

THE KINGDOM PATH

— WALKING WITH JESUS —

Walking on the Waves



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← WALKING THE KINGDOM PATH TOGETHER →



A Prayer of Blessing & Commissioning As a new school year begins, we give thanks to God for the children, students, families, teachers, volunteers and leaders He has entrusted to the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

Today we celebrate the beginning of a new school year and joyfully recommission our Sunday School ministry as we launch a new season of growing together in God's Word. We ask God's blessing upon every child who will learn, every volunteer who will serve, every teacher who will share His Word and every family who will encourage and nurture faith at home.

As these children walk the hallways of their schools and the classrooms of our church, may they continue to grow in wisdom, faith and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them to be examples of Christ's love wherever He leads them.

As a congregation, we invite you to lift each of these children, students, and ministry servants before the Lord in prayer throughout the coming school year. May God protect them, encourage them, and guide every step as they walk the Kingdom Path together.

Back-to-School Bash The celebration continues after worship! Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for our Back-to-School Bash! Join us for lunch and fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of a new ministry season at Faith Lutheran.

Take a tour of our newly remodeled Sunday School classrooms and children's ministry spaces, made possible through a generous LCMS grant and the faithful support of our congregation. Then celebrate the return of Sunday School and the launch of the Sunday School Squad as we begin a new year of growing in God's Word together.

**Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.**

Matthew 19:14

Faith Lutheran Children & Students The children and students listed below are part of Faith Lutheran's Sunday School and Vacation Bible School ministries. As they begin

a new school year, please keep each one in your prayers, asking God to strengthen their faith, protect them, and guide them as they grow in Christ.

Bailey Batura	Ari Hoover	Emely Olmo
Skylar Batura	Jessie Hoover	Sophia Patterson
Savannah Burleson	Landon Iacone	Kayden Patterson
Bash Burleson	Brooklyn Kidder Giovanna	Lillian Patterson
Leah Claffey	Limbaugh	Rayna Prado
Lilith Dibiasie	Abigail McNeil	Cecily Ryan
Bubo Dibiasie	Isla McNeil	Luke Samonte
Zy Dicks	Eve Miller	Shawn Schillinger
Aaron Fernandez	Josie Miller	Kade Thomason
Alondra Fernandez	Abby Napuri	Tucker Thomason
Cashman Goodwin-Lane	Zach Napuri	Barrett Will
Charlie Holthaus	Mikaela Napuri	Hannah Will
Kiara Hoover	Sienna Olmo	

Walking Beside Our Children The following men and women have answered God's call to walk alongside the children of Faith Lutheran, helping them grow in faith and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. As we recommission our Sunday School ministry, we thank God for their servant hearts and ask His blessing upon them throughout the coming year.

Karen Bollmann	Judy Hill	Carla Nicklas
Malinda Claffey	Fran Holcombe	Ann Panas
Seth Claffey	Linda Holthaus	Rachel Patterson
Melissa Climer	Amanda Holthaus	Silvia Redding
Delores Clouse	June Isselhardt	Shirley Robinson
Drake Clouse	Dennis Koch	Sue Schmidt
Lete Connelly	Steve Lary	Gloria Schultz
Lucy Countryman	Cathy Loss	Deanne Spurlin
Pastor Galligar	Nancy Lukitsch	Carol Steans
Gina Galligar	Walt Lukitsch	Karen Stenzel
Nancy Haley	Don McNeil	Joy Wilson
David Hanny	Kelley McNeil	
Muriel Hanny	Vicki Mueller	

Continue Praying As you leave worship today, choose one or two names from these pages and commit to praying for them throughout this school year.

Be sure to take home the Back-to-School Prayer Guide, where you'll find additional Scripture and prayer prompts for students, families, teachers, schools and our community.

✠ Worship Divine Service One ✠

Commissioning of School Workers & Prayer for New School Year

Opening Hymn
(please stand)

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

Invocation & Confession

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.

Pause for a time of Silent Confession and Reflection

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.

✠ Hearing His Word ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v. 1

P: I will bless the Lord at all times;

C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

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, and delivers them.*

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

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

C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kyrie

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C 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.

Gloria In Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, *Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'* (that is, to bring Christ down) or *'Who will descend into the abyss?'* (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart* (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, *Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. *For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!* But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, *Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?* So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace

** Children exit for Sunday School*

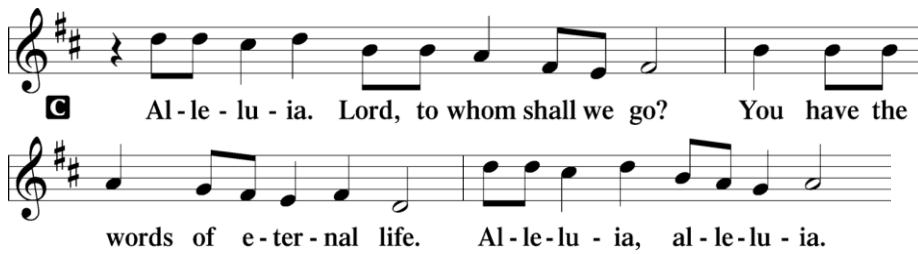
Special Music

Walk on Waves

Gina Galligar

by: Austin & Lindsey Adamec

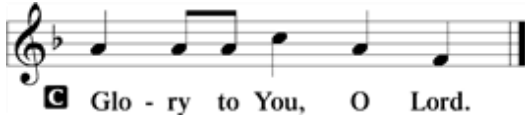
Alleluia And Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

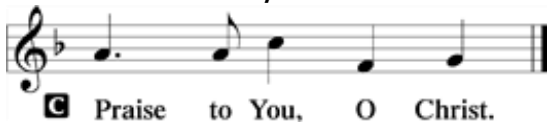


Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, *It is a ghost!* and they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, **"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."**

And Peter answered him, *Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.* He said, **"Come."** So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, *Lord, save me.* Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"** And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, *Truly you are the Son of God.*

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

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763

Sermon

*The Kingdom Path: Walking with Jesus
Walking on the Waves*

Gathering Of The Offerings

(please stand)

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LSB 805*

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

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

- ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, together with the disciples we cry out, "Truly You are the Son of God." But also with the disciples, O Lord, we often times find ourselves afraid when the issues of our lives seem to overwhelm us. When we find ourselves bound up in the wind and the waves of this life, give us faith O Lord to come to You on the water. Lift our eyes to the cross where we find our peace in the gift You have won for us by Your shed blood. Help us to trust in Your promises even in the midst of life's ever-present storms.
- ✠ Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing, comfort and peace. Hear us now as we name these aloud, and lift up all the others in the silence of our hearts.
- ✠ Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in worship at St. Scholastica Church, and for their leader, Rev. Kenneth Malley. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.
- ✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray for Your blessing over every school building within our Citrus County community. We pray, in the strong and mighty name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, that You would fill all the spaces where the little ones who are so precious to You with the power of Your presence and the presence of Your love. In the name of Jesus, light up the nooks and crannies, flood the hallways and the quiet spaces, make Your presence abound in the classrooms, lunchrooms, playgrounds, study halls, and the drop-off lines and the pick-up lines. Fill the hearts of all who enter these grounds with the joy of the Lord as they come in. And let that joy be with them when they return home at the end of the day. Together we pray in the name of Jesus.

In Our Prayers

- ✠ ***For healing and restoration:*** Amanda Holthaus (diagnosed with arthritis), Carolyn Arias (AFib issues), **Joyce Balazs, Patti Smith**, Deb Schmidt, Leigh Fulford, Dee Briegtl,

Ray Bangel, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Dean & Sally Moore, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Jerry Marquette, Bill Engelbrecht, Gina Galligar

✠ ***For those who worship at home:*** Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick

Prayer & Care No one was created to walk through life alone. Whether you're celebrating a blessing, facing a difficult season or carrying a burden too heavy to bear by yourself, your church family is here for you. At Faith Lutheran Church, we are committed to praying with you, encouraging you and bearing one another's burdens as the family of Christ.

If you have a prayer request, we'd be honored to pray with you. Requests may be submitted using the yellow prayer cards in the pews, online at faithlecano.org/prayer, or by emailing prayer@faithlecano.org. Prayer requests may be shared with the congregation or kept confidential—whatever is most comfortable for you.

Pastor Galligar and our Elders are also available to visit those who are homebound, hospitalized, recovering from illness or facing difficult circumstances. Whether you need prayer, encouragement or simply someone to walk alongside you, we are here to serve you with Christ's love and care.

To request a visit or speak with someone, please contact Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820 or the church office at (352) 527-3325.

Church 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.

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.

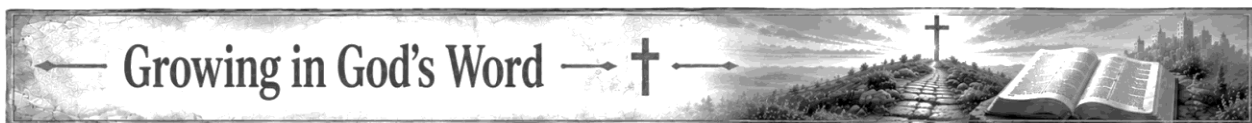
Second-Mile Giving Next Weekend At Faith Lutheran, we seek to be A Beacon of God's Love, Expanding His Kingdom. Second-Mile Giving is one way we live out that calling. Jesus said,

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 will support *The Path Rescue Mission*, a Christ-centered ministry serving men, women, children and families experiencing homelessness in our community. The Path provides safe shelter, nutritious 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. As you prepare for worship, we invite you to prayerfully consider how God might use your gift to bring hope and share the love of Christ through this important local ministry.



Red Letter Challenge Bible Study: Putting Jesus' Words into Practice Why does the world around us—and the lives we live—often look so different from the reality Jesus talked about? Why doesn't there seem to be a significant difference between the lives of those who call themselves Christians and the rest of the world?

What kind of witness can we be if our lives look no different than everyone else? It's time to change perceptions about what it means to follow Jesus. The big idea behind the *Red Letter Challenge Bible Study* is simple, yet life-changing: take Jesus' own words—the red letters in our Bibles—and put them into daily practice. As we do, God transforms us as followers of Christ and uses us to impact the world around us.

The Journey Begins Today! Following our Back-to-School Bash, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for our first *Red Letter Challenge Bible Study*. If you're unable to join us today, a second opportunity begins Monday evening.

🕒 Sunday • 11:00 AM (following the Back-to-School Bash) | Fellowship Hall

🕒 Monday • 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall (*includes a potluck meal*)

Ready to Get Started? If you haven't already, sign up in the Narthex and receive your study guide today. Books will be distributed as we begin this 40-day journey together.

Jesus didn't call us simply to know His words—He calls us to live them. Will you accept the challenge?

Life Together at Faith



Gathered in Worship

Saturday	22
Sunday	68
Total Worship	90

*I was glad when they said
to me, 'Let us go to the
house of the Lord!'
Psalm 122:1*

Giving at Faith

31 5,917 7,000 (1,083)

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Celebrating Together



Happy Birthday
No birthdays this week!

Wedding Anniversary
August 10th John & Amanda
Cunningham

*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
Psalm 133:1*

Flowers Given Today

There are no flower dedications this weekend. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers, please sign up in the flower book in the Narthex.



← This Week's Events → † →

August 10th through August 16th

Thursday	8:30 AM	Trustees Meeting - FH
	10:00 AM	Elders Meeting - FH
	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study – FH Classroom <i>The Pursuit of God</i> , led by Delores Clouse
	2:00 PM	Ukulele Group - Narthex
Friday	9:00 AM	Stitch N' Tie - FH
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)

Trustees Meeting The Trustees will meet this week to care for the needs of our church property and facilities. Contact: Deanna Sobocienski (734) 735-2596.

Elders Meeting The Elders will meet this week to support the ministry and care of our congregation. Contact: Don Mueller (810) 705-2539.

Ladies Bible Study Join us for *The Pursuit of God* by A.W. Tozer, led by Delores Clouse. Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Stitch N' Tie 2nd & 4th Fridays. Come sew, craft and enjoy great company! All skill levels welcome. Contact: Ann Panas (262) 993-4068.

Planning Together for Fall As we prepare for a busy fall and Christmas season, now is the perfect time to submit your upcoming ministry events.

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

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.

His Little Lambs



Let's Walk with Jesus After feeding more than 5,000 people, Jesus sent His disciples across the lake while He stayed behind to pray. During the night, a strong wind stirred up the waves, and the disciples became frightened.

Then they saw Jesus walking on the water! He called to them, **Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.** Peter answered, *Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.* Jesus simply said, **Come.**

Peter stepped out of the boat and walked toward Jesus. But when he looked at the wind and the waves, he became afraid and began to sink. He cried out, *Lord, save me!*

Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught Peter. When they climbed into the boat, the wind stopped, and the disciples worshiped Jesus, saying, *Truly You are the Son of God.*

Just like Peter, we all face storms in life. When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we can trust Him to help us through every challenge because He is always with us.

Coloring Page *Faith Over Fear*

Color the picture of Jesus reaching out to Peter. As you color, remember Jesus' words:

Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.

Matthew 14:27

Family Faith Challenge

This week, whenever someone in your family feels worried or afraid, stop for a moment, hold hands and pray together:

Dear Jesus, help us keep our eyes on You. When life feels scary or uncertain, remind us that You are always with us. Thank You for loving us, protecting us and helping us trust You every day. Amen.

