

# Faith Lutheran Church Andover, MA

*May each person feel **invited** to this community,  
**equipped** to use their gifts to the Glory of God,  
and **sent** to serve.*

**Sunday, April 28, 11:00 AM**

1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 1

## DISAGREE? FIND THE COMMON GROUND



Please know that we record or live-stream worship services from our church in order to reach out to those who are unable to attend in person, or who wish to participate in our services remotely. We share the recorded or live-streamed services with the general public on YouTube and other internet sites. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the back two rows and ask an usher for the pastor to distribute communion to you from your seat.

**To all who join us in worship online or in person,  
you are welcome here!**

**We invite you to share the sacrament of holy communion with us.** If you are worshipping online, please prepare by having a piece of bread or cracker and a cup of wine, grape juice, or water at your side. If you are worshipping in person, you will be invited to come forward around the communion table to receive the sacrament.

“Busy bags” are available for all non-school-aged children to help keep them occupied during worship. These are hanging on the back of the last pew, so please help yourself to one on your way into the service. Kindly return to the same location when the service is over.

Please share your **prayer requests** either by writing them on the paper on the podium at the entrance to the worship space or by emailing them to [prayers@faith-andover.org](mailto:prayers@faith-andover.org).

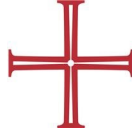
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For **pastoral care needs or to chat**, contact Pastor Jen at 978-806-8255 or email [pastor@faith-andover.org](mailto:pastor@faith-andover.org) or drop in at Caffè Nero in Andover on Wednesdays between 10:00 AM and Noon.

We use **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Find us @Faith.Andover and @faithandover.

**Welcome!**

***We pray this time enriches your spiritual life.***



## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

SONG..... *“Every Move I Make”*

### GREETING WITH PEACE

*What is something you think you have in common with most others in your family or friend group?*

### OPENING PRAYER

May we be your people as we are, beyond the differences we make,

**ALL: finding the core of who we are in the love we need and the love we need to share.**

May we live the story of faith

**ALL: and find the word alive within and between us all.**

May we speak into faith with questions and challenge what we take for granted

**ALL: and be challenged by what we take for granted.**

Let our words be honest and true;

**ALL: graceful enough to welcome all.**

May we be seen to be cross-followers, love-shapers, justice-bringers and kingdom-builders.

**ALL: Amen.**

### READING: ACTS 18:1-4

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus. He had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul visited with them. <sup>3</sup>Because they practiced the same trade, he stayed and worked with them. They all worked with leather. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he interacted with people in the synagogue, trying to convince both Jews and Greeks.

**MISSION MOMENT: “RAISE THE ROOF” IN ZIMBABWE**.....Tanya Hayward

### READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose.

<sup>11</sup>My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? <sup>14</sup>Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! <sup>16</sup>Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup>Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning.

<sup>18</sup>The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**.....Jacob Benoy

**GOSPEL**..... MARK 9:34-35

<sup>34</sup>They didn't respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He [Jesus] sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all."

**MESSAGE**

**SONG**..... *"They'll Know we are Christians"*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**ALL:**

**We believe in God, the Creator!**

**Maker of everything,**

**Author of the Universe,**

**And Mystery behind every matter.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ!**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human,**

**One with the Creator.**

**He is the Word made flesh and the Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit!**

**Breath of God moving among us,**

**One with the Creator and one with Christ,**

**He is our Guide and the Mentor of all creation!**

**PRAYERS** Our prayer response is a refrain written by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Let us pray.

For the nations who speak too much about differences

and too little about our rich diversity we pray.

**ALL: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

For the people who live in prejudice and seek an exclusive God we pray.

**ALL: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

For the churches broken by schism and the creeds that divide us we pray.

**ALL: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

For the people ignored in our communities and churches through gender, age, sexuality, culture, or creed we pray.

**ALL: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

For our neighborhoods, and divided communities who have forgotten their common life we pray.

**ALL: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

For the concerns and celebrations named by this community today and for Marianne, Rita, Phil, Renita, and Ken.

Hear us. Hold us. Renew us. Again. We pray.

**ALL: Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.**

So be it.

**ALL: Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be made with cash, check, or online <https://tinyurl.com/fnem2ht6>*



**OFFERING SONG** ..... *“Mighty to Save”*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

May our faith be the common sense of the gospel sharing what we have in common: your good news, your love, your life.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Water is poured into the font as the following is read.*

In the waters of baptism, we receive God's love and forgiveness, and are forever connected to Christ. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

At the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the waters,  
Your word calling out into the deep and creating everything there is.  
Your Spirit continues to move through the story of your people:  
Crossing the Red Sea with Moses and the Israelites,  
Delivering them into safety.  
Sweeping across the lands in the great flood,  
Making way for a new beginning when all seemed lost.  
Washing over us in the waters of baptism,  
Making us new.

In these waters, we hear God proclaim:

"You are my beloved,"

And that is our truth forever.

**ALL: Amen**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**ALL: 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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome to the table for holy communion.

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*At this time, those gathered at home may share the elements of bread and wine that you have at your home communion table.*

*Those gathered in person will be invited to come forward and kneel or stand around the communion table. You will be given a wafer (gluten-free are also available) by the pastor, which you may then consume. An assistant will invite you to take a pre-filled cup of white wine or red grape juice, which you may then consume before returning to your seat.*

*If you prefer to stay at your seat and have the pastor bring you communion, please let the pastor know.*

**COMMUNION SONG** ..... “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Into the healing presence of God we entered.  
Refreshed and restored we now  
prepare to leave this place,  
ready to serve.  
**ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

Until we gather again together  
go always with the blessing of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**ALL: Amen.**

**SONG** ..... “Counting on God”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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<https://modernliturgist.org/project/a-short-christian-creed/>

### PRAYER LIST

for Marianne Karp and family upon the death of her husband Ed,

for Rita Columbo, Phil Liaboe, Renita Stellmon, and Ken Rohr.

We are a praying congregation. In order to keep our prayer list current, please let us know of any additions or changes by email to [prayers@faith-andover.org](mailto:prayers@faith-andover.org). We will pray in worship for 3 weeks, unless you tell us otherwise.

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## **“Every Move I Make”**

Verse            Every move I make I make in You, You make me move, Jesus  
                    Every breath I take I breathe in You  
                    Every step I take I take in You, You are my Way, Jesus  
                    Every breath I take I breathe in You

Chorus Waves of mercy, waves of grace  
                    Every-where I look, I see Your face  
                    Your love has captured me  
                    Oh, my God, this love, how can it be?

Verse            Every move I make I make in You, You make me move, Jesus  
                    Every breath I take I breathe in You  
                    Every step I take I take in You, You are my Way, Jesus  
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Chorus Waves of mercy, waves of grace, Every-where I look, I see Your face  
                    Your love has captured me , Oh, my God, this love, how can it be?

Na, Na, Na-Na-Na-Na, Na, Na, Na, Na-Na-Na-Na Na  
Na, Na, Na-Na-Na Na, Na, Na, Na, Na-Na-Na-Na Na

## **“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”**

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity may one day be restored

*Chorus* And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love

2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land

*Chorus* And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride

*Chorus* And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

*Ch.* And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love

*Ch.* And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love

## “Mighty to Save”

*Vs. 1* Everyone needs compassion, love that’s never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

*Chorus* Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

*Vs. 2* So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

*Chorus* Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

*Bridge* Shine Your light and let the whole world see, we’re singing  
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus  
Shine Your light and let the whole world see, we’re singing  
For the glory of the risen King

*Chorus* Savior, He can move the mountains  
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## **“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun  
Oh Lord, have mercy on me

## "Counting on God"

*Verse:* I'm in a fight not physical, I'm in a war, but not with this world  
You are the light that's beautiful, I want more, I want all that's Yours

*Pre-chorus* Joy unspeakable that won't go away  
Just enough strength to live for today  
So I never have to worry what tomorrow will bring  
'cause my faith is on solid rock, I'm counting on God

*Chorus* I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God

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*Chorus* I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God

***Bridge 2x*** And the miracle of Christ in me is the mystery that sets me free  
I'm nothing like I used to be, open up your eyes you'll see

*Pre-chorus* Joy unspeakable that won't go away  
Just enough strength to live for today  
So I never have to worry what tomorrow will bring  
'cause my faith is on solid rock, I'm counting on God

*Chorus* I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
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I'm counting on, I'm counting on God

*Pre-chorus* Joy unspeakable that won't go away  
Just enough strength to live for today  
So I never have to worry what tomorrow will bring  
'cause my faith is on solid rock, I'm counting on God

*Chorus* I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, I'm counting on God  
I'm counting on, (*SHOUT!*) **I'M COUNTING ON GOD!**

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