

# Second Sunday after Epiphany



**January 18**

**11:00 am**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Communion**

# Gathering Music



Faithful

*“Kum Ba Yah”*

arr. Anna Laura Page

**Praiser Bells**

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JANUARY 17/18  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER  
EPIPHANY

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,  
Preaching



Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,  
Presiding



# S.A.F.E. Center Donations for January:

Ziplock bags and Plastic storage containers



Please set items on the sharing shelf in the narthex.



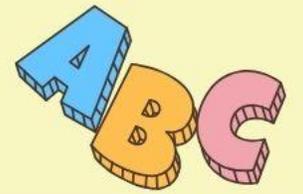


# *Contribution Statements*

***Now available in the Narthex!  
Statements not picked up by  
January 26 will be mailed out.***



# GREAT NEWS!



**FLC Preschool schedule will run closer to the KPS schedule for the 2026/2027 year!**

- ***NEW 8:00 am daily start time for all classes***
- **11:45 am end time for 3 & 4 year old class.(M-TH)**
- **3:00 pm end time for PreK Class (M-F)**

## **Registration Dates Open:**

- **1/16/26 - First Lutheran Church Members**
- **1/23/26 - Open to the Public**

**Check out our website for details!**

[firstlutherankearney.org/first-lutheran-preschool](http://firstlutherankearney.org/first-lutheran-preschool)





Pronounced "Hoo-Ga"  
**Hygge Sunday**



a slow, cozy, and intentional day dedicated to simple comforts, relaxation, and togetherness.

January 25th

Wear Comfy Clothes - PJ's, sweat pants, etc.

9:50am Sunday School

ONE Service on Sunday 11:00am

Blankets / Pillows are WELCOME

12noon Potluck Luncheon

Members w/last names A-L, please bring a salad, side or dessert.

Members w/last names M-Z, please bring a main dish.

# **Adult Forum**

**Please join us February 1<sup>st</sup> at  
9:50am in Centennial Hall.**

**We will discuss our Summer  
Worship Schedule and we want  
your feedback!**



**Become  
Part of  
*Our*  
Church  
Family**

**Curious about what we believe? Looking for a church to call home, or know someone who is?**

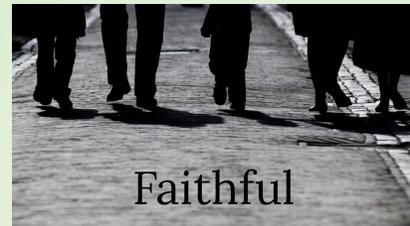
**First Lutheran Church might be the perfect fit !**

**We're a church where people know each other, care for one another, and grow together in faith.**

**New Members Class  
Sundays: February 1, 8 & 15 | 9:50am | Fellowship Hall**

## GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of the  
Lord using words such as  
“Peace be with you.”*



# Worship Song

## *“Revelation Song”*



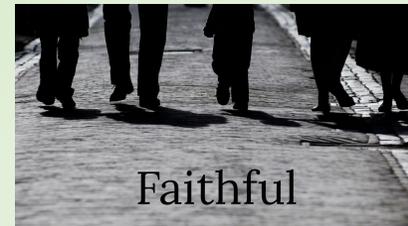
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**Holy, Holy is He.**

**Sing a new song to Him who  
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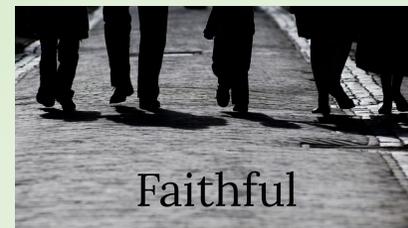


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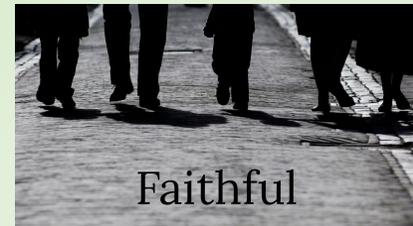
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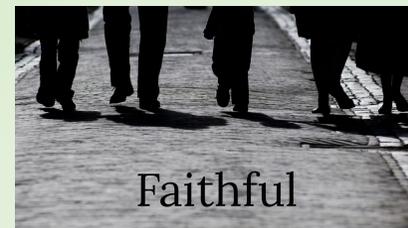
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**Holy, Holy, Holy  
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You are my everything  
and I will adore You.**



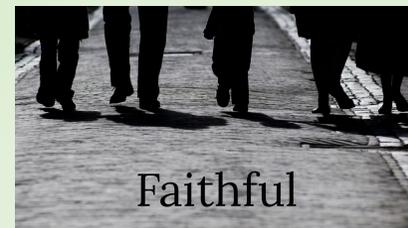
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**Clothed in rainbows of living color  
flashes of lightening, Rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and  
glory and power be to You,  
the only wise King.**



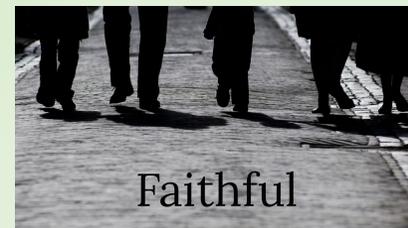
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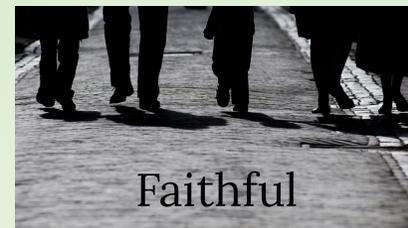
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**Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,  
at the mention of Your name.  
Jesus, Your name is power,  
breath and living water,  
such a marv'lous mystery.**



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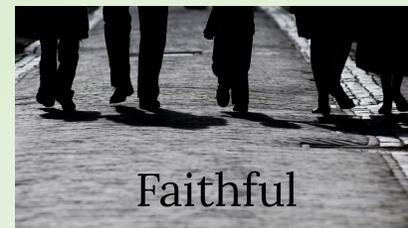
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# Worship Song

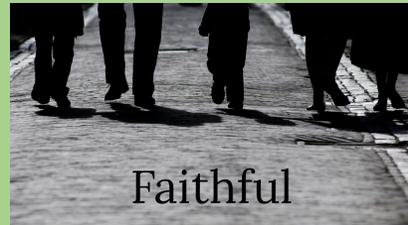
*“I Love You Lord”*



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# Worship Song

**I love You, Lord,  
and I lift my voice to worship You,  
O my soul, rejoice!**



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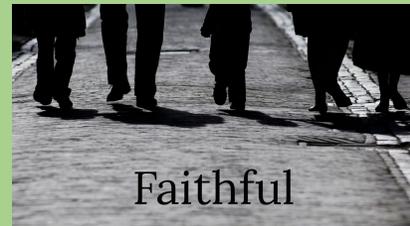
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**May it be a sweet, sweet sound  
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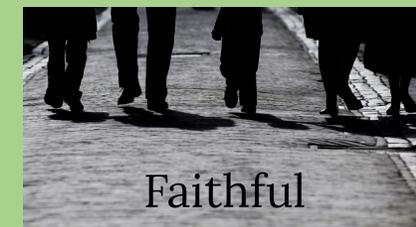


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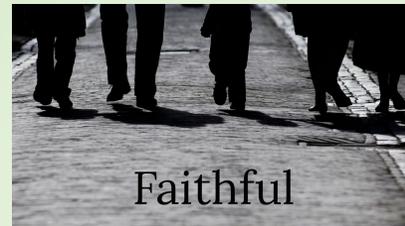
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# Greeting

**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.**

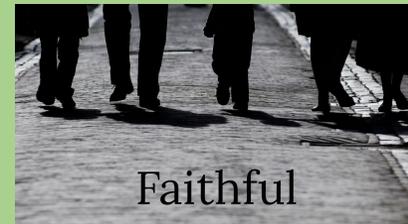


# Prayer of the Day

**L:** Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.



# Word: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

## Word

**L:** A reading from First Corinthians the first chapter.



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**L:** <sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:



## Word: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

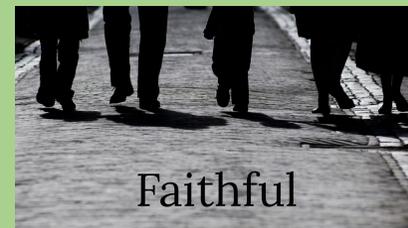
<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you



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<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

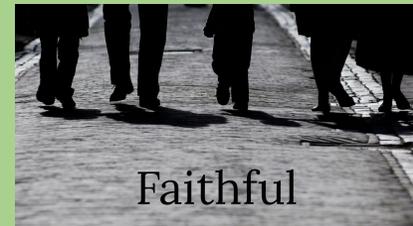
*(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)*



# Word: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

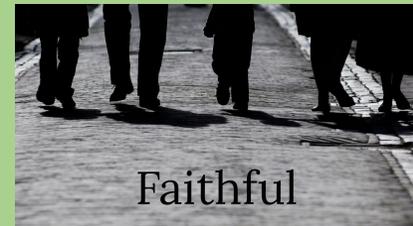
**C:** Thanks be to God



## Gospel: John 1:29-42

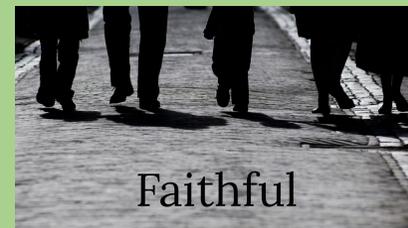
**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John,  
the first chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**



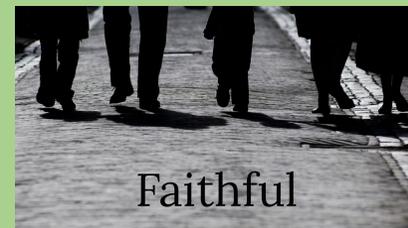
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**P:** <sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”



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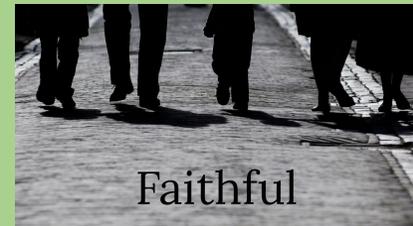
<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’”



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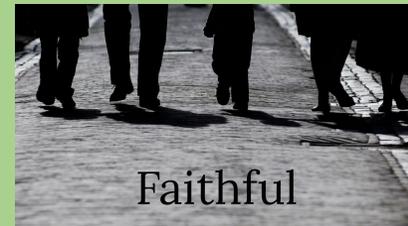
<sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.



## Gospel: John 1:29-42

<sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day.



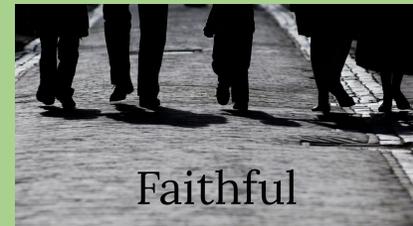
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It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).



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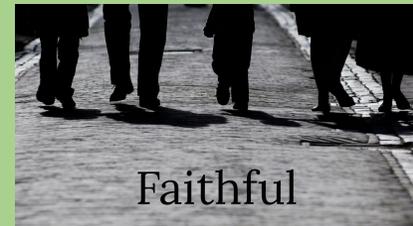
42 He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter). *(John 1:29-42)*



# Gospel: John 1:29-42

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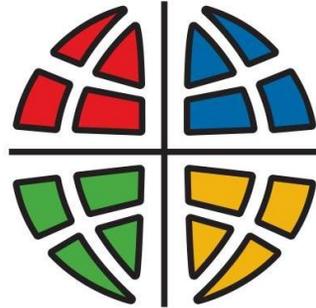
**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.



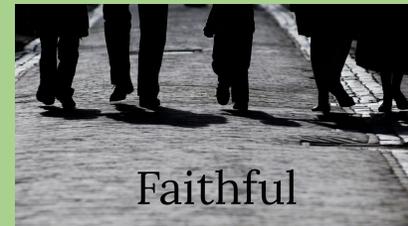
# Children's Message

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

*Children's Offering goes towards  
ELCA North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund*



Lutheran  
Disaster Response



# Sermon



## **SERMON**

**Pastor Michelle Holley Carlson**

# Worship Song

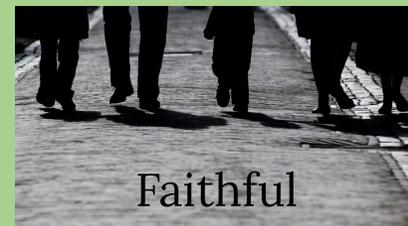
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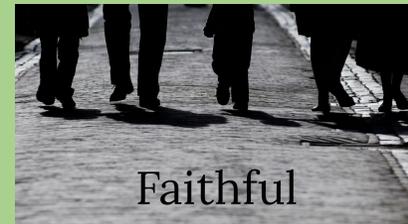
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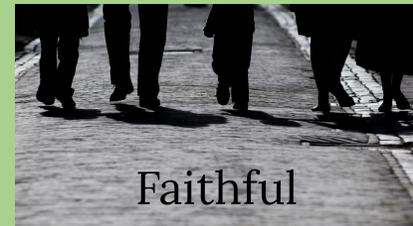
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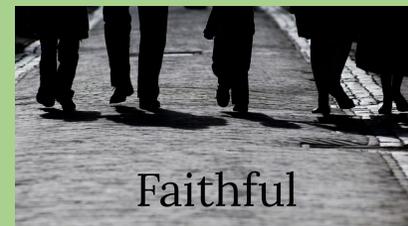
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**I want you more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy giver  
and the apple of my eye.**



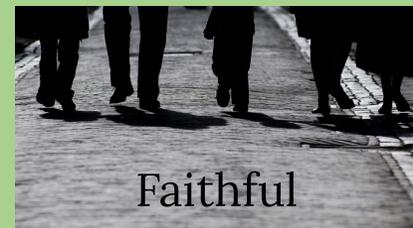
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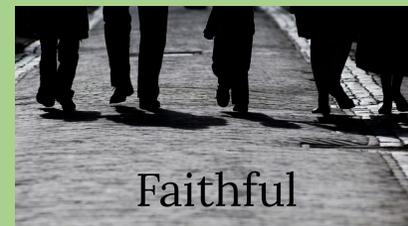
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and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
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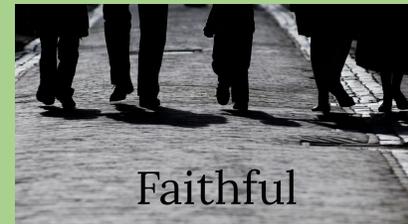


# Creed

**L:** Let us profess our faith.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and Savior. 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.**

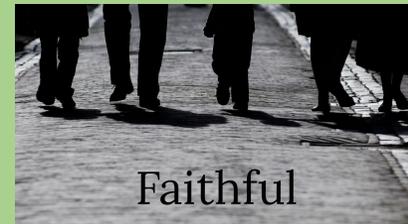


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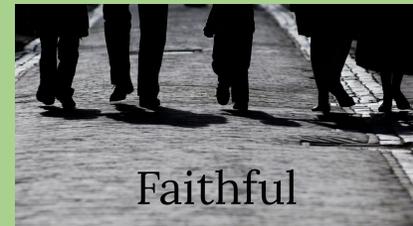
**L:** As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence for reflection.*



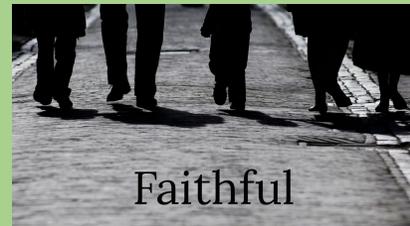
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**L:** Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week.



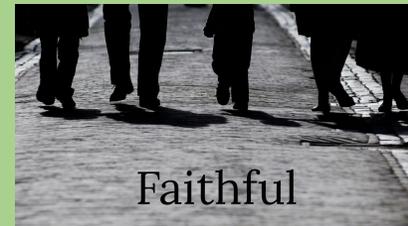
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**L:** Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters.



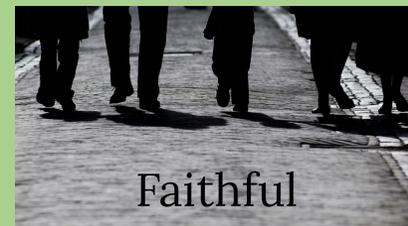
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**L:** Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need.



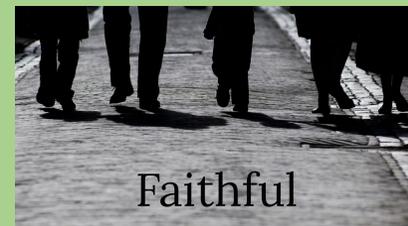
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**L:** Abiding God, you are present with this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Kindle in us a desire to help one another.



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**L:** Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. We pray especially for:



# Prayers of Intercession

Mel & Del Abels

Jim Anderson

Doug Bierman

Doug Bliss

Bertha Boyer

Vicki Buschelman

Gregory Carrico

**Clifford Chamberlin**

Ann Day

Corinne Fischer

Bob Forbes

Leonard Fowler

Randy Fritson

Larry Giddings

Keith Halliwell

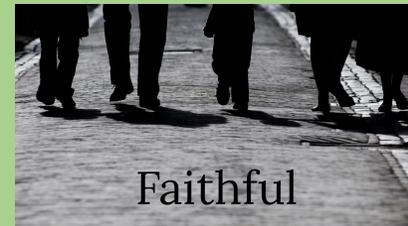
Mary Henning

Jerry Ibsen

Tami Jobman

Bernard (Bernie) Johnson

Derek Johnson



# Prayers of Intercession

Rhonda King

Mary Renshaw

Daniel Rheome

Eileen Richter

Michele Rivera

Daryl & Gena Rodgers

Amy Rongisch

Garth Scism

Debbie Steinbrecher

Carrie Stithem

Joanne Suing

Tony Tauer

Alicia Tracy

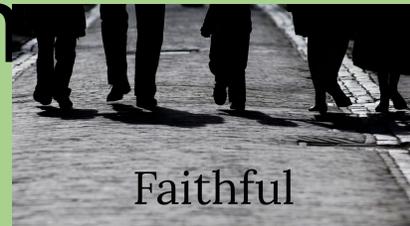
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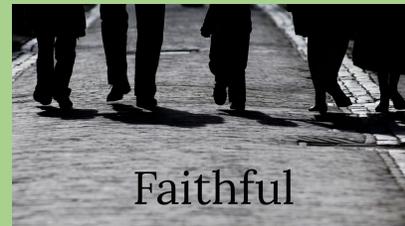
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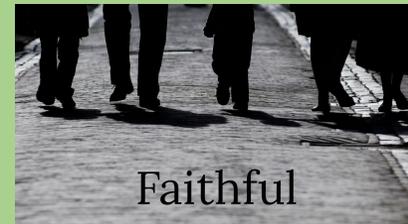
## Prayers of Comfort and Peace for:

- *Karen Deterding, Darren and Sonda Deterding, and family on the death of Wayne Deterding.*
- *Bev Vacha on the death of her brother-in-law, Alvin Vacha.*



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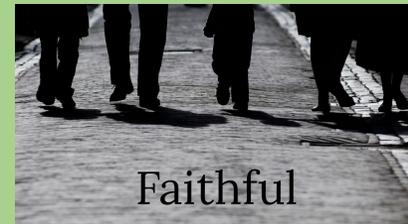
**L:** Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face.



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**P:** Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



**Meal**

# **OFFERTORY**

*Instrumental Music*

**Stacy Bean**

*Communion Servers*

*Please come forward at this time.*

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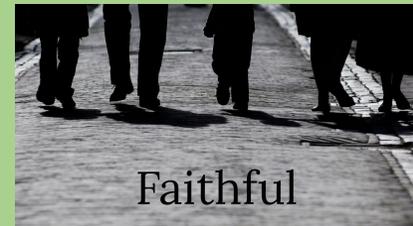
# Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**C: Amen.**



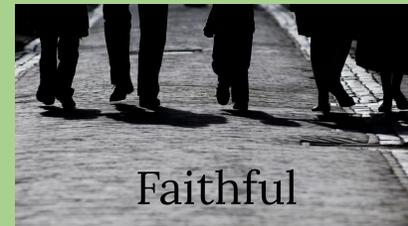
# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C:** you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.



# Confession and Forgiveness

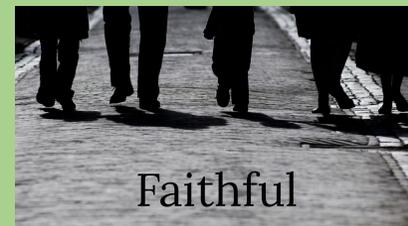
**C: We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.**

**We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.**

**Turn us to seek your face.**

**Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

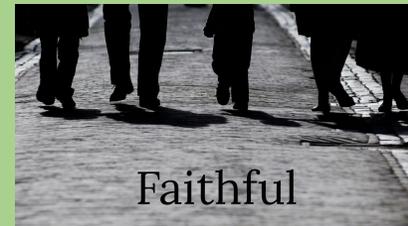
**Amen.**



# Confession and Forgiveness

**P:** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**C: Amen.**



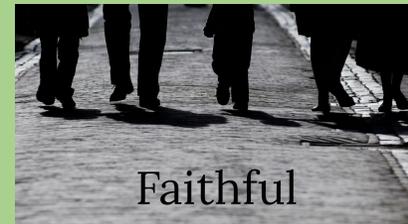
# Offertory Prayer

**L:** Let us pray.

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**



# The Great Thanksgiving

**P:** The Lord be with you.

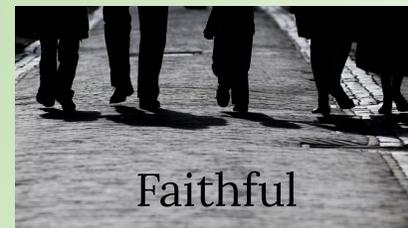
**C:** And also with you.

**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 our thanks  
and praise.



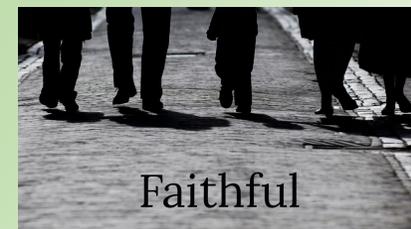
# Words of Institution

**P:** In the night in which he was handed over, 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.



## Words of Institution

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.



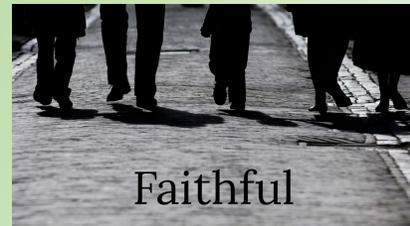
# Words of Institution

**P:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

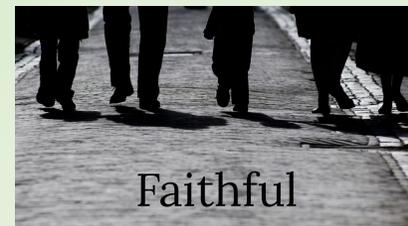
**Christ will come again.**



# The Lord's Prayer

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

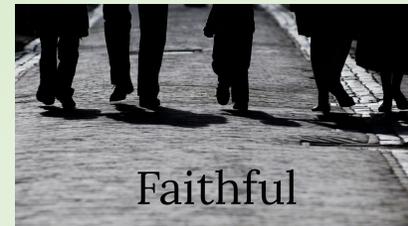
**C:** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth  
as it is in heaven.**



# The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

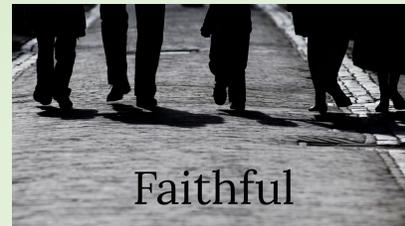


# Invitation to Communion

**P:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

*Please be seated.*



# Communion

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran. All are welcome to receive the elements. Gluten-free wafers are available. In addition to the cups filled with wine (red) in the tray, there are cups containing grape juice (clear) in the center.*

## **Prayers for Healing and Laying on of Hands**

*If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the Narthex after you have received communion.*

## **Communion Music** **Stacy Bean**



# Table Grace

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

**C:** Amen.



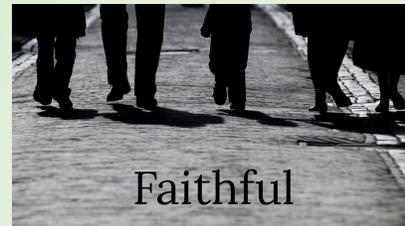
# Prayer after Communion

**L:** Let us pray.

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of  
Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.



## Prayer after Communion

Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of  
your love, and bear witness to all we  
have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

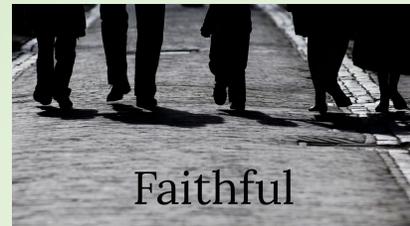
**C: Amen.**



# Blessing

**P:** May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



# Worship Song

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*



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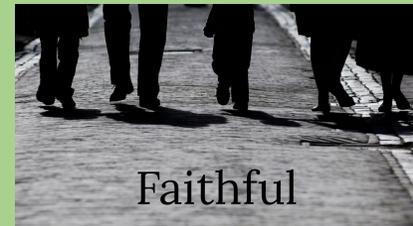
# Worship Song

**Lord the light of Your love  
is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness  
Shining;**



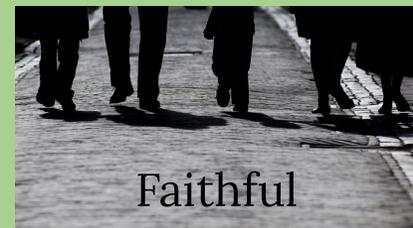
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**Jesus, Light of the world  
shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth  
you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.**



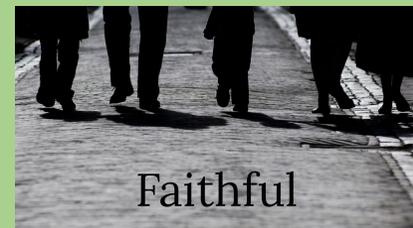
# Worship Song

**Shine, Jesus shine,  
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With the Father's glory,  
Blaze, Spirit blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire;**



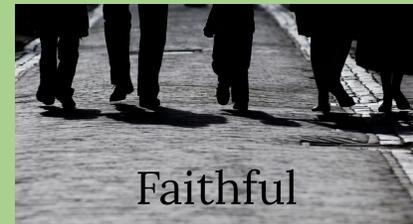
# Worship Song

**Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy,  
Send forth Your word Lord,  
And let there be light.**



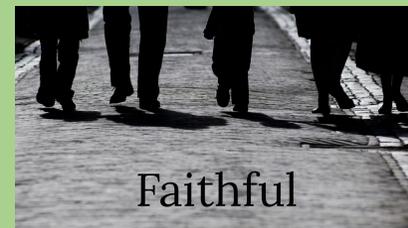
# Worship Song

**Lord, I come to Your  
awesome presence,  
From the shadows into  
Your radiance**



# Worship Song

**By the blood I may enter  
Your brightness,  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me.**



# Worship Song

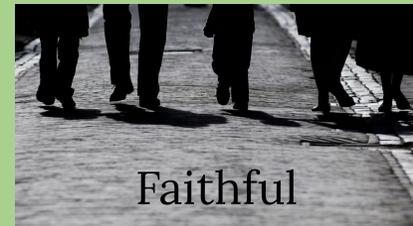
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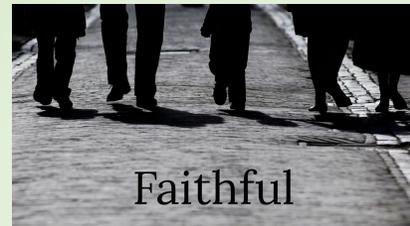
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# Dismissal

**L:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



# Sending Music



**Stacy Bean**