

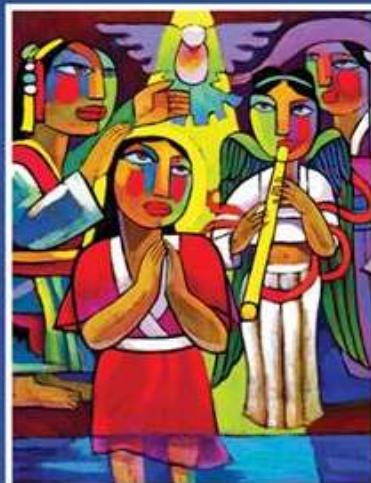
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FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

A community reflecting God's love with a place at the table for everyone

**THIS IS
MY SON,
THE
BELOVED**

MATTHEW 3:17



This service encourages movement! Except during the sermon, at any time you are encouraged to get up, raise your arms in praise, dance, light a candle, kneel before the cross, bless yourself with the waters of baptism, or pray with the healing prayer minister. You can also sit and relax the whole time.

We encourage you to discover how you can be a part of reflecting God's love through connecting more deeply with our community. To find out more, please speak with our Equipping Minister after worship or visit ChicoFaithLutheran.org

Our shared ministry is made possible by the generosity of our members. If you would like to support our work proclaiming Christ's love, you can either make a donation in the wooden box at the back of the sanctuary, visit ChicoFaithLutheran.org/give or use the QR code



Matthew 3:13-17 (NRSVUE) ¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Isaiah 42:1-9 (NRSVUE) Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
2 He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;
3 a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
4 He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
5 Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
6 I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept
you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,
7 to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
9 See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalm 29 (NRSVUE) 1 Ascribe to the | Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the
mighty waters. 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of
splendor. 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees the Lord breaks the cedars of
Lebanon; 6 the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
7 The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes. 8 The voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord makes the oak
trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”
10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
11 O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Distractions destroy us; fear of the Lord frees us from distraction

God is both all-powerful and all-gentle. God's voice is strong enough to break cedars of Lebanon (Psalm 29:5) and yet a bruised reed he will not break (Isaiah 42:3).

Though God is perfect and all-powerful, God entrusts power into our imperfect hands.

Improper fear paralyses; proper fear focuses.

What has been distracting you from what truly matters?

When has fear helped you focus on what truly matters?

When have you experienced God in something powerful? When have you experienced God in something gentle?

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons (5e) on 2nd Sun. of Month, 5pm, Room 6 (Kate Ory, Malinda Ard)
- Sundays @ 5 Service in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

Mondays

- Inviting Silence at 7:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Time Out for Art in Room 6 from 1-4:00 p.m. (Caryl Quinones, Sherrill Heinz)
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting in Room 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Quilters in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to 3:00 p.m. (Char Miller)
- Centering Prayer on Zoom from 4-5 p.m. (Bill Kees)
- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom from 5-6 p.m. (Pr. Ben)

Wednesdays

- Spanish Conversation Group on Zoom at 9am (Clark Colahan)
- Inviting Silence at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel (*part of office wing*) (Bill Kees)
- Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)

Thursdays

- Spiritual Seekers Bible Study on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room
- Afternoon Games at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse from 12 to 3:00 p.m. (Elise Gladu)
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Gambler's Anonymous at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Contemporary Music Practice in the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Troop 12 in Room 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Chris Brown)

Fridays

- Men's Breakfast at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo at 8:00 a.m. (Howie Stensrud)
- Bulletin Folders in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. (Laurae Dunn)
- Food Bank, 1st & 3rd Fridays in the Parking Lot from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Lisa Roehling)