

# THE KINGDOM PATH

— WALKING WITH JESUS —  
*The Beauty of Persistence*



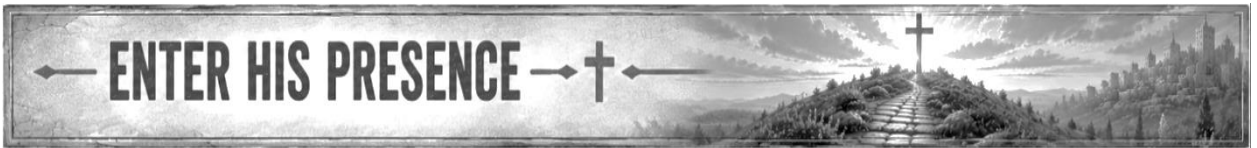
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**"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire."**  
(Matthew 15:28)

The Canaanite woman came to Jesus with a persistent prayer for mercy and help. Even in the face of His initial silence and what seemed like rejection, she continued to cling to Him in faith. Her beautiful example encourages us to hold fast to the words and promises of the Gospel, even when the Law accuses and condemns us. God's gifts and calling are irrevocable, and His mercy is greater than our sin and our circumstances.

When the woman knelt before Jesus and cried, "Lord, help me," she trusted that even the crumbs from His table would be enough. Jesus answered, **"It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."** Still she persisted, believing in His mercy. Her faith and hope were not disappointed. Jesus answered, **"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire."**

Today, Christ gathers us into His house of prayer, hears our cries for mercy and feeds us with far more than crumbs. Through His Word and at His Table, He gives us His grace, forgiveness and His very body and blood. As we enter His presence, may we cling to His promises with persistent faith, trusting that nothing is too small to bring before Him and nothing is too great for His mercy.

### The Lord's Table

Our Lord graciously shares with us His precious body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves according to these truths of the Christian faith:

- ✚ I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.
- ✚ I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.
- ✚ I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

*\*The inner ring of the Communion tray has grape juice for those unable to take wine.\**

# ✠ Holy Communion Worship Divine Service Four ✠

Opening Hymn  
(please stand)

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*LSB 411*

## Invocation & Confession

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

C: Amen.

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: *Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

C: Amen.

## ✠ Hearing His Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v.8*

P: *The Lord is the strength of his people;*

C: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

P: *To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.*

C: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

P: *when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.*

C: Blessed be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: *The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;*

C: my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to 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: *The Lord is the strength of his people;*

C: he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### This Is the Feast

*Refrain*



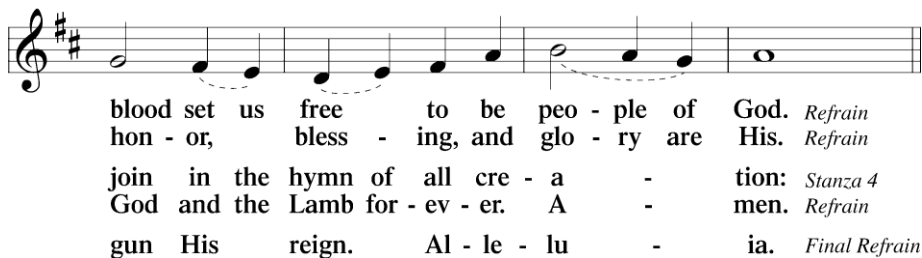
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C: Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

Thus says the Lord: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come and my righteousness be revealed."

"And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it and holds fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house

of prayer for all peoples.” The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

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

C: Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

*Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

*(please stand)*

### Sharing God's Peace

*\* Children exit for Sunday School*

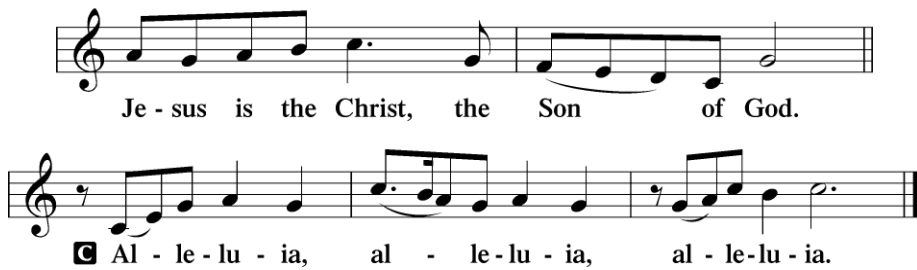
### Alleluia And Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 15:21-28*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, *Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.* But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, *Send her away, for she is crying out after us.* He answered, **"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."** But she came and knelt before him, saying, *Lord, help me.* And he answered, **"It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."** She said, *Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.* Then Jesus answered her, **"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire."** And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and

glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn Of Praise                      *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*                      *LSB 720*  
(Sung to the tune of: LSB 525, Crown Him with Many Crowns)

Sermon                      *The Kingdom Path: Walking with Jesus*  
                                    *The Beauty of Persistence*

Gathering Of The Offerings

Offertory Hymn                      *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*                      *LSB 955*

Prayer Of The Church

✠ Gathering at His Table ✠

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

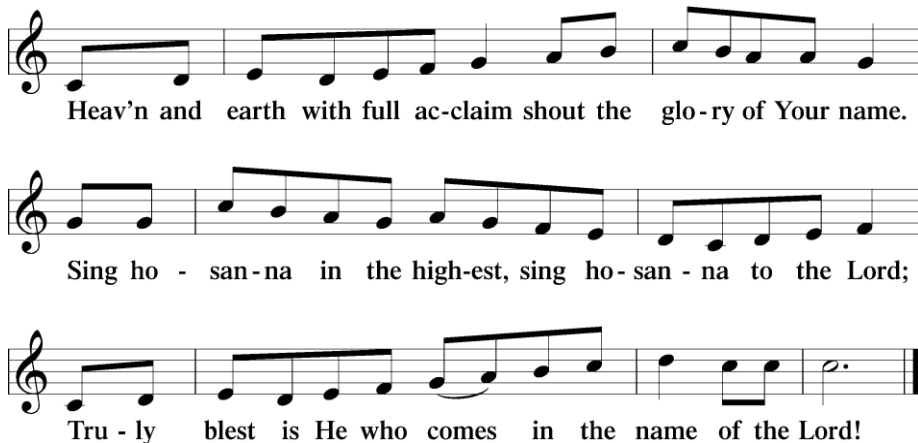
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: *It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

Sanctus







### Prayer Of Thanksgiving

*P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*

*For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.*

*Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.*

*Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

### 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.

### The Words Of Our Lord

*P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ☩ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament*

in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C: Amen.

## Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(please be seated)*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

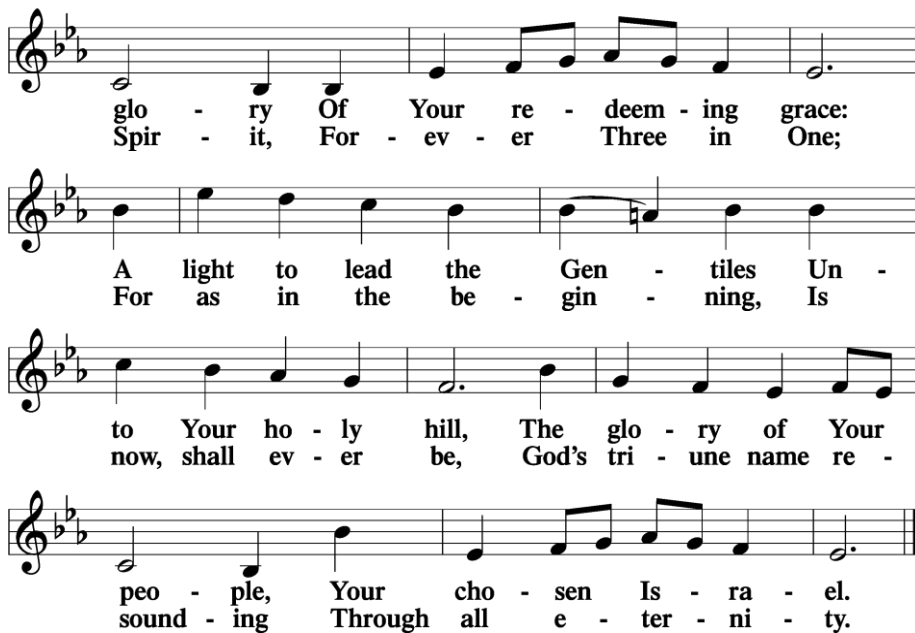
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
O Christ, You Walked the Road*

*LSB 770*

*LSB 424*

## Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

*P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*C: Amen.*

### Benedicamus

*P: Let us bless the Lord.*

*C: Thanks be to God.*

### Benediction

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.*

*C: Amen.*

*(please be seated)*

### Announcements

### Closing Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*LSB 790*

### Silent Prayer

## Prayers Of The Church

- ✝ O Lord, hear our cries for mercy, for healing, for sustenance, for hope, and for the fulfillment of all Your promises. Bless us with a persistent faith that does not waiver in the face of ongoing obstacles. Fill us with confident trust in Your love, Your plan for our lives and Your promise to use all things together for our good. Grant us the wisdom to understand that nothing is too small to bring to Your attention in prayer, and nothing in our lives is too big for You to bring into alignment. Give us the faith that sons and daughters should have in their heavenly Father.
- ✝ 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 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 First Baptist Church in Beverly Hills, and their leader, Rev. Wayne Pratt. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.
- ✝ Father God, each week of this school year, encourage us to be in prayer for all those who grace the halls and homes where teaching and learning takes place. Here in worship at Faith Lutheran Church, let our hearts and voices ring with prayers and petitions to You, Holy Father, Almighty God, for each of the schools in our community. Today we lift up to Your throne of grace, prayers for those learning at the Academy of Science and at the Ark Angel Christian Pre-School. Bless the students, the teachers, the staff and the parents at these two schools with wisdom, discernment and joy in You O Lord our God.

In Our Prayers For healing and restoration: Carla Nicklas (foot surgery), Amanda (niece of June Isselhardt), Hope Peter (sister-in-law of Karen Stenzel), Malinda Claffey, Amanda Holthaus, Carolyn Arias, Joyce Balazs, Deb Schmidt, Leigh Fulford, Dee Bright, Ray Bangel, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Dean & Sally Moore, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette, Bill Engelbrecht, Gina Gallligar.

For those who worship at home: Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Dettlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick, Dean & Deb Schmidt

Prayer & Care Life brings seasons of joy, celebration, struggle and loss. Whatever season you may be facing, 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](http://faithlecanto.org/prayer) or by emailing [prayer@faithlecanto.org](mailto:prayer@faithlecanto.org). Prayer requests may be shared with the congregation or kept confidential.

Pastoral visits are available for those who are homebound, hospitalized, recovering from illness or navigating difficult circumstances. Pastor Galligar and our Elders are honored to walk alongside you with prayer, encouragement and Christian care.

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.

**Second-Mile Giving** This weekend, our *Second-Mile Giving* supports *The Path Rescue Mission*, a Christ-centered ministry bringing hope and help to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in our community.

Through shelter, meals, recovery programs, life-skills training and biblical teaching, The Path meets practical needs while sharing the hope and transforming love of Jesus Christ.

A special door offering will be received following worship today. Thank you for prayerfully supporting this important local ministry and helping Faith Lutheran go the second mile in sharing Christ's love with our neighbors.

*If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.* — Matthew 5:41

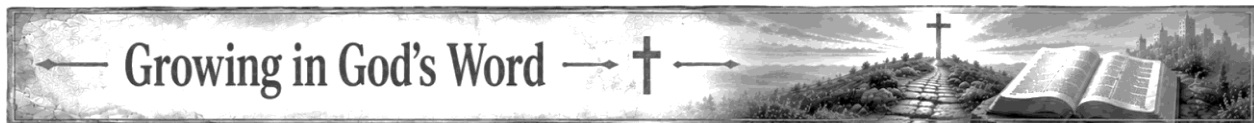
**LWML Mite Sunday** *Small gifts can make a mighty difference!* This weekend, we join together in supporting the mission work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League through our *Mite Offerings*.

Every coin and every gift become part of something greater—helping fund mission grants that share the Gospel, serve people in need and extend Christ's love near and far.

Bring your personal mite box or place your offering in the large Mite Box in the Narthex. Thank you for faithfully helping send the Good News of Jesus into the world!

Thank you for supporting the mission of Christ through your prayers and faithful giving. Contact: Gina Galligar (812) 390-5477.

**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.



**Red Letter Challenge Bible Study: The Journey Is Underway!** What an exciting beginning! 29 people joined us for our first weekend Red Letter Challenge Bible Study as we began this 40-day journey of putting Jesus' words into practice.

But it's not too late to join us! Each week, we'll dig deeper into the words of Jesus and challenge ourselves not simply to hear what He says, but to let His words shape the way we live, serve, forgive, give and follow Him.

**Come grow with us!** ☪ **Sundays • 11:00 AM** | FH ☪ **Mondays • 5:00 PM** | FH (*includes a potluck meal*)

Have your study guide and book? Bring them along. Haven't started yet? Come anyway! There's still a place for you on this 40-day journey. The challenge has begun. Let's put Jesus' words into practice—together.



### Gathered in Worship

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|----------------------|-----|
| Saturday             | 27  |
| Sunday               | 76  |
| Total Worship        | 103 |
| Memorial Service     | 60  |
| Sunday School        | 15  |
| Red Letter Challenge | 29  |
| Bible Study          |     |

### Giving at Faith

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|----|-------|-------|---------|
| 31 | 5,917 | 7,000 | (1,083) |
| 32 | 6,475 | 6,000 | 475     |

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### Celebrating Together

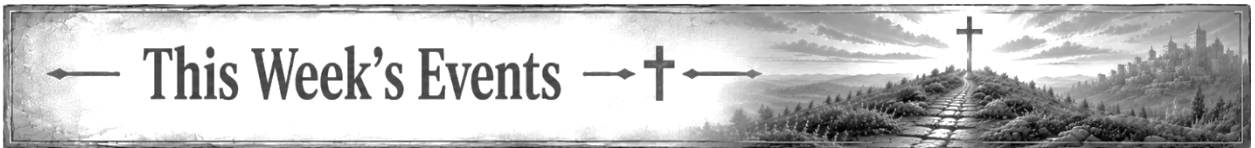
Happy Birthday  
August 17<sup>th</sup> Ray Bangel  
August 17<sup>th</sup> Hannah Will  
August 19<sup>th</sup> Charles Davey  
August 20<sup>th</sup> Delores Clouse

Wedding Anniversary  
August 20<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Linda Koch

### Flowers Given Today

By: John Bechler – Happy Anniversary





August 17<sup>th</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup>

|          |          |                                                                                        |
|----------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday   | 5:00 PM  | Red Letter Challenge Bible Study – FH                                                  |
| Thursday | 10:00 AM | Ladies Bible Study – FH Classroom<br><i>The Pursuit of God</i> , led by Delores Clouse |
|          | 2:00 PM  | Ukulele Group – Narthex                                                                |
|          | 4:00 PM  | Church Council – Fellowship Hall                                                       |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM  | Worship – Sanctuary<br>(fellowship time to follow)                                     |
| Sunday   | 9:30 AM  | Worship – Sanctuary<br>(fellowship time to follow)                                     |
|          | 11:00 AM | Red Letter Challenge Bible Study – FH                                                  |

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.

Church Council Meeting Have an item you would like the Church Council to consider? Contact Council President Don McNeil at (352) 697-2046.

### \*Looking Ahead\*

#### Ladies' Summer Luncheon

Join the ladies of Faith for our final summer luncheon on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Noon at Three Sisters Restaurant, 1601 SE Hwy. 19, Crystal River (*Aldi plaza*). Enjoy lunch and fellowship together! Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Carla Nicklas: (352) 257-1480.

#### \*Save the Date! LCMS Stewardship Workshop

Faith Lutheran is excited to host a *Circuit-wide Stewardship Workshop* bringing together pastors and congregational leaders for an evening focused on biblical stewardship, fellowship and strengthening ministry together. The LCMS workshop is designed to help pastors and lay leaders collaborate as they explore the theology and practice of stewardship in the church.

 Thursday, September 24

 Citrus Hills Country Club

 \$20 per person

 RSVP by September 10

Pastors and leaders from throughout our Circuit will join Faith Lutheran's leadership for this special evening. Mark your calendar! More details and registration information are coming soon.

Planning Together for Fall Planning a ministry event this fall or Christmas season? Please submit your dates soon! Questions or scheduling needs? Contact Event Coordinator Vicki Mueller at (810) 434-1975.



Let's Walk with Jesus One day, a woman came to Jesus because her daughter desperately needed His help. She cried out, asking Jesus to have mercy on her. At first, Jesus did not answer, but the woman did not give up.

She continued to trust that Jesus could help. She came to Him, knelt down and simply prayed, *Lord, help me.*

The woman believed in Jesus so strongly that she kept asking even when things didn't happen right away. Jesus saw her faith and said, **"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire."** Her daughter was healed!

Sometimes we pray and God's answer doesn't come right away or in the way we expect. This woman reminds us that we can keep bringing our prayers to Jesus. He hears us, He loves us and we can always trust Him.

#### Let's Talk About It

- Why did the woman keep coming to Jesus?
- What three little words did she pray?
- What did Jesus say about her faith?
- Is there something you have been praying about for a long time?
- How can you keep trusting Jesus while you wait?

#### Family Faith Challenge

This week, use the *5 Finger Prayer* together as a family. Take turns choosing something to praise God for, something you're thankful for, something you need forgiveness for, someone who needs prayer and something you need God's help with.

And remember the woman's simple prayer: *Lord, help me.* — Matthew 15:25

Keep praying. Keep trusting. Jesus hears you.

