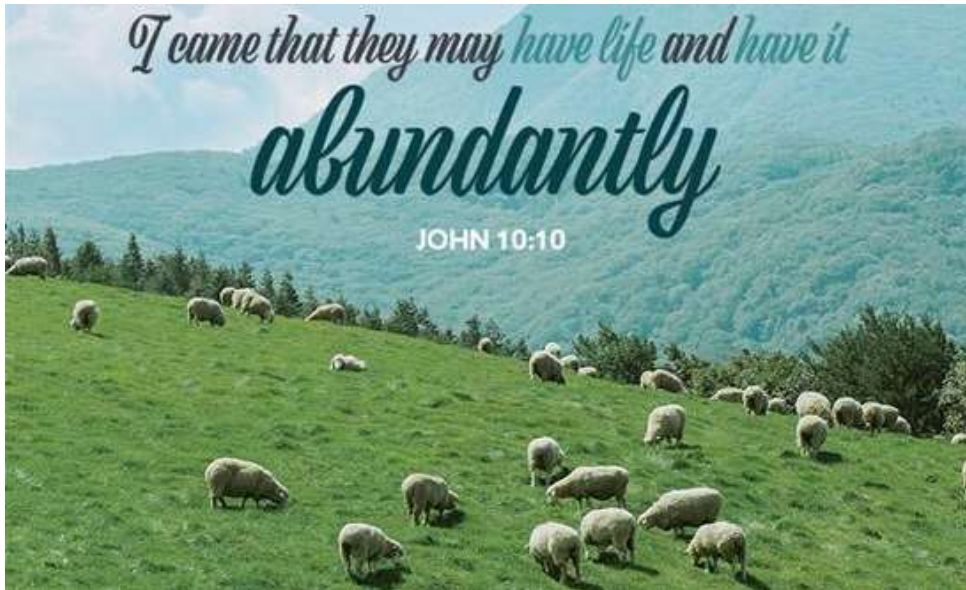


# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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



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](http://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](http://ChicoFaithLutheran.org/give) or use the QR code.



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## 1 Peter 2:19-25 (NRSVUE)

<sup>9</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> “He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

## **SERMON NOTES – *The world takes life, Jesus gives life.***

Just because someone quotes scripture, does not mean they speak with Christ-like intent. Satan quotes scripture while tempting Jesus (Matthew 4:6)

Slavery in ancient Rome was both similar and different to slavery in the United States. As in the United States, slaves in the Roman Empire were considered the property of their owners and were severely abused. Unlike in the United States, slavery in ancient times was not based on skin color. Greek and Roman slaves were often people captured in war or people who could not afford to pay their debts. Though still rare, slaves had a higher chance of become freed in ancient Rome, and, even as slaves, could rise to positions of consider power. However, unlike in the United States, there was nowhere slaves could escape to and be considered “free.”

In his book *Politics* the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle justified slavery by claiming slaves need masters to make decisions for them since, “the slave has no deliberative faculty at all.” Aristotle also claim that nothing a master did to a slave was unjust. In constrast, 1 Peter writes directly to enslaved people, assumes they are theologians capable making moral decisions, names that slave masters behave unjustly, and empowers slaves to see themselves as individuals called by Christ to ministry.

### **Questions**

When have you recognized that a voice of authority in your life did not have your best interests at heart?

When has something both challenged you and given you life?

What does abundant life look like to you?

***We welcome you to any of these ongoing services, groups, and meetings!***

**SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary - Sunday Morning Service  
2nd & 4th SUNDAYS at 5:00 PM in Room 6 - Dungeons & Dragons  
SUNDAYS at 5:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Sunday Evening Service  
SUNDAYS at 6:00 PM - New Members Class**

**MONDAYS at 7:00 AM in the Chapel - Inviting Silence  
2nd & 4th MONDAYS at 10:30 AM in Room 7 - JOYS Seniors Group  
MONDAYS at 1:00 PM in Room 6 - Time Out for Art  
MONDAYS at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Band Rehearsal  
MONDAYS at 7:00 PM in Room 4 - Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting**

**TUESDAYS from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall - Quilters  
TUESDAYS at 4:00 PM on Zoom - Centering Prayer  
TUESDAYS at 5:00 PM on Zoom - Pastor's Bible Study  
TUESDAYS at 6:00 PM in Room 7 - LGBTQ+ AA Meeting**

**WEDNESDAYS at 9:00 AM on Zoom - Spanish Conversation Group  
WEDNESDAYS at 11:00 AM in the Chapel - Inviting Silence  
WEDNESDAYS at 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall - Handbell Practice  
WEDNESDAYS at 5:30 PM in the Chapel - For Such a Time as This**

**THURSDAYS at 12:00 PM at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse - Afternoon Games  
THURSDAYS at 5:45 PM in the Sanctuary - Choir Practice  
THURSDAYS at 6:30 PM in Room 7 - BSA Troop 12  
THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM in Room 6 - Gamblers Anonymous  
THURSDAYS at 7:15 PM in the Sanctuary - Contemporary Music Practice**

**FRIDAYS at 8:00 AM at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo - Men's Breakfast  
FRIDAYS at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary - Bulletin Folding  
1st & 3rd FRIDAYS from 3:00-5:00 PM in the Parking Lot - Food Bank**

***We also offer AA candlelight, Nar Anon, a Parkinsons Support Group,  
Please let us know if you'd like to get connected.***