



# A Season of Hope

All Those Gathered Agree  
January 11-12, 2025



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Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We pray that God will richly bless our worship together. Florida residents, travelers, and friends are all welcomed as family. Visitors, please take a moment to complete the yellow card in the pew. This will help us know how best we might serve you. 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.

## INSTALLATION OF SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP      "Journey of the Kings"      Bells

OPENING HYMN      How Firm a Foundation      LSB 728

*(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: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,*

**C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

*P: I will tell of the decree:*

**C: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

*P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,*

**C: and the ends of the earth your possession.**

*P: You shall break them with a rod of iron*

**C: and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

*P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;*

**C: be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

*P: Serve the LORD with fear,*

**C: and rejoice with trembling,**

*P: for his wrath is quickly kindled.*

**C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

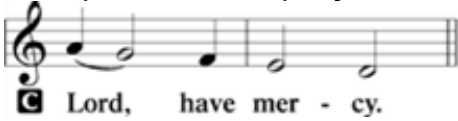
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**C: my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

## **KYRIE**

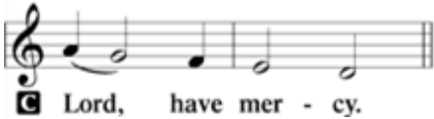
*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



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



*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.*



*P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*



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



## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

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

Musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis, consisting of ten staves with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: 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.

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## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: *The Lord be with you.*



☐ And al - so with you.

P: *Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever*



☐ A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT

### Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

**EPISTLE**

**Romans 6:1–11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22

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



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

*(please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN

Living Water

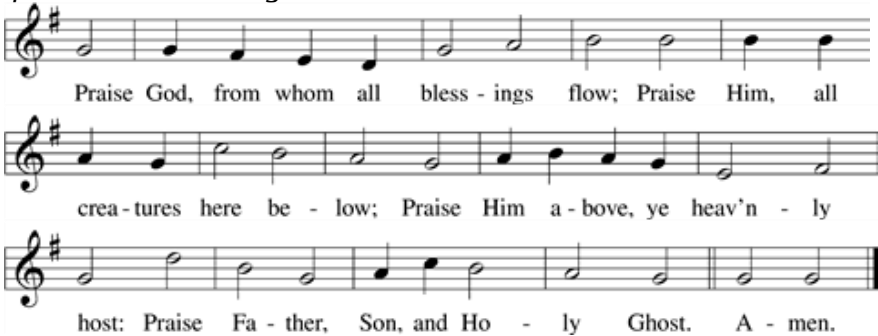
Gina Galligar

### SERMON

All Those Gathered Agree

## GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

*(please rise and sing)*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## 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;



## IN SERVICE THIS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

### USHERS

5:00 p.m. Steve Schick  
Melisa Climer  
9:30 a.m. Carla Nicklas  
Nancy Griffin, Don McNeil  
Judy Hill

### ELDERS

5:00 p.m. Lete Connelly  
9:30 a.m. Don McNeil

### LAY READERS

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Gina Galligar  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Carol Wygle

### ALTAR GUILD

Alena Fakhari  
Carolyn Arias

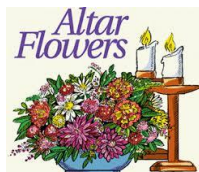
Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday	45	Sunday	75	Total	120
Offerings Last Weekend:					\$ 7,090
Budgeted Weekly:					\$ 6,051
Offerings Year to Date:					\$ 7,090
Budget Year to Date:					\$ 6,051



Ann Panas

*Happy Anniversary*

Lynn & Jean DuBose



Given By: John Belcher for God's Blessings for the New Year



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## January 13<sup>th</sup> Through January 19<sup>th</sup>

Monday	9:00 A.M.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	1:00 P.M.	Ladies of Faith
Tuesday	1:30 P.M.	Mission Workshop
	2:00 P.M.	Bells
Thursday	10:00 A.M.	Elders (Special Presentation from Sheriff's Office)
	3:00 P.M.	Choir
Friday	2:00 P.M.	Euchre
Saturday	6:00 P.M.	HC Worship
Sunday	9:30 A.M.	HC Worship
	11:00 A.M.	Bible Class





"All men are invited to our monthly Prayer Breakfast, held Monday in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m."

Ladies, please join us for our first Ladies of Faith Meeting of the New Year, January 13, 2025@ 1:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome and encouraged to attend! We will be discussing important business, fundraising, and our new congregational president, Don McNeil will be speaking to us about his goals for the congregation. You don't want to miss this meeting. As always, there will be friendship and food! Please contact Gina Galligar at 812-350-7820 with questions.

Trinity Lutheran in Summerfield will be hosting a Women's Retreat February 1, 2025. They will be studying "Chosen" a Study of Ester from 9:00am-3:00pm in the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 17330 US Highway 441 Summerfield, FL 34491. The cost is \$20 per person. Please contact Gina Galligar for more information. Info will also be presented at the LOF Meeting.



**HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED  
THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE**

Dale Schluckbier	Sandy Lawrence
Fred Crogle	Maxine Crogle

**RECOGNIZING AND REAFFIRMING  
THOSE WHO ARE CONTINUING TO SERVE**

Melissa Climer	Kathy Blondell	Joanne Fetzer
Gary Wygle	Carol Wygle	Linda Holthaus
Ann Panas	Gloria Schultz	Alan Benner
Lete Connelly	Charlie Cox	Don Mueller
Dennis Gorman	Bill Moeller	John Belcher
Moe Fakhari	Steve Fetzer	John Lehmann

**INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED SERVANTS  
OF THE CONGREGATION**

Don McNeil	David Hanny	Sally Moore
Vicki Mueller	Matthew Richardson	
Michael Haynes	Susan Schmidt	

**RECOGNITION OF ALL OTHERS WHO SERVE  
THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY IN ANY WAY**

Altar Guild	Stitch n' Tie Crew	Ladies of Faith
Chancel Choir	Bell Choir	Ukulele Crew
Lighting Crew	Usher Teams	Greeters
Outreach Team	Worship Team	Count Team
Lector Team	Hospitality Team	Vacation Bible
	Security	School Team

**"I LOVE THIS PLACE! HOW CAN I BECOME A MEMBER?"** FAITH CHATS are the process we use to bring friends into membership at Faith. A personal Faith Chat can be scheduled at your convenience. These chats are a time to share information, learn more about Faith, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and our doctrine and practices. They also provide a way for us to discover how we may best serve you.

For those interested in becoming members of Faith, please contact Pastor Galligar, or connect with one of our Elders, ushers, or greeters at the Welcome Station and we can get the process started. Pastor is always available following worship, or can be easily contacted at [pastor.galligar@faithlecanto.com](mailto:pastor.galligar@faithlecanto.com) or 812-350-7820 (cell)

**Stewardship Moment:** *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases."* Psalm 103:8. As the church continues its work on discerning God's goals for us this year, it is helpful for us to make our own goals for 2025. The budget we passed included offerings of \$6,063 / week to fund the mission at Faith. This is a number for which there is a space on the take home portion of the pledge cards we filled out in November.



The Vanco App is a simple way to manage your giving in support of the mission and ministry of Faith. Use the QR code to connect to the app. For some, this is an easy way to simplify first fruits giving.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT LOVE  
WAS SHAPED LIKE A ♥ BUT  
IT'S ACTUALLY LIKE A



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## NOTES FROM PASTOR GALLIGAR

- ❖ Church Council members who are not continuing on the council, will be honored in worship this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. We will host a cake and coffee reception for them in the fellowship hall following worship.
- ❖ Newly elected officers of the congregation as well as those remaining in their roles, will be commissioned in worship this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am service. They will also be celebrated at the reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
- ❖ Looking for a way to get “plugged in”? Contact Pastor Galligar, Vicki Mueller, our Church Coordinator, or any member of the Church Council. We can all help you find a way to use your gifts.
- ❖ Special thanks to our Trustees, the Altar Guild, and all the others that helped decorate our church for Advent and Christmas. They did a marvelous job making this House of the Lord, beautiful.

**A SEASON OF HOPE: ALL THOSE GATHERED AGREE** – is the message for this weekend. Imagine for a moment, if you had been present at the baptism of Jesus. And standing with the crowds on the banks of the river, Jordan, you were one who saw and heard all that transpires as recorded in our gospel lesson today. What more would be needed for you to agree with the one standing next to you, that Jesus is the Son of God? The simple truth is, we have heard this same message directly from God, just as if we were standing there on the banks of the river. And the Holy Spirit shares this with us through the divinely inspired scriptures in the pages of our bible.

- ❖ Knowing the truth of our salvation, having come to understand that Jesus died so that we might live forever with Him in heaven, how can we be **BOLDER** in telling this story?
- ❖ How can we keep the “awe” of God alive in our hearts, as we seek to follow Him towards building consensus that Jesus has come for ALL people?

## PRAYER PAGE

✚ Father God, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus public ministry. John pointed all he connected with to the Savior, he knew was coming. Lord Jesus Christ, You send us to prepare people for Your return at the last day. Let the Holy Spirit that fills our hearts, make us bold in our declarations of faith. Lead us forth with a spirit of power and love and self-control, so that all who know us, will see You in us, and will be drawn towards faith.

✚ Division and strife are not a part of Your plan for us O God, rather they are a tool of the enemy who seeks to divide and destroy Your church. Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, lead us, Your flock at Faith, to ever greater unity, building consensus among us as we seek after You with our whole hearts.

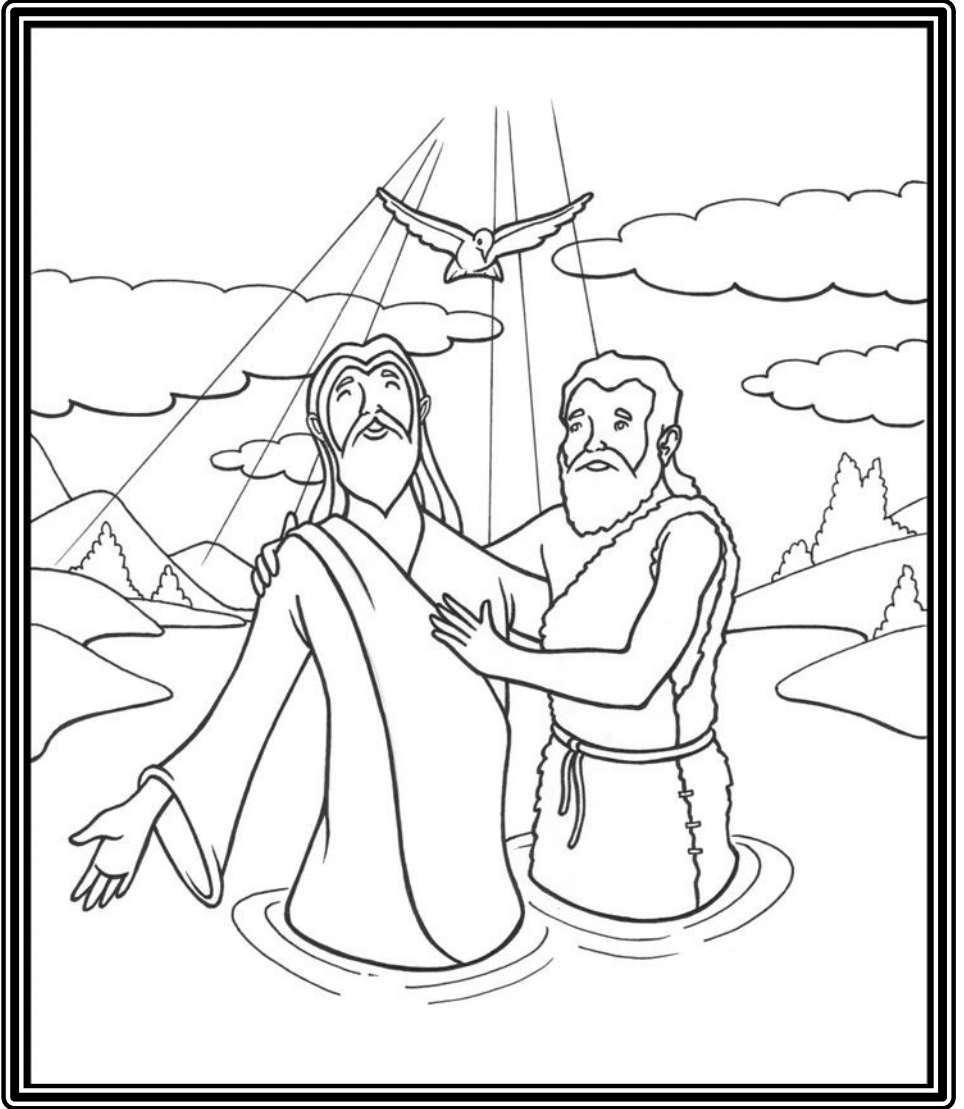
✚ Prayer list: **Health concerns:** Barry Stern, Debbie Zilm, Kim Malave, Barbara Schenk, George Scalzi, Teagen Stevenson, Betty Sundbo, Dee Kavouras, Bill Engelbrecht, Sandy Cooper, Sally Moore, Nita Hass, Phyllis Jodis, Ron Pless, Aaron Cote, Todd Moothart, Don Jones, Gia Shultz, Henry & Rose Detlefs, Connie Weiss, Margie Budd, Doug Deuchler, Patrick Daley, Ron Borchardt, Drake Daggett, Katie Arias, Patricia Ulvund.

✚ Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace, we join our prayers with the faithful around the world. We pray for Your kingdom to come, Your will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Help us to see Your goodness in others, experience Your goodness in our own lives, and share Your love as we pray for Your peace.

✚ We praise You Lord for the faithful servants You have called to serve at Your Church. We thank You, for the good works accomplished by all those who have completed their service in elected positions. We pray for those newly elected individuals, beginning their terms of service, alongside those who are continuing. Let all we do, bring You the glory and honor that is Your due, as we serve the 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](mailto:prayer@faithlecanto.org).

*"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Luke 3:21,22*



Join the Sunday School Team which will be meeting soon.  
Connect with Pastor Galligar for dates and times of volunteer meetings.

## WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN:

We are so 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.
- 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!**



**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - A SEASON OF HOPE** is the bible study series that will continue through March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This 9-week study is designed to help us see the path and the plan of the Father as it works itself out over the course of Jesus' life. Each week we will look into how that plan continues to unfold itself, within the Gospel narrative. From the beginning, in the Garden of Eden, immediately following the Fall into sin, God began revealing His plan of salvation. As time stretched out, through His relationship with His people, God shared more and more about how things would look and how things would go. This "*Season of Hope*" helps us grow more intimately aware of how He has connected all things in Christ Jesus. Reading through the lessons prior to bible study each week, will enrich our discussions.

- **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> January**                      **All Those Gathered Agree**  
Isaiah 43:1-7                      Romans 6:1-11                      Luke 3:15-22
- **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January**                      **Mission Matters**  
Isaiah 62:1-5                      1 Corinthians 12:1-11                      John 2:1-11
- **25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January**                      **God's Character Defined**  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10                      1 Corinthians 12:12-31a                      Luke 4:16-30
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February**                      **The Father's Purpose Revealed**  
1 Samuel 1:21-28                      Hebrews 2:14-18                      Luke 2:22-40
- **8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> February**                      **Mission Impossible**  
Isaiah 6:1-8                      1 Corinthians 14:12b-20                      Luke 5:1-11
- **15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> February**                      **A Glimpse Beyond**  
Jeremiah 17:5-8                      1 Corinthians 15:12-20                      Luke 6:17-26
- **22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February**                      **God's Love is My Strength**  
Genesis 45:3-15                      1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42                      Luke 6:27-38
- **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> March**                      **The Goal All Along**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12                      Hebrews 3:1-6                      Luke 9:28-36

