

# faith

*Worship, News & Notes*

*November 15, 2020*

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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## THANK YOU

**Thank you to the many servants who have worked and volunteered to make this service possible.**

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**24th Sunday After Pentecost**

November 15, 2020

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**NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!**-Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

**Comcast—channel 399 Direct TV—channel 37 Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4**

## TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Family of Faith, welcome to this time of worship and fellowship.  
The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Psalm for the Day—Psalm 90:1-12**

## Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary

## Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

## Call to Worship - Announcements - Sharing of the Peace

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1:7–16

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts

'The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.'

<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 90:1-12

**P**<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place

**C in all generations.**

**P**<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth |  
and the world,

**C from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**P**<sup>3</sup> You return man to dust

**C and say, "Return, O children of man!"**

**P**<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

**C or as a watch in the night.**

**P**<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood;

**C they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:**

**P**<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

**C in the evening it fades and withers.**

**P**<sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger;

**C by your wrath we are dismayed.**

**P**<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you,

**C our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

**P**<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath;

**C we bring our years to an end like a sigh.**

**P**<sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

**C yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly  
away.**

**P**<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger,

**C and your wrath according to the fear of you?**

**P**<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days

**C that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

## Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in

darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
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.

## 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (sts. 1, 3, 5-7)



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;  
6 May Christ our in - ter - ces - sor be And through His blood and mer - it  
7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been  
Read from His book that we are free With all who life in -  
We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan  
her - it. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His  
la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!  
saints in that blest place Which He has pur - chased for us.  
judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

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## Sermon

### Faith Legacy Blessing Event – First Bible (11:00 service)

*The offerings are collected at the entryway table as you come in.*

By the power of the Gospel, Christians give willingly from the heart by faith in victory.

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God” (Col. 3:1)

*Stand*



## Prayer of the Church

# Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**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 Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God...Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



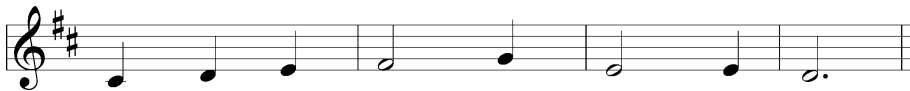
**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**Thanksgiving Eve Worship with Communion** – Please plan to join us for this special time of fellowship and worship on **November 25 at 7:00pm.**

**Christmas Decorating, Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** - Make plans now to come and share a few hours of fun & fellowship as we decorate the church for the Christmas season. The more hands we have, the more decorations we'll be able to put up. Thanks in advance for your help!



### **Stephen Ministry**

**Forgiveness:** When you pray, and you give thanks to the Father for His Son, through whom we are forgiven, do your prayers include thanksgiving for the blessing of being able to forgive others? Or, maybe a request that the Holy Spirit strengthen your ability to forgive? Through worship, the Sacrament of Communion, and the hearing and study of the word, we know we are forgiven, and we are to forgive. But, for some around us that are hurting for any number of reasons, that hurt can be so debilitating that God's command to love one-another and forgive is lost. They won't forgive, they can't forgive, and they refuse to remember why they should.

Stephen Ministry provides distinct tools to trained "care givers" to listen to people so hurting, some with hatred, that they refuse to forgive. Hundreds of Stephen Ministers in the Metro Detroit area provide distinctively Christian Caring to serve those so stricken. As you pray for a deeper understanding and ability to forgive, for yourself and your loved one or neighbor, pray also for those Stephen Ministers, for our Stephen Ministry Program at Faith and for those who are contemplating becoming a Stephen Minister.

**We appreciate your patience as we all adapt to these new circumstances.**

**For the latest updates with regards to Faith Lutheran Church visit**

<http://www.faithhighland.com/covid-19>

**ON-LINE RESOURCES**—Over the past few months we've been sharing online resources in the bulletin for you to use with your household while sheltering at home. Those resources remain available at <http://www.faithhighland.com/athome>

During communion we do have available non-alcoholic Sacrament (white grape juice) in center of tray.  
 Large Print Services are available. Ask Elder on duty.

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Sunday	Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Youth Bible Study & Adult Bible Study	9:45am
	Board of Christian Education	12:00pm
Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall	9:30am
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:45pm
	Voters Meeting	7:00pm

**Please Remember in Your Prayers—Beccie Oltesvig, Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt & Steve Hargis** (neck surgery).

**As well as our family, friends & neighbors—John Carlton, Ron Carr, Vic Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, Stephanie Edmonds, John Koke, Marvin Petsch, Madeline McGrath, Laurie Karaska, Tim Nolan, Rev. Rich Tino, Gregg Steigerwalt, Margie Erfourth, Doug Storts, Trevor Young, Rick Prueter, Monica Tkac, Bobby, Stephanie & Jackie.**

**A Prayer of Thanksgiving** at the birth of **Kaelyn Rose VanCura**, the daughter of Deana & Dane VanCura and new granddaughter of Dean & Jacque Rhodes. Kaelyn was born on November 4th. God's blessings & Congratulations!



**Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy** to **Lisa Moyer & family** at the passing of her grandmother, **Marilyn Barz**, on Friday, November 13. Lisa, may you find comfort in knowing your grandmother is with her Lord in a beautiful heaven.

**Birthdays**

22 Ben Ayers	22 Tammy Egan	27 Ashlee Eddie
22 Braden Ayers	23 Ethan Rakestraw	27 Sydney Jones
22 Renae Behr	24 Nancy Lombardo	28 Tess Rakestraw

**Anniversaries**

Jack & Leah Nicholas	11-18-1961
Carl & Kathy Lemke	11-20-1970

	<u>Thru Sept.</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$152,216.07	\$15,137.00	\$167,353.07
Expenses	\$178,063.30	\$17,162.43	\$195,225.73
Surplus/Deficit (-)	(-\$ 25,847.23)	(-\$ 2,025.43)	(-\$ 27,872.66)
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$203,940.00	\$22,660.00	\$226,600.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Sunday	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 2,210.00)



**After Many Years of Faithful Service Our Board Officers will be stepping down December 2020**—We ask that any member that possesses an interest in serving as president, vice president, treasurer or secretary, contact the office or contact any elder. Job descriptions are available and are printed in the September newsletter. We give thanks to God as he abundantly blesses the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.

**The Christmas Families Board** will be up **NEXT SUNDAY, November 22**, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. PLEASE NOTE: This year the Christmas Family “Board” will be upstairs in the Coffee Room and will be on the wall instead of a board. We will have you come in the room and choose a tag. You will then read off your choice to Linda who will mark it on the sign-up sheet. We ask that people social distance as they wait their turn.



**The Warming Tree** is collecting socks, gloves, handwarmers, hats & scarves for men, women & children. All sizes are appreciated. Items will be given to St. Paul-Pontiac & our Christmas Families.

If you are not attending church at this time because of Covid, but would like to participate in these events, please call the office (248-887-5550) and speak to Linda. I can sign you up and we even have a couple people who have volunteered to shop for you if this would be helpful. We want all who would like to participate be able to do so.

Please mark your calendars and plan to participate, if you are able, in these wonderful giving events. Thank you & God bless you all

### **LCMS Southern District Hurricane Relief:**

As you are aware, the gulf coast of the U.S. was hit in rapid succession with four hurricanes in a period of only two months this fall. Churches and families in the area are struggling to recover and could greatly use your help. If you would like to assist the relief effort, donations can be made on their website at <http://www.southernlcms.org> or mailed to:



LCMS Southern District  
100 Mission Drive  
Slidell, LA 70460  
(Note "Hurricane Relief" in the memo field)

**The Next Outreach Meeting** is **Saturday, December 5 at 8:30am.**

**Thanksgiving & Christmas Cards** are available for purchase in the card case in the coffee room. Single cards are 40 cents each and boxed cards are marked. Please see Yvonne Pirozek with any questions. Thank you.



**The Noisy Offering** will be collected **next Sunday, November 22.**