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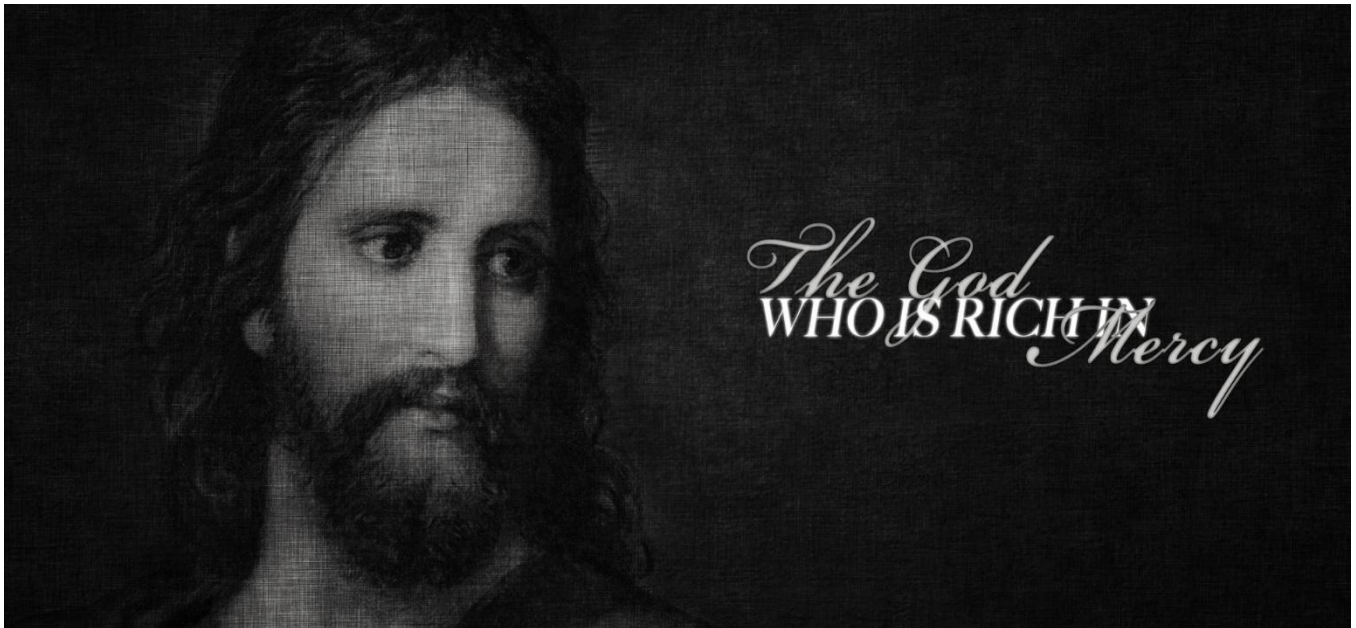
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Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6 ESV)

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2 NLT)

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given today to the glory of God!

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	2/2/2025	2/9/2025	2/16/2025	2/23/2025
8:15 Traditional	Bill Smith, Steve Buchtrup	Vinny Caracci, Ward Irvin	Greg Schaag, Tim Lambert	Steve Buchtrup, Vinny Caracci
11:00 Contemporary	Dan Gronsbell Glenn Jones	Peter Amelingmeir Russ Couch	Glenn Jones Ron Shulteiss	Peter Amelingmeir Russ Couch
Readers	2/2/2025	2/9/2025	2/16/2025	2/23/2025
8:15 Traditional	Karen Cerny	Stacy Sinatra	Andy Hartley	Brennan Lambert
11:00 Contemporary	Susan Gronsbell	Reagan Gronsbell	Laura Calfee	Russell Couch

WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*I Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts
 Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	2/2/2025	2/9/25	2/16/25	2/23/25
8:15 Traditional	101(97)	88(84)	78(73)	
11:00 Contemporary	44 (41)	48(46)	41(37)	
Sunday School	45	7	34	N/A
Monthly Budget	\$56,600	\$56,600	\$56,600	\$56,600
Weekly Giving	\$13,799	\$25,074	\$5,521	
Giving MTD	\$13,799	\$38, 873	\$45,850	
On-line Giving			\$1,456	

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER...

Luke 6:17-26: Jesus preached and ministered to a great multitude of people in Luke 6, and He continues to do so today through His Word. We, as His disciples, have been given the awesome task and responsibility to share His Word. As we do, we can take joy and comfort in the power of His Word to create and strengthen faith in us and others.

Please stand

OPENING SONG

Everlasting God

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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.

Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... *(The collect is prayed).*

Amen.

Please be seated.

SONG

Reckless Love

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3-15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Why am I in danger every hour? I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Please stand.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same

amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG

Beautiful Things

SERMON

"SENT AHEAD!"

We are grateful to welcome President James Rockey as our preacher today!

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

Please be seated.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

LSB 163

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

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Who You Say I Am

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome Florida-Georgia District President, Rev. James Rockey! We are grateful you are with us today and we ask God to bless you with grace and wisdom and strength as you serve the congregations, schools and ministries of our District. President Rockey will share an update with us during our Bible Class hour... please gather in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

Faith Bell Choir is still recruiting bell ringers for the Lent and Easter Season and going forward. We would love to have you join our group. We practice on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm currently. Talk to Vaunda Noerenberg or Jill Musgrove for more information.

Wednesday Gatherings

Each Wednesday, with supper at 5:30 pm and event at 6:30.

Work Day Saturday, March 1, 2025, 8 am to noon

Please join with your fellow members and School families to help freshen up the look of our School and Church! We'll gather in the lobby around 8 a.m. to pick up "project assignments." We'll provide cleaning supplies and tools; if you have gloves or other favorite cleaning resources, please bring them with you.

National Lutheran Schools Week, March 3 – 7, "Endure" (Hebrews 12:1)

Sunday Worship Music, March 2, 11 a.m.

Open House, March 2, 1 - 3 p.m., School

Grandparents Day, Friday, March 7, 8:15 a.m. (Early Release)

"Wingo Bingo," Friday, March 7, 6 – 8 p.m., Gym

Taste of Faith 2025, Saturday, April 26, 6 – 8 p.m., Gym \$25/person

Wine Tasting, Live and Silent Auction / Babysitting \$10/child / Pick up a Registration form

Ash Wednesday, March 5, noon and 6:30 worship

Our Midweek Theme: "Our Wounded Savior" (Isaiah 53:5)

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed."

3/5 Ash Wed: "His Humbled Head" connects to our Day of Prayer: "Humble"

3/12 Lent 1 MW: "His Roped Wrists" 3/19 Lent 2 MW: "His Battered Back"

3/26 Lent 3 MW: "His Falling Feet" 4/2 Lent 4 MW: "His Bloody Brow"

4/9 Lent 5 MW: "His Unbroken Bones"

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24)

Consecrated Stewards... coming in March 2025.

To understand the *Consecrated Stewards* approach, you need to know it is based on the Biblical truth of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development rather than on the need of the church to receive. It is not based on the budgetary needs of the church but on God's plan for us to grow in discipleship. Opportunity for growth in discipleship will take place each Sunday March through April, including a special fellowship and Celebration Luncheon on May 4th!