining faith or allegiance, showing a strong sense of duty, and being conscientious and trustworthy.

In biblical Hebrew, the words for “faith” and “faithfulness” are closely related. The root is connected to our word “amen” and carries the idea of being strengthened, supported or held up. It can even be used in a physical sense, like pillars that provide support for doors. In this way, God is the eternally firm support for His people. His faithfulness endures forever.

Because God is faithful, He is firm, constant, trustworthy and true. His promises do not fail. His mercy is new every morning. Even when we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

As the Holy Spirit grows faithfulness within us, we are called to reflect God’s steadfastness in our own lives. Yet in this life, perfect faithfulness is not something we fully obtain. It is in the journey that we are made whole.

Following today’s service, we invite you to remain with us for Prayer at the Three Crosses, overlooking the Lecanto Preserve and our surrounding community. Together we will pray for our neighbors and for God’s continued work through Faith Lutheran as *A Beacon of God’s Love, Expanding His Kingdom*.



ENTER HIS *Presence*



✠ Worship Divine Service Three ✠

Opening Hymn
(please stand)

How Great Thou Art

LSB 801

Invocation & Confession

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.

✠ Hearing His Word ✠

Introit

Psalms 100:1-5

P: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

C: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

P: *Know that the Lord, he is God!*

C: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!*

C: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

A: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever and ever. Amen.

P: *For the Lord is good;*

C: his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gloria Patri

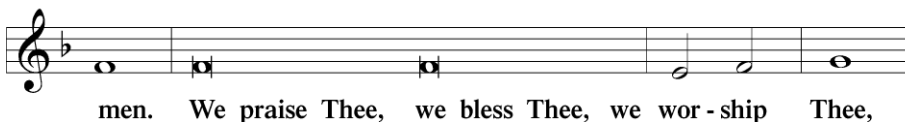
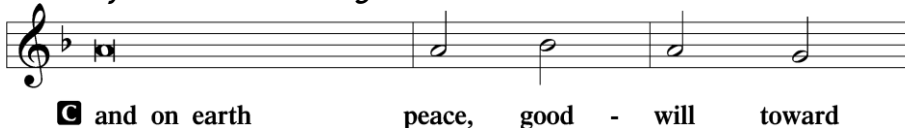


Kyrie



Gloria In Excelsis

P: *Glory be to God on high:*



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. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



☐ A - men.

(please be seated)

First Reading

Lamentations 3:19–26

Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. *The Lord is my portion*, says my soul, *therefore I will hope in him*. The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8–13

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace

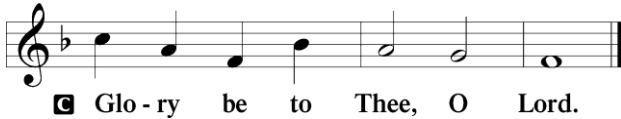
Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:10-12; 17:5-6

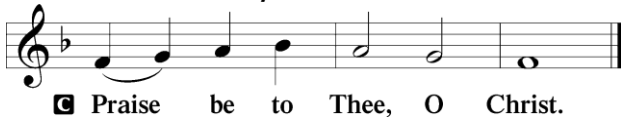
P: *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.*



“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?”

The apostles said to the Lord, *Increase our faith!* And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

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

Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

LSB 691

(Sung to the tune of: LSB 427, In the Cross of Christ I Glory)

Sermon

THE ORCHARD PROJECT: As You Wish (FAITHFULNESS)

Gathering Of The Offerings

(please stand)

Offertory Hymn

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

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 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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809

Silent Prayer

Community Prayer Time *Please remain after the closing hymn.*

Following worship, we will gather outside for a brief time of prayer, followed by refreshments and fellowship. All encouraged to stay.

Prayers Of The Church

- ✠ Father God, let us not forget our prayers of thanksgiving to You for the gift of having been born in this land and at this time so that we might give You our worship and praise. Teach us to live lives of gratitude for all Your good gifts, especially the gift of freedom in this country to worship as we please, and to spread the Good News of the gospel to our community and the world. Lead us to live lives that share that graciousness with all those to whom You send us.
- ✠ Great is Thy faithfulness, O God our Father, never-ending is Your love for us. You have promised to never leave us nor forsake us, and You have been faithful to Your Word and promise all of our days. Help us dear Father, to walk in faithful ways as we follow after Your Son, our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us follow His example, walking in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Even through the valley of the shadow of death, let us be faithful unto You, Mighty Father and receive from Your hand the crown of life eternal.
- ✠ Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions 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 Philomena (granddaughter of LuAnn Cooke), Moe & Alena Fakhari, Russ Reque (step-brother of Carla Nicklas), Amanda, Patti Smith, Deb Schmidt, Laurie Hinton, Leigh Fulford, Dee Briegtl, Ray Bangel, Lisa Holzwart, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Sally & Dean Moore, Amy, Richard Pruefer, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette, Bill Engelbrecht, Gina Galligar, Phyllis Jodis.
- ✠ Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in worship at First Lutheran Church & Tree of Life Lutheran Church in Inverness. Lead Pastor Tom, and Pastor Eric in their roles as preachers and leaders of Your flocks. Bless them each, with humble faithfulness, as they serve You as under shepherds O Lord. Bless those who follow You, by following them, in all that they do in Your name.

Did you know? Pastor Galligar is available to meet with you at your home, a local coffee shop or the church office at your convenience. Whether you are facing a difficult season, recovering from illness, navigating a major life change or simply would like someone to talk and pray with, you do not have to walk through it alone.

At Faith Lutheran Church, we are committed to praying for one another, encouraging one another and bearing one another's burdens as the family of Christ. If you would like others to join you in prayer, requests may be submitted using the yellow prayer cards in the pews, online at faithlecanto.org/prayer or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Requests may be shared with the congregation or kept confidential.

Do you know someone who could use prayer, encouragement or pastoral care? Members and non-members alike are welcome. By connecting someone with Pastor Galligar, you are helping Faith Lutheran be a beacon of God's love in our community.

For assistance, please contact Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820 or the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM.

Opportunities To Serve There are many ways to serve here at Faith Lutheran—whether welcoming others, supporting worship, caring for our church, serving behind the scenes or lifting others up in prayer. Current opportunities include:

*Ushers • Trustees • Elders • Prayer Team • Sound Room Team • Children's Ministries
Offering Counters • Finance Team • Office Volunteers*

If you feel called to serve, we invite you to take the next step. Speak with Pastor Galligar or a member of the Church Council to learn more about where your gifts can be used. Together, we serve as God's hands and feet in this place.

An Update from Pastor & Gina Thank you, Faith family, for your continued prayers and encouragement. We are grateful to share that Gina's port was removed last Monday—*praise Jesus!* She has completed her IV antibiotics and will continue oral antibiotics for the next year. She is also making steady progress through physical therapy. While the surgeon expects a full recovery to take up to a year, God continues to provide strength and healing each day.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, meals, gifts and countless words of encouragement. Your love and support have been a tremendous blessing to our family throughout this journey. *God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!* With grateful hearts, Pastor & Gina

Altar Flowers Two fresh bouquets are placed in the Sanctuary each week in honor or memory of loved ones. The cost is \$40. To sign up, please use the flower book in the Narthex and complete the provided envelope for payment and bulletin dedication. You may take the flowers home or donate them following worship. For special requests, contact Betty Marquette at (352) 651-8905.

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.



LIFE TOGETHER AT FAITH

Gathered in Worship

Saturday	29
Sunday	77
Total Worship	106
Ladies Bible Study	5



Giving at Faith

Week	Budget Giving	Plan	Over/Under Budget
27	9,439	7,000	2,439

Scan QR code to give
online. Questions?
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Celebrating Together

Happy Birthday
July 16th Zackary Patterson
July 17th Kayden Patterson

Wedding Anniversary
July 12th Steven & Lois Schick
July 13th Nick & Beth Medina

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
— Psalm 118:24

Flowers Given Today
By: Jean Wheeler - Memories

July 4th/5th Flowers were given by : Maggie Tackett – LTC H.L. Tackett

THIS
WEEK
AT FAITH

July 13th through 19th

VBS Tropical Trek: Monday-Friday 9AM – 12PM

Monday ~~8:30 AM~~ ~~Men of Faith~~ Monday

Thursday 10:00 AM ~~Ladies Bible Study – FH Classroom~~
~~*The Pursuit of God*, led by Delores Clouse~~

2:00 PM Ukulele Group - Narthex

~~4:00 PM Church Council – FH~~

Saturday 5:00 PM Worship – Sanctuary
(fellowship time to follow)

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary
(fellowship time to follow)

Vacation Bible School Begins! Please keep our children, families, volunteers and leaders in your prayers throughout the week as we share God's love through *Tropical Trek: An Epic Adventure*. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this ministry possible!

Men Of Faith Our weekly Men's Bible Study is on summer recess and will resume after Labor Day. Thank you to everyone who has participated—we look forward to studying God's Word together again this fall. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

Ladies Bible Study The Pursuit of God Bible Study will not meet this Thursday and will resume the following week. Next week we will continue our study of *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer, led by Delores Clouse. New participants are always welcome! For more information, contact Delores at (515) 729-1501.

Ukulele Group Join us for an afternoon of music, fellowship and fun. New participants are always welcome! Contact Joy Wilson at (352) 726-0406.

Church Council Meeting The July Church Council Meeting has been *cancelled* due to Vacation Bible School. If you have an urgent matter that needs Council attention, please contact Council President Don McNeil at (352) 697-2046.

****Looking Ahead****

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, Expanding His Kingdom.

Second-Mile Giving reflects that calling. Jesus says, *If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. - Matthew 5:41* Through joyful generosity beyond our regular offerings, we have the opportunity to share Christ's love with those in need.

This month's *Second-Mile Giving* supports The Path Rescue Mission, a Christ-centered ministry serving men, women, children and families experiencing homelessness in our community. The Path provides safe shelter, meals, clothing, life-skills training, recovery programs and biblical teaching, helping individuals and families find hope, healing and lasting transformation through Jesus Christ.

A special door offering will be received following worship services next weekend. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God might use your gift to help transform lives through this local ministry.

Ladies of Faith Summer Luncheon Join us Wednesday, July 23rd at 12:00 PM at Wallace's at the Greenhouse in Homosassa for food, fellowship and fun. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Questions or need a ride? Contact Carla Nicklas at (352) 257-1480.

Planning Together for Fall Summer may be a little quieter, but fall will be here before we know it! As ministries begin planning for the busy fall and Christmas seasons, now is the perfect time to reserve dates and submit upcoming events.

If your ministry has meetings, special events or activities planned for the remainder of the year, please email the details to connect@faithlecano.org.

Vicki Mueller, our Event Coordinator, will work with you to coordinate scheduling and help ensure everything has a place on the church calendar. Questions? Contact Vicki at (810) 434-1975. Thank you for helping us plan another wonderful season of ministry together!



LITTLE SPROUTS

GROWING
IN FAITH



Faithful Forever Have you ever wondered if someone would keep their promise? Maybe a friend promised to play with you, a parent promised to take you somewhere special or a teacher promised to help you learn something new. It feels wonderful when someone keeps their promise because we know we can trust them.

Sometimes people forget. Sometimes plans change. Even people who love us can't always keep every promise. But there is *Someone who never forgets and never breaks a promise—God!* In today's worship we hear these wonderful words: *Great is Your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:23*

What does *faithful* mean? It means someone is dependable, trustworthy and always there when you need them. God is faithful every single day. He never stops loving us, never leaves us alone and never forgets His promises. Every morning He gives us new mercy, new hope and new reasons to trust Him.

Think about all the ways God shows His faithfulness. The sun rises each morning. The seasons change just as He planned. Flowers bloom, trees grow and fruit ripens. God takes care of His creation, and He promises to take care of us too. Every day is another reminder that God keeps His promises.

The cross on today's picture reminds us of God's greatest promise. Jesus came to earth, died on the cross and rose again so our sins could be forgiven and we could belong to Him forever. That is the greatest promise ever made—and God kept it!

As we stay close to Jesus, the Holy Spirit helps the fruit of *faithfulness* grow in our hearts. We learn to keep our promises, tell the truth, finish what we start, help others and love people the way Jesus loves us. Little by little, God is helping us become more like Him.

Whenever you see the cross this week, remember this wonderful truth: God is always faithful... yesterday, today and forever. He will never let you go.

Coloring Activity Color today's picture while thinking about God's faithfulness.

As you color the cross, remember that Jesus kept God's greatest promise by dying and rising again for you.

Then color the fruit around the cross to remind you that the Holy Spirit helps *faithfulness* grow in your life.

My Orchard Challenge This week, practice being faithful! Choose one or more:

- ☐ Keep a promise you made.
- ☐ Finish a chore without being reminded.
- ☐ Tell the truth, even when it's hard.
- ☐ Pray every day this week.
- ☐ Read one Bible story with your family.

☆ Bonus Challenge:
Can you memorize
today's verse?

I will trust God always.
- Proverbs 3:5

Tell it to someone in
your family!

Prayer Dear Jesus,
Thank You for always
being faithful. Thank
You for loving me,
keeping Your
promises and never
leaving me. Help me to
trust You each day and
to grow in faithfulness
as I follow Jesus.
Amen.

FAITHFULNESS



"I will trust God always."

Proverbs 3:5

Continue Growing This Summer

While Pastor's Sunday morning and weekday Bible Studies are taking a summer pause, our journey through God's Word continues.

Our *Free Bible Road Map* is designed to help us read through the Bible in chronological order, allowing us to experience God's story as it unfolded throughout history. Each week includes six days of reading and one day to worship, reflect or catch up, making it easy to stay on the journey even during a busy summer.

Whether you have been reading since January, have fallen behind or are just getting started, now is a wonderful time to begin. The Road Map is built with grace in mind—simply begin where you

are and keep walking with the Lord. Free Bible Road Maps are available in the Narthex and the church office.

As we continue growing in God's Word, continue growing in prayer as well. If you picked up a copy of *United We Stand: Freedom Worth Celebrating* last weekend, we encourage you to keep it close and make it part of your daily devotional life. Let it serve as a reminder to pray faithfully for your family, our church, our community and our nation.

Sunday morning and weekday Bible Studies will resume in early August. We look forward to sharing how your congregational feedback has helped shape our upcoming studies. Stay tuned for more information as we prepare to begin this next season of learning and growing together.

