# Faith Lutheran Church

We extend our whole-hearted welcome to all who worship with us, for we believe that everyone who enters our doors is God's guest.

# Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024



# Remembering the Promise

# The Preparation

#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE GATHERING

THE PRELUDE

Here I am to Worship

Chris Tomlin

# \* THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

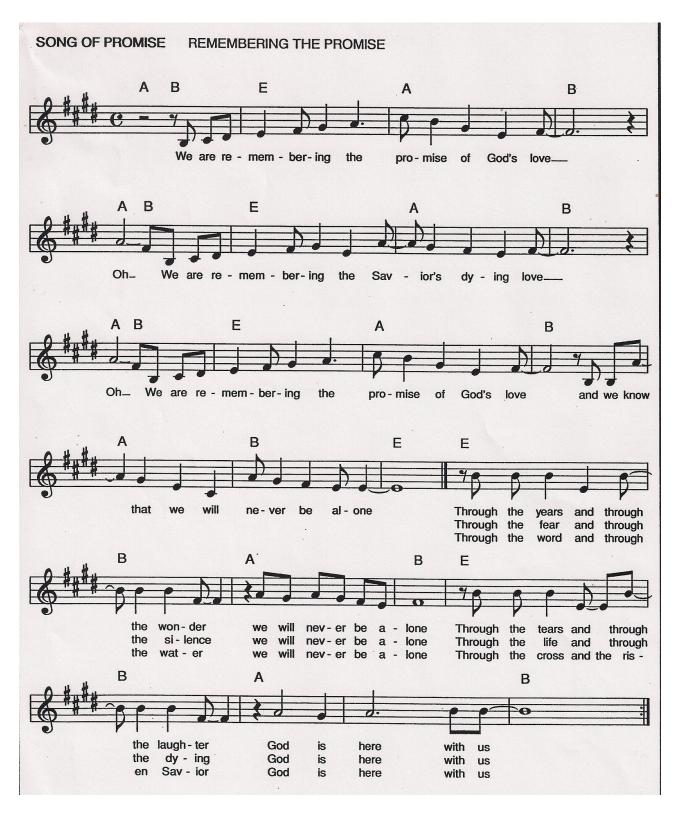
- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.
- C Amen!
- P Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Together we pray,
- C God of life, you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

P Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. C Amen.

#### \* THE ENTRANCE HYMN



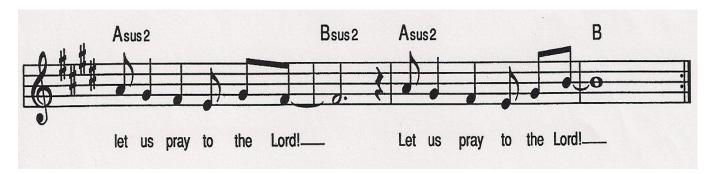
#### \* THE GREETING

- **P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



#### **Verses - Worship Leaders**

- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all. For this holy house for all who worship and praise. Refrain (all)
- That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor. That we may live out truth and justice and grace... Refrain (all)
- For peace in our hearts for peace in our homes, for friends and family. For life and for love, for our work and our play.... Refrain (all)
- For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word. That you nourish our souls with your body and blood... Refrain (all)



# \* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our

Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MUSIC MINISTRY Be Still For the Presence Of The Lord David Evans

#### THE FIRST LESSON:

2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

# THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.



# THE GOSPEL READING: C GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

# P The Gospel of the Lord. C PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

#### THE SERMON

\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY



- A Together we confess our faith,
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

- I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. *each petition concludes*...

God of grace, receive our prayer.

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# \* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

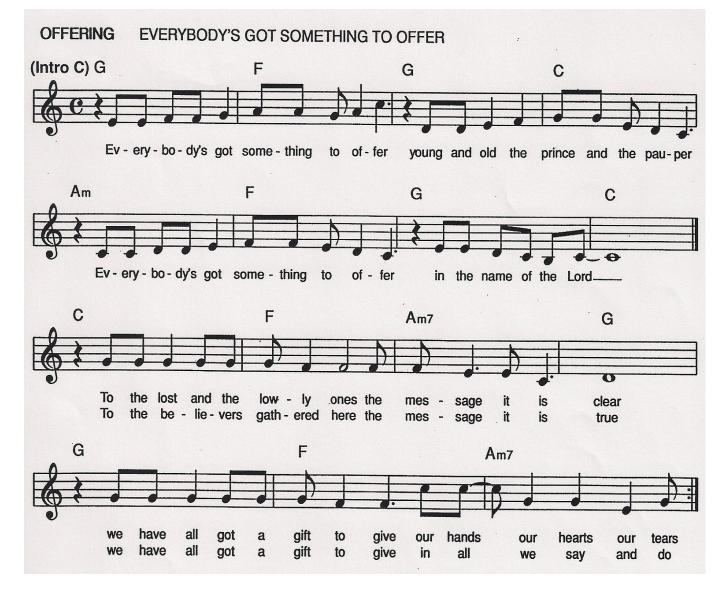
C And also with you.

## THE OFFERING (SPOKEN GREETING)

(The people of God respond to his love with their gifts.)

# THE VOLUNTARY

\* THE OFFERTORY HYMN



#### \* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Together we pray,
- C God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### \* THE PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and our duty...

#### \* THE SANCTUS

Holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

#### \* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

- A Together we pray,
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

# THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

# THE DISTRIBUTION





- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

#### \* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.** 



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



#### \* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Together we pray,
- C God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### THE SENDING

#### \* The Benediction

- P God bless you and keep you,  $\pm$  Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### \* THE SENDING HYMN



#### \* THE DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

**THE POSTLUDE** Come to the Mountain

Pamela Hughes

# Faith's Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all of you attending this morning!

# **This Morning**

You are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:30. The choir will NOT rehearse today.

#### You Are Invited

A new Bible study, based on the gospel of Mark, began last Wednesday, 3:00 pm, in the doublewide. The group will continue to meet every other Wednesday and they would love for you to join them. Next meeting is this Wednesday, so please give it a try. Just bring your Bible, no other book is necessary.

# **Ash Wednesday**

Join us this Wednesday evening at 6:00 for Ash Wednesday worship, then for all the Wednesday evenings in Lent to continue worshiping.

# **Food Pantry**

This week the food bank especially needs liquid hand soap and bars. All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

Attendance last Sunday: 48 (early) + 44 (late)

# **February Ladies Luncheon**

Ladies, we will meet at 11:30 am on Wednesday, February 21, for our February luncheon. Location is Cool Pickles in Paradise, located on Placida Road, immediately south of the Cape Haze Resort, in the Ace Hardware Plaza. We will order off the menu, with separate checks. Come enjoy the fellowship, laughter and food. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday. Questions? See or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

# Join us for Supper

We will once again be having soup suppers on Wednesdays during Lent, starting with February 21<sup>st</sup>. The supper will be at 5:00 pm, followed by mid-week Lenten worship at 6:00 pm. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those able to bring soup (in a crock pot). Dessert is also appreciated. We need 4-5 people each week to provide nourishment. There will also be a sign-up sheet to help with set up and clean up. If you are attending, please bring a place setting, bowl and sandwich (if you want one) for the meal. Sandwiches are not provided.

# Can You Help?

As we begin our Wednesday evening Lenten services, we need a few people to serve as ushers. This is a great way to serve on a one-time basis! Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

# **Special Valentines**

The Lutheran Chicks have been working on a project for Valentine's Day, and they want to share the gifts with you. In the narthex there is a basket with small envelopes, each containing a bookmark. Help yourself to one, or take one to give someone else. No cost to you but when they are gone that's all there is.

# **Need a Nametag?**

If you would like to have a nametag, or if you lost yours and need a replacement, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Your nametag will be on the ribbon next week.

#### THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Every week day morning	6:30 am	AA meets at
		church
Monday	1:00 pm	Chime Choir
	8:00 pm	AA meets at
		church
Tuesday	8:30 am	Work Crew
	9:00 am	Lutheran Chicks
	10:00 am	Council
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Ash Wed. Worship

### **WE PRAY FOR...**

Verna Newlon	Lou Taylor	Shirley Rice
Tom Jackling	John Schleede	Nancy Smith
Bruce Grosvenor	Dan Anderson	Anna Villareal
Jim Hardenstine	Jim Huahs	

# **Serving Today**

Altar Guild: Mary Lou Fitzgerald

**First Service:** 

Worship Assistant/ Lector: Kathryn Gallagher

**Usher:** Jim Hughs

## **Second Service:**

Lector/ Worship Assistant: Jim Taylor

Ushers: David & Donna Johnsen, Gene Newlon &

Kathie Wiley

# Faith Lutheran Church of Rotonda

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# We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Pastor Brian Armen, Cell (814) 248-0133

Secretary: Barbra Davis

Organist: Candace Montesi Custodian: Cyndy Hoops

# **Secretary Office Hours: 9:00 Am – Noon (M-F)**

PASTOR'S OFFICE: 10:00 – 1:00 (M-TH) AND BY APPOINTMENT

Our Guiding Principle: GOD'S GRACE WINS....
As we WORSHIP Jesus as our Lord and Savior
As we LOVE one another, welcoming everyone
As we SERVE, inspired by the Holy Spirit
As a deep FAITH is taught and caught
As we make WITNESS and MISSION our life