



Forward With Faith



Faith Lutheran Church, Cleveland, GA

Our Vision:

As disciples of Christ,
we are inspired and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we are witnesses of the Gospel of Grace,
and we act boldly to serve in our community and the world.

Invite!
Nurture!
Send!
Serve!

March 2026



**Worship
Every Sunday
at 10:30**

Our call in connection is
717-908-1943
Participant 9988583#

Sun. Mar. 1 10:30 Worship Service

Tues. Mar. 3 10:00 Bible Study

**Wed. Mar. 4 Midweek Lent
12:00 Simple Lunch
Following lunch "Reflections On Lent"**

Sun Mar. 8 10:30 Worship Service

Tues. Mar. 10 10:00 Ladies Crafts

**Wed. Mar. 11 Midweek Lent
12:00 Simple Lunch
Following lunch "Reflections On Lent"**

Sun. Mar. 15 10:30 Worship Service

Tues. Mar. 17 10:00 Bible Study

**Wed. Mar. 18 Midweek Lent
12:00 Simple Lunch
Following lunch "Reflections On Lent"**

Sunday Mar. 22 10:30 Worship Service

Tues. Mar. 24 10:00 Ladies Crafts

**Wed. Mar. 25 Midweek Lent
12:00 Simple Lunch
Following lunch "Reflections On Lent"**

**Sun. Mar. 29 Palm Sunday
10:30 Worship Service
Pot Luck after Church**

Happy Birthday



March

- 1 Lynn Graham
- 12 Chris Smith
- 14 Rosann Rissland*
- 18 Marty Schmebling



*friend of Faith

From the PASTOR

March 2026

Dear Faith Siblings,

As we start and embrace the Lent season focusing on the Christian disciplines of good works, prayer, and fasting, I remind all of us that above all, we are people of the resurrection! Our Christian faith is anchored in God's grace, faith that is a gift of and from God and proclaims the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection. What Lent season does for us is preparing us for Easter. Coming from a Christian tradition that focuses more on Good Friday, Jesus' suffering and death, I appreciate our Lutheran emphasis on Easter Sunday! While Easter comes, we focus on Jesus' life and teachings; we learn and continue practicing compassion for those in need of food, clothing, shelter, and many other pressing needs. For the last two months sharing our faith journey, I am grateful for your generosity and for the many ways you have many times become the hands and feet of Christ. I have witnessed people within our congregation and in our community experiencing God's love because of your compassion, giving more than money and goodies; but in the name of Christ, giving yourselves to our congregation and through the community organizations you belong to. Our past, present, and our future is as always has been, in God's hand and rests in God's promise to be with and walk with us always. Our church is about proclaiming, as the title of our Lent devotional booklet reads, wondrous love! The amazing, astounding, surprising love of God who has become human in Jesus of Nazareth, though even He suffered, was crucified and died, He lives! let us move forward with faith as we are called and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Pastor Alfredo M. Oviedo

Coming Soon!

New Church Council 2026

Faith Lutheran Congregation Council 2026

Together, we are moving forward with a Faith Lutheran Church website. A website is a 24/7 “digital front door” serving as the modern-day first impression for visitors. Roughly 80% of people research a church on line before visiting. Why is a website important for us:

It provides a positive first impression and gives professional credibility to a viewer.

Serves as an information hub for calendars, newsletters, pictures, events, service times, etc.

Improves outreach by allowing people to see our mission, vision, offer online contact form submission and bilingual communication for our community.

Fosters connection with our members and friends of Faith 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, when our church office is closed.

Our goal with the website, is to attract new members through discovery. We need to seriously consider succession planning for our older church population. By respecting the legacy we have here at Faith while developing future leaders, and maintaining community engagement, we hope to achieve the goal of continued growth. Through careful planning and thoughtful execution, the spiritual and operational integrity of the church can be preserved for generations to come.



We express our sincere gratitude for your dedication and service to Faith Lutheran Church!

- President: Andy Meyer
- Vice President: Pam Romesser
- Treasurer: Sue Falls
- Secretary: Gary Latz
- Penny Wacker
- Whitney Hutchinson
- Chris Smith
- Finance Secretary: Suzy Anderson

Your commitment to serving Christ by stewarding the church’s resources and caring for its people is truly appreciated. Your willingness to bring fresh perspective and contributions is invaluable. We look forward to working together at Faith.

Please take the time to check out the public group on the **Facebook** social media platform. Anyone on or off **Facebook** can see the Faith group, see what is posted and easily find the group in Facebook search. It is open to all! There you will find copies of the latest newsletter, our mission/vision, inspirational quotes, and some current ELCA synod topics.

The group is titled “FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLEVELAND GEORGIA”



The **Facebook** group provides another means of communication and a platform to showcase all of the things you are doing! Anyone who is a visitor or group member may create a post for the group.



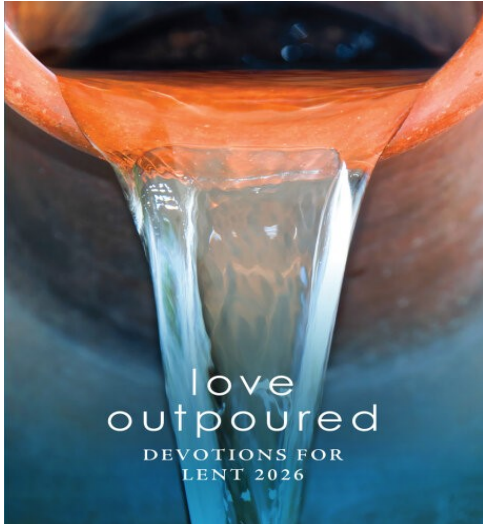
Installation of Pastor Alfredo Oviedo Sunday February 8, 2026



We were happy his family joined us for the day

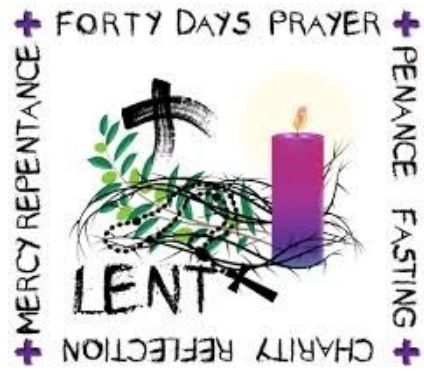
Pastor Justin Eller from ELCA Southeastern Synod lead the Service





Love outpoured focuses on portions of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. In words that continue to speak to us today, Paul lays out foundational beliefs for a life of Faith in the Christian community. With devotions from Ash Wednesday through the vigil of Easter this devotional will guide you to reflect and ponder in preparation.

Pick up yours this Sunday!



Ash Wednesday began our Lenten walk
Mid week Lent at Faith
Is scheduled below

- February 25th, *Peace*, Romans 5:1-2
- March 4, *Alive to God*, Romans 6:9-11
- March 11, *Lift up your Head*, Romans 8:18-21
- March 18, *That's a whole lot of Praise!* Romans 11:33, 3
- March 25, *Impressive Love*, Romans 13:9-10

Begins with a simple lunch at 12:00
followed by
Reflections on Lent lead by Pastor Alfredo Oviedo

Holy Week services,

Palm Sunday March 29
Hosanna! 10:30 am


Maundy Thursday April 2
7:00 pm



Good Friday April 3
7:30 pm



Easter Celebration April 5
10:30 am

This Lenten season our choice for our Lenten offering is The Soup Kitchen in Clarkesville. The Soup Kitchen is a community based organization that provides a hot lunch to those in need.

We have been severing meals in the Clarkesville Soup Kitchen since we became a community here at Faith. Some of those serving meals at the beginning are Janice Bridges, Ann Alexander, Diane Cashen, Mary Goebel, Marion Frick, Barb Moser, Nettie Diebold, Marty Schmebling, Pastor Mike, Sally James, (if we missed some, our apologies). Now our group is headed up by Stephanie Pridemore and includes the following people: Tony Pridemore, Signe Erne, Tim, Pam Finke, Tina Freeburg, Sue Karen Falls, Leisa Howey, and Pam Romesser. We serve approximately 50-80 people in need 4 times per year. Your offering will go straight to the soup kitchen director for purchase of food items to stock the kitchen.

“A steeple serves as a significant architectural and symbolic feature of a church, representing Faith, Community, and a connection to the Devine”



Our Steeple has arrived!
Thank you to all those who have contributed your time and especially to those families who have donated the monies to purchase the steeple.



What's happening at Faith



CRAFT AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our Crafty ladies
meet on the Second & Fourth Tuesday
March 10th and 24th at 10:00 am
CHECK US OUT



BREAD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

Amount we have
Given to the Food Pantry thru February 16
413 loaves of bread at \$627.86

There has been an increase of cost of bread to \$1.48 We appreciate and thank those who give extra toward our weekly bread supply .



Let's do Lunch March
At
Yonah Coffee and Café
In Demorest
On March 10th
at 12:00pm



Women's Bible Study
We meet on the First & Third Tuesday
March 3rd and 17th at 10:0 am
Interested in a discussion based on scripture or
a morning devotion?
Come join us. Pastor Oviedo is with us



Family Promise Update



Our next week for meal delivery to the Family Promise house is May 17—23. We will have another week of meal deliveries in June, then a break until October. Thank you to all those who are willing to step up and provide meals to these families experiencing homelessness which provides an opportunity for them to achieve sustainable independence through this community-based response. The annual reverse raffle, a fund raising event, will be held on 30 April. More to follow in the April Newsletter.



Place your order to help with
Flowers for Easter

Pick up an envelope in Church
on the bulletin board in the
back corner. If you want a
Lily to take home check the
box on your envelope

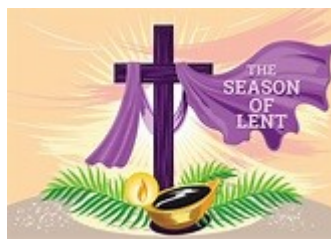
Easter Lilies are \$10.00 a
piece
Deadline is March 29




Bible Readings from the Lectionary for March 2026



	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
March 1	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5,13-17	John 3:1-17
March 8	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Roman 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
March 15	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 22	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Roman 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
March 29 (Palm Sunday)	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 Service 2 Lent Purple	2	3	4 Midweek Lent 12:00 Simple Lunch Followed by "Reflections on Lent"	5	6	7
8 10:30 Service 3 Lent Daylight Savings Time Starts	9	10 10:00 Bible Study	11 Midweek Lent 12:00 Simple Lunch Followed by "Reflections on Lent"	12	13	14
15 10:30 Service 4 Lent Purple	16	17 10:00 Crafts Noon "Let's do Lunch" Yonah Coffee & Café Demorest	18 Midweek Lent 12:00 Simple Lunch Followed by "Reflections on Lent"	19	20	21
22 10:30 Service 5 Lent Purple	23	24 10:00 Bible Study	25 Midweek Lent 12:00 Simple Lunch Followed by "Reflections on Lent"	26	27	28
29 10:30 Service Palm Sunday Purple or Scarlet 	30	31 10:00 Crafts	April 1	2 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm 	3 Good Friday Service at 7:45 pm 	

Worship Help March

Let me know if you need to change your date or check your list of those who serve to find a sub, and let me know. Marty

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29 Palm Sunday
Worship Asst.	Don Waara	Janice Bridges	Whitney Hutchinson	Pam Romesser	Bill Inman
Reader	Suzi Anderson	Don Waara	Janice Bridges	Signe Erne	Whitney Hutchinson
Usher	Lynn Graham Bill Inman	Jeff Anderson Suzi Anderson	Don Waara Marty Schmebling	Pam Finke Suzi Anderson	Lynn & Gary Latz
Altar Guild	Marty Schmebling Arline McWhinney	Bill Inman Lynn Graham	Pam Finke Pam Romesser	Barb Moser Sue Falls	Lynn Graham Bill Inman
Communion Bread	Chris	Marty	Marty	Chris	Marty
Service Team	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Potluck Sunday

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Mission of Faith:

To *invite* all people to celebrate God's blessings,
to *nurture* them with Christ's grace, love and fellowship,
and to *send* us all joyfully to *serve*.

Core Values:

Grace

Discipleship

Inclusivity

Grow in Prayer

Worship