2026 STEWARDSHIP SERIES

TIRED OF THE LIES?



WEEK 3

I HAVE TO GIVE

The Lie of Obligation

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Giving is our response to God's grace.

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As We Gather: As soon as we ask the question, "How much do I HAVE to give?" we have lost the battle. The answer to that question is, quite simply, nothing. Because there is not a dollar, dime, nickel or penny given by the one who HAS to give, that is of any value to the God who made you, rescued you from hell death and the power of the devil by His blood shed on the cross, and promises you eternal life in heaven with Him. In the eyes of the Lord and of His Church, you do not HAVE to give anything to Him or His Church. He doesn't need or want your money. Everything you have is already His. What He wants is your heart. What He wants is your understanding that the gifts He has given you have three main purposes. First, to be used to care for you and your family – *love your neighbor as yourself*. And second, to be shared with those He places around you to care for their needs. And also, to help spread the Good News of salvation through Christ to all nations. Your giving to the church is a way for you to be blessed as you participate in the sharing of the gospel, through the work, mission and ministry of the church. **The Lie** is: I HAVE to give. **The Truth** is: God graciously allows us to participate in giving out of the abundance of His blessing us.

✞ Worship Divine Service One ✞

Opening Hymn *Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings* *LSB 782*

(*please stand*)

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.

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 116:12-14,17-19, 117:28,29

P: *What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?*
C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

P: *I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.*
C: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

P: *I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,*
C: in the courts of the house of the Lord,

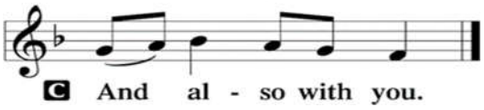
P: *You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;*
C: you are my God; I will extol you.

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.

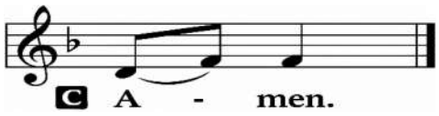
P: *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;*
C: for his steadfast love endures forever!

Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P*: The Lord be with you*



P: *Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



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First Reading **1 Chronicles 29:9-14**

Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

Therefore David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading **2 Corinthians 9:6-9**

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*.
C: Thanks be to God.

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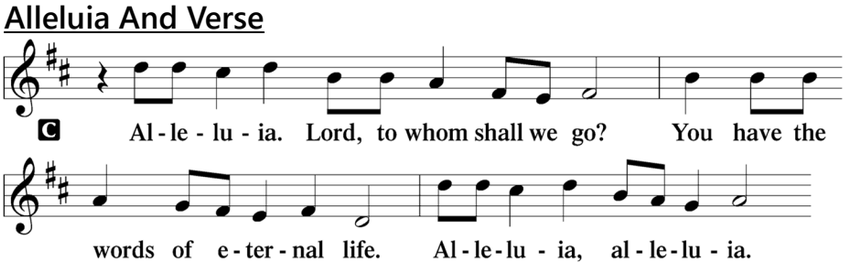
Children's Message

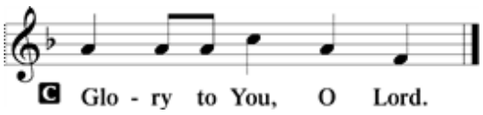
Sharing God's Peace ****Children exit for Sunday school****

Alleluia And Verse



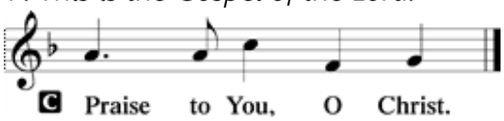
Holy Gospel **Mark 12:41-44**

P*: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.*



And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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 *The Temple Rang with Golden Coins* *LSB 787*

Sermon *I HAVE to Give: The Lie of Obligation*

Gathering Of The Offerings

(*please stand*)

Offertory Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* *LSB 805*

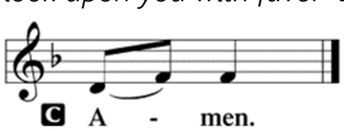
Prayers Of The Church

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.*



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Announcements

Closing Hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be* *LSB 783*

Prayers of the Church

✞ Jesus, long have we wrestled with the idea that we HAVE to give to You. We have heard this and that when it comes to giving. We have been shamed, threatened, guilted, and even made to feel unworthy if we choose not to give in the ways other would make us give. Lead us to Your cross, O Jesus. Let us see with open eyes how willingly You gave Your life for us, and freely You desire us to

give. Not under compulsion, or under duress, but freely, generously, with grateful hearts and with joy for all You have done for us in this life, and for all You have promised us in the next. Help us to drop the compulsion that may have driven some of us to give, and fill us with generous hearts and joyful spirits desiring only to please You and be with You now, and forever.

- ✞ 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 lift up their names 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 of Crystal River and her pastor, Rev Tim Lantzy. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.
- ✞ Father God, today we lift up to Your throne of grace, prayers for those learning at the Inverness Middle & Faith Lutheran Sunday 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:** Nancy Haley, Brian Kruger, Dave Hanny, Lisa Holzwart, Richard Emmereth, Sharon Beyer, Doug Deuchler, Hope Peter, Amanda Holthaus, Deb Schmidt, Laurie Hinton, Mackenzie & her daughter, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Bill Engelbrecht, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry & Betty Marquette.
- ✞ **For those who worship at home:** Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick, Ann Williams, Phyllis Washburn

With Sincere Gratitude to YOU!

🎄 90 SHOEBOXES FILLED WITH LOVE! 🎁

What a blessing! Thanks to the incredible generosity of our Faith Lutheran family, we filled and donated 90 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Each box carries gifts, joy, and the love of Christ to a child in need. A heartfelt thank-you to our wonderful volunteers who gave their time, helping hands, and loving hearts to make this mission possible. Your kindness and dedication are a beautiful reflection of God's love in action!

"God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

May these gifts bring smiles to little faces, hope to young hearts, and the light of Christ to children around the world. To God be the glory!

💔 127 pounds of food, Countless Blessings!

Thank you, Faith Lutheran family! Your continued generosity toward the Citrus United Basket is making a difference! Last week, an incredible 127 pounds of food was delivered to the pantry to help feed our neighbors in need. Every donation is a blessing, and every act of kindness shares God's love. Keep those donations coming!

With heartfelt thanks, Vicki Mueller

Reminders and Upcoming Events

PRAYER, PRAISE & PLENTY OF PIE! 🥧

Thanksgiving Eve Worship | Wednesday, November 25th at 5:00 PM

Join your Faith Lutheran Church family for a special evening of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving as we gather in the sanctuary to reflect on God's abundant blessings and give thanks for His goodness and grace. Following worship, we'll continue the celebration in the Fellowship Hall with warm fellowship, wonderful company, and a delicious assortment of pies lovingly shared by our members and friends! Would you like to share a pie? Please sign up in the narthex and let us know what kind of pie you'll bring. Come with a grateful heart, bring a friend, and enjoy a sweet evening of faith, fellowship, and thanksgiving. There's always room for one more at God's table!

Make A Joyful Noise! 🔔

Join the bell choir! They meet every Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Please contact Walt Lukitsch for more information.

🎅🍪 Cookies With Santa! 🎄

Friday, December 11 | 5:00–7:00 PM

Santa Claus is coming to Faith Lutheran Church, and we need YOUR help to make the magic happen! Join us for a festive evening of Christmas cheer as we welcome families from our community for a night filled with holiday fun! Enjoy visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, cookie decorating, a delicious hot chocolate bar, Christmas crafts, food, and plenty of merry memories! We'd love for YOU to be part of the magic! It takes a village of Christmas elves to make this event special, and we're looking for cheerful volunteers to help families at our activity stations, along with cookie bakers willing to whip up batches of sugar cookies for decorating. Ready to spread some Christmas joy? Sign up on the volunteer sheet in the Narthex! Together, let's make this a sweet and unforgettable Christmas celebration for our community!

🚲 Calling All Shoppers– Let's Spread Some Christmas Joy! 🎄

Help make a child's Christmas extra special! Join us on Black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving) at the Inverness Walmart as we shop for bikes and helmets for children in need through the Red Socks Program. Let's turn great deals into big smiles! Contact Candy Lott for more information: 352-697-0878

📣 Voters' Assembly Meeting

Your voice matters at Faith Lutheran Church! Please join us on Sunday, December 13, immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service, in the Fellowship Hall for our Voters' Assembly Meeting. Interested in serving our church family in an elected leadership position? Please contact Vicki Mueller for more information. We encourage everyone to attend and be part of shaping the future of our church!

💜 Small change, BIG blessings! – LWML Mite Box ✝️

Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) now has a permanent Mite Box in the narthex! Instead of collecting mites only on the third Sunday, you can now contribute your spare change anytime! Every penny, nickel, dime, and quarter helps support meaningful mission work. This year, LWML delegates voted on the distribution of $110,000 in mites for 2026! Want to join in? Pick up a small cardboard Mite Box to keep at home or in your car, and watch how your spare change can make a big difference!

🌸 Help Our Church Bloom 🌷

We are looking for a willing heart to lead our Flower Ministry! Help bring beauty and joy to our sanctuary by coordinating our church flowers throughout the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve and share your gifts with our Faith family!
Interested in helping? Please see Pastor Galligar for more information.

Answer the call to serve – Join the Altar Guild! ✝️

Our Altar Guild is looking for new members and leaders! This meaningful ministry helps prepare God's house for worship and offers a beautiful opportunity to serve the Lord and our Faith family. Whether you're ready to lead or simply lend a helping hand, there's a place for you! Interested in serving? Please see Ann Panas for more information or to sign up!

This month's mission offering – Jericho Road Ministries

This month, we are blessed to support Jericho Road Ministries in Brooksville! With a mission to *"love our neighbors who are experiencing overwhelming life circumstances,"* this ministry provides hope and healing through transitional recovery housing, food assistance, recovery programs, and thrift stores. Together, let's share God's love and help transform lives, one act of kindness at a time!

💌 2027 Giving envelopes are now available!

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of Faith Lutheran Church and its ministries! Your 2027 offering envelopes are ready for pickup in the narthex. Please look for your box, labeled with your name and envelope number.
Don't see your box? If you need envelopes or would like to begin using them in 2027, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table or contact Mike Feltner at (812) 371-2352. Give online? You will still receive a box containing special offering envelopes for flowers, celebrations, recognitions, and

other designated gifts. Thank you for your faithful giving! Together, we look forward to another year of sharing God's blessings and growing His kingdom!

🎬 The Chosen is coming back! ✝️

Get ready for more faith, fellowship, and inspiration! The Chosen spinoff returns with exciting new episodes and engaging group Bible studies throughout January and February! Join your Faith family as we explore Scripture, grow together in faith, and share meaningful conversations. Multiple dates will be available! Please contact Barb Feltner for more information or to sign up. All are welcome!



Ladies of Faith Christmas Luncheon

A Joyful Celebration of Friendship and Faith | Saturday, December 5, 2026 12:00 PM

The Ladies of Faith warmly invite you to join them for a festive Christmas luncheon filled with delicious food, laughter, and the joy of the season! Everyone is welcome! Bring your spouse, invite a friend, or gather your family members as we celebrate the blessings of friendship and fellowship together at Olive Garden! Join in the holiday fun with their Christmas Ornament Exchange! Please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament valued at $10 or less if you wish to participate in the ornament exchange. The luncheon menu and sign-up sheet are posted in the Narthex. Please note that all lunches must be prepaid. Make checks payable to Ladies of Faith and place your completed registration and payment in the purple mite box in the Narthex. We can't wait to celebrate this beautiful Christmas season with you!

SAVE THE DATE! Faith Lutheran Church German dinner fundraiser

Friday, January 15, 2027 | 5:00 PM

Guten Tag! Get ready for an evening filled with delicious German cuisine, lively music, laughter, and wonderful fellowship! The Faith Lutheran Church Trustee Board invites you to its FIRST fundraising event — a traditional German Dinner! Come enjoy a festive evening celebrating German food and traditions while supporting the important work of our Trustee Board. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! This special evening is open to our entire Faith Lutheran family and the community. Tickets are $18 per person. To reserve your seat, please make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church, with "*German Dinner*" written on the memo line. Payments may be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or brought in to the church office. You may contact the church office with questions.



From	November 23rd, 2026	Through	November 29th, 2026

Day	Time	Event	Location
Monday	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Bible Breakfast- Daniel 1- The Wisdom of Daniel	Papa J's Diner
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Service (& pie afterwards)	Sanctuary-Fellowship Hall
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship Communion Service	Sanctuary
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship Communion Service	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Children's Sunday School	Fellowship Hall-Classrooms

Weekly Notes and Schedule Changes

There will be no communion classes this week.
There will be no ukulele practice for the remainder of the month.
There will be no Bible study in the Fellowship Hall until the first week in December.
There will be no Stitch N' Tie this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



Week of	November 9th, 2026 (Week 45)	Reporting through	November 15th, 2026

Gathered in Worship		Giving at Faith	
Service	**Attendance**	**Weekly giving**	**Amount**
Saturday	40	Offerings received	$4,493
Sunday	80	Ministry goal	$5,000
Total Worship	120	**Over / (under) goal**	(507)
Sunday School	7	**THANK YOU!**	
"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1 · KJV		Scan QR code to give online. Questions? Mike Feltner mike@faithlecanto.org (812) 371-2352	

Celebrating Together

Happy Birthday		Wedding Anniversary	
Date	**Name**	**Date**	**Couple**
Nov. 27th	Lete Connelly	Nov. 24th	Ray & Naning Bangel
Nov. 28th	Linda Koch	Nov. 28th	Danny & Kathy Walker

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
Psalm 133:1 · KJV

Flowers Given Today

In honor of	35 years of love and devotion- Pastor Galligar and his beautiful wife Gina

To dedicate altar flowers, please sign up in the flower book in the Narthex.



FAITH STARTS AT HOME! This Week's Family Faith Challenge:
The Joy of Giving!

THE BIG QUESTION: Do we give because we HAVE to, or because we WANT to share God's love? This week, gather your family for a fun activity that reminds us that everything we have is a blessing from God! The three gifts challenge: Grab three slips of paper and write one of these words on each: FAMILY, KINDNESS, and FAITH. Fold them up, place them in a bowl, and take turns drawing one!

- 🏠 FAMILY: Name one way God has blessed your family this week.
- 💛 KINDNESS: Think of something you can give someone that doesn't cost money. A hug? A helping hand? Your time?
- ✝️ FAITH: Share one way you can help someone experience God's love this week.

YOUR FAMILY MISSION: Choose ONE act of generosity to complete together this week. Make a card, help a neighbor, donate something, or pray for someone in need! TALK ABOUT IT! If God already gives us everything we need, why do you think He loves it when we share with others? Remember: Giving isn't about what we HAVE to do. It's about what God has blessed us with the JOY of doing! ❤️‍🩹 **Little hands, big hearts, and God's love in action!**



Faith Starts at Home!

The Joy of Giving!

A Family Faith Activity

We give not because we HAVE to, but because God has blessed us and invites us to share His love with others!

The Three Gifts Challenge

With your family, write these three words on slips of paper, fold them up, and place them in a bowl. Take turns drawing one and answer the question together!

FAMILY — Name one way God has blessed your family this week.

KINDNESS — Think of something you can give someone that doesn't cost money. A hug? A helping hand? Your time?

FAITH — Share one way you can help someone experience God's love this week.

Our Family Mission!

Choose ONE act of generosity to complete together this week. Check it off when you've done it!

- ☐ Make a card or note of encouragement for someone.
- ☐ Help a neighbor (yard work, a small chore, or a kind favor).
- ☐ Donate an item (food, clothing, or a needed household item).
- ☐ Spend time with someone who might be lonely.
- ☐ Pray together for someone in need.
- ☐ Our own idea: _____

Talk About It!

If God already gives us everything we need, why do you think He loves it when we share with others?

I'm Thankful for...

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"God loves a cheerful giver."
— 2 Corinthians 9:7