



FAITH

Lutheran Church

a heart from God, a heart for others, a place for you

Current Sermon Series

**25,550
COUNTING
THE
DAYS**

*Training Days, Gotta Run
Exodus 3:1-22*



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It is our honor at Faith Lutheran Church to welcome all who join with us for worship. It is our prayer that the Lord would richly bless our worship together. If you are looking for a church home in the Lecanto area, we invite you to speak to our Pastor regarding membership at Faith Lutheran Church.

✝ Divine Worship Service Two ✝ p. 167ff.

OPENING HYMN O God Our Help in Ages Past #733

(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

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,

C: lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

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

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

P: Blessèd be the LORD!

C: 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.

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

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



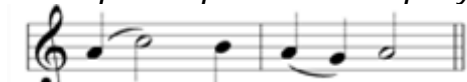
Lord, have mer - cy.

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.*



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.*



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.*



A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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




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,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: *The Lord be with you.*



And al - so with you.

P: *Let us pray.*

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 3:1–22

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress

them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.'" And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.' But I know that the

king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC When Morning Gilds the Skies

Jean & Lynn Dubose

EPISTLE

Acts 7:23-29

“When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand. And on the following day he appeared to them as they were quarreling and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers. Why do you wrong each other?’ But the man who was wronging his neighbor thrust him aside, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’ At this retort Moses fled and became an exile in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons..

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

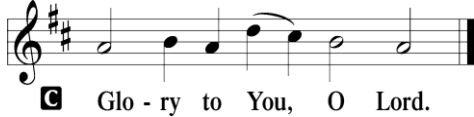


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-13

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



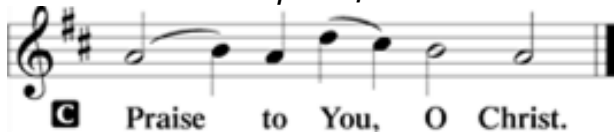
Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of

Man is raised from the dead." And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN | Leave All Things to God's Direction #719

SERMON

Training Days Gotta Run

(please stand)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

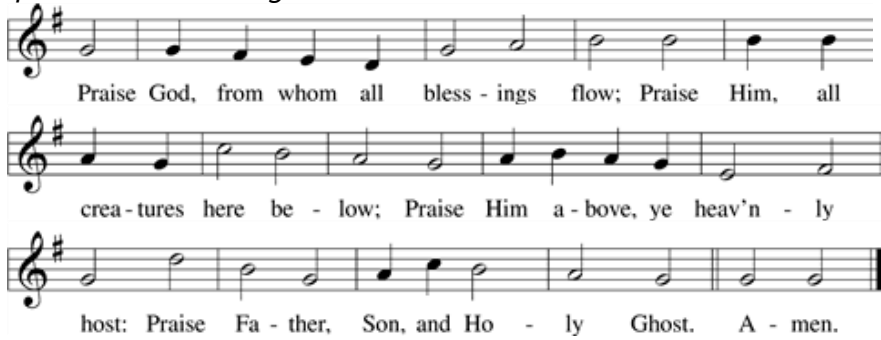
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

(please rise and sing)



Musical notation for the Gathering of Offerings, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, 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, by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE 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.



(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN To God Be the Glory L.U.Y.H. pg. 44

IN SERVICE THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

USHERS

6:00 p.m. Kurt Schmelz

9:30 a.m. Carla Nicklas
Chuck Davey
Nancy Griffin
Judy Hill

ELDERS

6:00 p.m. Lete Connelly

9:30 a.m. Don Mueller

LAY READERS

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. Dave Holzgart

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

ALTAR GUILD

Carolyn Arias

Ann Panas

ATTENDANCE 08/31=35 09/01=66 Total=101

Altar Flowers

Given By: Don & Vickie Mueller for their Anniversary

Happy Anniversary

Robert & Shirley Robinson

Don & Vickie Mueller

HELLO MY NAME IS: With many of our friends returning from summer homes in the weeks ahead, we will return to the use of name tags. Please be sure to WEAR your name tag at each service, and return it to the basket on your way out. This will help us all do better at remembering names, and welcoming guests. There is also space on the team to help scan in the tags and replace them following worship each weekend as well. Please sign up at the **NAME TAG** station, or check in with Nita Hass .

SERVING IN GOD'S MISSION: an important, churchwide bible study

*** Begins September 22nd ***

All members and friends of Faith are strongly encouraged to attend the Serving in God's Mission study being offered by the Church Council and Mission/Vision Team.

This 9-week study is an important lead-in to the workshop that will be held in January 2025. All those who will attend the workshop in January, should plan to participate in the Serving in God's Mission study beginning soon. The study will be led by a member of the Mission/Vision Team with Pastor Galligar as a co-leader.

The study will take place on Sundays (beginning on 9/22) at 11 a.m. and on Tuesdays (beginning 9/24) at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to attend this important study but are unable to meet on Sundays or Tuesdays, the team is willing to host a third session on Saturdays (beginning on 9/28) at 4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, but only as a last resort.

Please email Pastor Galligar pastor.galligar@faithlecanto.org by September 15, 2024 if you are unable to attend Sundays or Tuesdays, but would be willing to attend on Saturdays.

LADIES OF FAITH, FIRST FALL MEETING - September 9, 2024, Monday at 1:00pm, Fellowship Hall. **Who is a lady of faith?** Any woman who attends Faith Lutheran Church. You do not need to be a member of Faith. **What happens at the meetings?** You will experience

a time of belonging and fellowship. There will be a devotion, maybe a speaker. There is a business meeting where we discuss upcoming projects, & how we will serve members of the community and Faith Lutheran. Ladies of Faith is also an extension of LWML. Of course we will also have snacks! Come to this first meeting. Taste and see. Ladies of Faith welcomes you.

EVENTS COMING UP THIS WEEK

September 8th – September 15th

Monday	8:30 A.M.	Men of Faith Monday Papa J's Diner
	1:00 P.M.	Ladies of Faith
Tuesday	1:30 P.M.	Bible Study (<u><i>My Life, His Purpose</i></u>)
Thursday	10:00 A.M.	Elders
Friday	9:00 A.M.	Stitch & Tie
Saturday	6:00 P.M.	HC Worship
Sunday	9:30 A.M.	HC Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Bible Class (<u><i>My Life, His Purpose</i></u>)

BIBLE STUDY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL EACH WEEK

11:00 AM	Sunday morning	<u><i>My Life, His Purpose</i></u>
1:30 PM	Tuesday afternoon	<u><i>My Life, His Purpose</i></u>

***** FINAL SESSION – MISSED IT BUT WANT THE NOTES? *****

My Life, His Purpose If you have been unable to join us, but would appreciate the opportunity to follow through with this study, send Pastor an email pastor.galligar@faithlecano.org and he can send you the entire study (God's Trustees: Managing All of Life and Life's Resources for God's Purposes!) as an attachment, via email. If you would prefer, check in at the church office during the week, and Kevin can print out a copy of the bible study for you and your household to take with you.

Stewardship Moment: To God Be the Glory! The day will come when our lives will be filled with ceaseless praise for God as we stand before His throne in eternity. Our present stewardship is a foretaste of our glorifying God forever in heaven. Practicing in this life that which will be perfected in the next.

Verses for the week: *1 Peter 4:7-11, John 12:49-50, Galatians 5:13-15, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Colossians 1:9-14*

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Please contact an Usher.

HOSPITALIZED OR NEED A VISIT? Contact Pastor Galligar (812) 350-7820 or contact your elder. If you're not sure who your elder is, call the church office 527-3325. Office hours are 9-12 Monday – Friday

NOTES FROM PASTOR GALLIGAR

25,550 COUNTING THE DAYS, is the series we begin this weekend. Through this series we will look at the life of a Christian through the lens that comes to us from Moses, specifically through the psalm he was inspired to write, Psalm 90. "*...the years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty...*" Moses, the great man of God, reminds us that our days are numbered, and that each one is a gift to be used for His purposes. This weekend we begin with a look at one of the starting points of Moses' ministry. A place that seems like a harsh start up indeed. **Training Days, Gotta Run**, finds us catching up with Moses at a place where he believed connections with his tribe would be strong.

- ✠ When have you made assumptions about others and found yourself missing the mark?
- ✠ Have the targets you set out to reach, always taken into account the purposes of God before you put them in place?
- ✠ In hindsight, isn't it always easier to see Him working, "all things together for good?" How can we switch our view from rearview mirror, Monday morning quarterbacking, or wistful thinking, to a

forward-thinking mindset that allows for the same promise to unfold?

FAITH CHATS – OPEN NOW – Are you one of those with questions about the doctrine and practice of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod? Curious about the tenants of our faith and why we do some of the things we do here at Faith? All are welcome to worship with us. If you do have these questions and would like to know more about becoming a member of the church, connect with Pastor Galligar to schedule a FAITH CHAT. Together we will walk through the doctrine and practices of our church & Martin Luther’s Small Catechism. We will answer any other questions you might have. Pastor is always available following worship, or can be easily contacted at pastor.galligar@faithlecanto.com or 812-350-7820 (cell)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✝ LORD, we confess that we have days behind us that have not been used for Your purposes, for Your glory, or for the good of others. We have wasted days in vain and trivial pursuits that have done nothing to advance Your kingdom or glorify Your name. Forgive us O LORD, and renew a right spirit within us, that we might gain hearts of wisdom and number our days aright.
- ✝ We lift up prayers for healing for all those suffering from any ailment, body, mind, or spirit, especially hear our prayers for: Dee Kavouras, Bill Engelbrecht, Sandy Cooper, Ray Bangel, Sally Moore, Nita Hass, Phyllis Jodis, Ron Pless, Aaron Cote, Sandra Benner, Elaine Davis, Todd Moothart, Gina Galligar, Don Jones, Gia Shultz, Elsie Cougias, Henry & Rose Detlefs, Connie Weiss, Margie Budd, Doug Deuchler, Patrick Daley, Ron Borchart, Drake Daggett, Katie Arias, Patricia Ulvund, Andy Lahera.
- ✝ Lead us to trust in You, O Lord with our whole hearts. And open these hearts of ours to worship You with joyful abandon.
- ✝ We pray for the leaders of our nation, and for all those suffering in the nation of Israel.
- ✝ Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful here at Faith Lutheran Church and in this Lecanto community. Open our hearts to find space to serve You with joy and love. Lead us to follow always where You go, Lord Jesus, with You, and You only as our guide. Bind our hearts and minds together as one on this path of discovering Your mission and vision for Your church.

PRAYER REQUESTS: You may always use the Yellow cards in the pews to submit a prayer request. These can be public or private. You may also send in prayer requests directly to the prayer chain via email to prayer@faithlecanto.org.

25,550 COUNTING THE DAYS – this series is drawn from Psalm 90, A Prayer of Moses, the Man of God. Specifically drawing from verse 10 – the years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty... We call upon the Lord to establish the work of our hands. Moses helps us in his heart cry to the God who walked with him all of his days, reminding us how precious are the number of days He has given to each of us, and how important the work that He has called each of us to accomplish in those days. The way in which we number those days, and accomplish His work, will make all the difference.

<u>TOTAL DAYS</u>	<u>EVENT TIMELINES</u>
-280	280 days before we meet our parents.
20	20 days before baptism
185	185 days before we eat solid food
1,460	730 days of pre-school (3-4 yrs old)
4,015	2,190 days of elementary school (k-6)
4,745	730 days of middle school (7-8)
6,205	1,460 days of high school (9-12)
24,090	8,925 days of work (35 years/5-day weeks)
<u>25,550</u>	<u>1,460 days of retirement (66-70 years old)</u>
29,200	3,650 days if we have the strength (71-80)

The above numbered days come by for most of us. Some of us are already beyond that *"even if we have the strength"* number. Some of us may look at those numbers and feel (?) Joy, satisfaction, comfort, peace, anxiety, sorrow, grief, discomfort, stress, loss, or many other things.

Whatever the days that have gone by lead us to feel, today, we woke up and it is a brand-new day, another *"day that the Lord has made"* for us to *"rejoice and be glad in it!"*

What days are you counting as you look forward?

100 days until we celebrate Jesus' birth.

___ days until I see my family again.

___ days until my next anniversary.

___ days until my birthday.

___ days until I celebrate with my friends.

___ days before New Year's Day.

___ days until Ash Wednesday.

___ days in which I can share the love of Christ.

___ days straight I have used to praise and thank God.

___ days until worship.

___ days until rehab is over.

___ days of chemo/radiation/treatment.

___ days until doctor releases me.

___ days until my house sells.

___ days of sunshine.

___ days before I plant the garden.

___ days I have lived after being told I would not.

___ days of weeping over the loss of a loved one.

___ days of joy in the Lord.

___ days until Black Friday/Cyber Monday/Tax holiday.

___ days in which I can give thanks to God for His blessings.

___ days straight I have used my words to lift others up.

While you are counting always remember that today is the best day to do the right thing, because tomorrow may be too late. Wondering what the "right thing" is? If you are reading this, you have made a good start.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children: We are very happy that you are here today! At Faith, we want you to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome here!
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can see all that is happening near the altar, note the colors, hear the music, watch the pastor, see the candles, pay attention to the letters and images on the altar, pulpit and font, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts; *Amen! Lord, have mercy! Our Father...! I believe...!* All of that belongs to them, too!
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. The kids learn by following our example.
- If you or your child must leave, please hurry back. We want your children here so much that we hope the quiet room will only have to be used on special occasions. Like Jesus, we want your kids in worship, not out.
- If you need a little help, just let us know. There are lots of folks who would love to lend you a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "***Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.***" ([Luke 18:16](#)) We know that you are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.



WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH!

