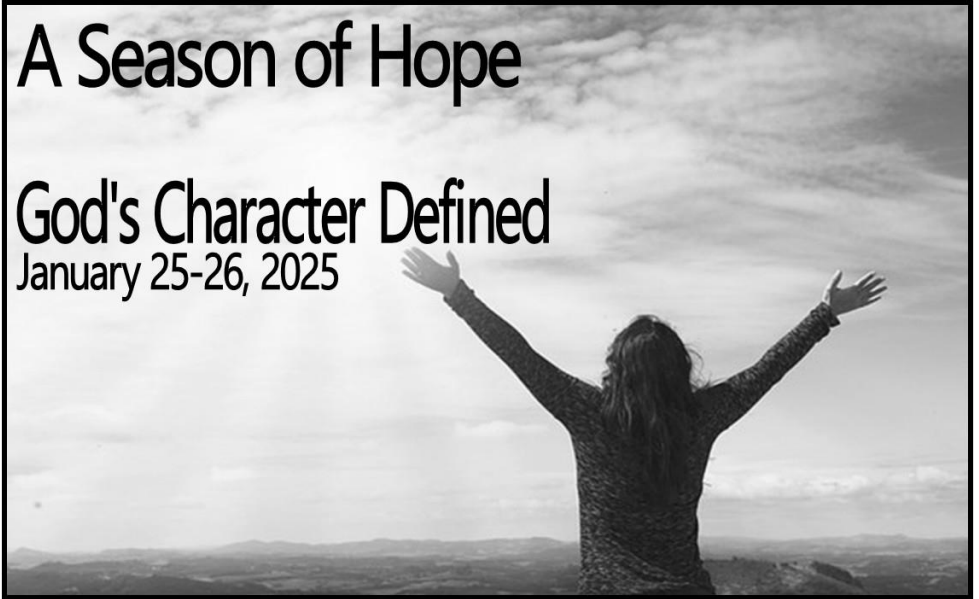




A Season of Hope

God's Character Defined

January 25-26, 2025



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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 Three** ✠ p. 184ff.

OPENING HYMN Come, Thou Almighty King #905

(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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord ✠

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for

His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD



INTROIT.

P: You will arise and have pity on Zion;

C: it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

P: Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

C: so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:

P: that he looked down from his holy height;

C: from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,

P: to hear the groans of the prisoners,

C: to set free those who were doomed to die,

P: that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,

C: and in Jerusalem his praise,


P: when peoples gather together,
C: and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

P: You will arise and have pity on Zion;
C: it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;




as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE




C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS




P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The LORD be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ A - men.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Day by Day

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all

interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter



And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three

years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, 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.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

(please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional Spiritual

$\text{♩} = 105$

1. He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the
2. He's got wind and the rain in His hands, He's got wind
3. He's got the tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the
4. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands, He's got - t

whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world
and the rain in His hands, He's got wind and the rain
tiny little baby in His hands, He's got the tiny little baby
you and me, brother, in His hands, He's got you and me, brother,

in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
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SERMON

God's Character Defined

OFFERTORY

(please stand & sing)



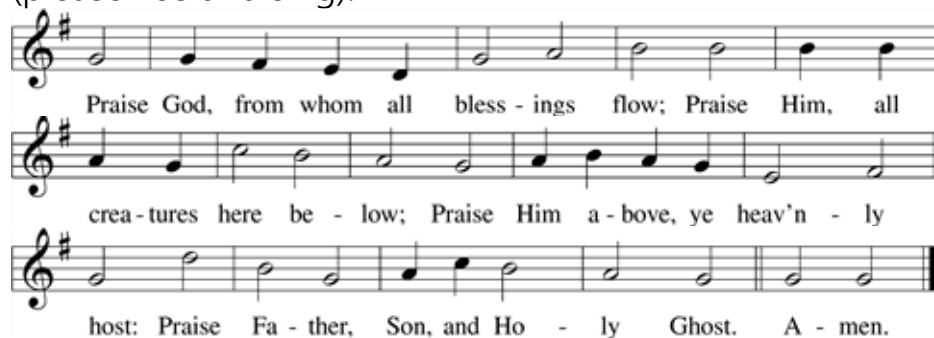
C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

(please be seated)

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

(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

C: Hear Our Prayer



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.



■ A - men.

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.*



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING HYMN

Hail The Power of Jesus Name

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. Matt Richardson
9:30 a.m. Charlie Cox

LAY READERS

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Candy Lott
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Ray Bangel

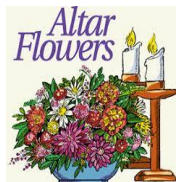
ALTAR GUILD

Alena Fakhari
Carolyn Arias

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 42	Sunday 61	Total 103
Offerings Last Weekend:		\$ 4,284
Budgeted Weekly:		\$ 6,051
Offerings Year to Date:		\$ 19,463
Budget Year to Date:		\$ 18,153



Judy Moore



Given By: Kurt & Joanne Johnson 65th Wedding Anniversary
Ed & Lois Stern 59th Wedding Anniversary

January 27th Through February 2nd

Monday	8:30 A.M.	Men of Faith Monday Papa J's Diner
Tuesday	1:30 P.M.	Strategic Planning
Wednesday	5:00 P.M.	The Chosen Study
Thursday	3:00 P.M.	Choir
Friday	2:00 P.M.	Euchre
Saturday	6:00 P.M.	HC Worship
Sunday	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M.	HC Worship Bible Class

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

“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 or 812-350-7820 (cell)



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

NOTES FROM PASTOR GALLIGAR

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Our new Education Director, Sue Schmidt will be looking for folks to be a part of the Education Team soon. Let us know you are on board and would love to help. Contact Sue Schmidt – densue.schmidt@gmail.com.

A SEASON OF HOPE: God’s Character Defined – is the message for this weekend. In Jesus’ ongoing public ministry, He heads for His hometown. At the synagogue on the Sabbath day, Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah, sharing the words that reveal the prophet’s declaration of the Messiah’s work. He closes with the statement that, “Today, this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” The character of God is revealed throughout the scriptures, and clearly hear the prophecy demonstrates that His character is one of mercy and grace.

- ❖ Throughout His ministry, Jesus demonstrates the character of God. He models for the disciples and for us what it means to be one of the Father’s children.
- ❖ How can we use this model to better follow Jesus, as He does the work of His Father?

- ❖ Where can we turn to better hone our own character into a better representation of the God who made us, the God who redeemed us, the God who sanctifies us?
- ❖ How can we continue to best remember that which is most important, while also seeking to discover His Will for our future here at Faith?



SPOTLIGHT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING: Session two -

Please keep an eye on this box each week in the bulletin. This will help you keep informed of all the good works being done at the Strategic Planning Workshops. The whole congregation has been working its way through the process that began early last year. From the survey, through analyzing the results, making decisions about how we will go forward, to the Serving in God's Mission bible study; we have been on a journey of discovery. Now we have begun the next phase in this journey, the Strategic Planning Workshops. And again, all are invited to work alongside the team. The workshops will be in the fellowship hall on Tuesdays, from 1:30 – 3:30pm.

During this second, SPW session, members learned how God provides all that we need for the work He gives us to accomplish. As a part of this, we looked at the resources God has provided for us at Faith Lutheran Church. There are many things the folks discovered that God has provided in terms of people, physical assets, programs and ministries, economic resources, and community connections.

Next, we begin to explore and discern the "core values" of our congregation. Core values are the principles that guide our internal conduct and our relationship with the external world. *"A church that effectively develops, articulates, and appropriates its core values can remain clear on what it believes about itself, and focus on what God calls it to be and do."*

You can follow the workshops online at our website, or our YouTube channel. For questions, please contact Sally Moore at sar.moore24@gmail.com, or 352-601-1911.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✝ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Your character is clearly defined throughout the scriptures and written on our hearts. As we have been created in Your image, we have also been imbued with the same character. Help us O God to walk in Your Ways, to love like You love, and to show the world through our living, the character of our God.
- ✝ Lord Jesus Christ, You announced to those in the Nazareth synagogue that day, the works that the Father had called You to accomplish. When the crowd came against You, You stood strong and unwavering in Your commitment. Give us strength to do the same in this world that seeks to lead us astray. Let us demonstrate Your love to all.
- ✝ Prayer list: **Health concerns:** Jerry Marquette, Dean Moore, Barry Stern, Debbie Zilm, Kim Malave, Barbara Schenk, George Scalzi, Teagen Stevenson, Betty Sundbo, Dee Kavouras, Bill Engelbrecht, Sandy Cooper, 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.
- ✝ Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we call on You to guide, guard, protect our nation this week and in all the weeks to come. Help us all to see in others the image You have created in them. Lead us to strive always after Your love, and Your peace in our lives and interactions with everyone. In as much as it depends on us, let there be peace.
- ✝ Guide us and guard us O Lord, as we seek to discern the core values that are important to You in our congregation. Help us discover Your desires for us in this matter, and not to find ourselves seeking our own solutions or values. Lead Jesus, our Shepherd to the path and plan that the Father has for us.

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.

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 2nd. 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.

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