



faith

Worship, News & Notes

November 22, 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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Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 22, 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.

Psalms for the Day—Psalm 95:1-7a

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

LSB 204



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through 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: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

¹¹"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1-7a

P¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

C let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

C let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P³ For the LORD is a great God,

C and a great King above all gods.

P⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth;

C the heights of the mountains are his also.

P⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,

C and his hands formed the dry land.

P⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P⁷ For he is our God,

C and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

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

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

³¹[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

⁴¹"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave

me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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.**

Sit

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

sts. 1-2, 4, 6



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your
 △ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of
 ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.
 Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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Sermon

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

LSB 208

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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208



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

LSB 210

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 us, 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

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



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

LSB 212

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.

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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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 28th 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!



Church Decorating



The Noisy Offering will be collected **TODAY**. Please place your donations in the bread pans on the table as you enter or exit this morning. This money is donated to Community Sharing to provide food to those in need in our local community. Thank you so much!

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



Cards for Purchase

TODAY is the last day to order poinsettias. Please see the insert to place your order. Thank you!



Stephen Ministry

Feelings: God gave man the gift of feelings. He knows all the feelings Man has. Jesus experienced them all. He wept, He mourned, He thirst, He laughed. Feelings are natural. How we react to those feelings vary, is human and is affected by sin. Christ centered reactions to feelings are generally positive – “that guy just cut me off – maybe he is confused and didn’t realize what he was doing. God be with him”. Or it may be self-centered - “that guy just cut me off – I could have been killed. That so-in-so should be punished”.

Often people overwhelmed by their feelings react by yelling, screaming, and hatred that chase friends and family away. Consider the spouse or parent of these individuals. Stephen Ministry provides distinct tools to trained “care givers” to listen to people so hurting that their feelings may, or have chased away their very support group. Hundreds of Stephen Ministers in the Metro Detroit area provide distinctively Christian Caring to serve people who express their feelings in very hurtful ways. As you pray for guidance in dealing with your feelings and how you and your loved ones react to those feelings, pray also for those Stephen Ministers, for our Stephen Ministry Program at Faith and for those who are contemplating becoming a Stephen Minister.

It's Lutheran Witness Time

This is the time of the year when you have the opportunity to order or renew subscriptions to ***The Lutheran Witness*** (LW). It is published eleven times a year and provides stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective.

Additionally, your subscription will include the ***Michigan In Touch*** supplement at no additional cost.

The subscription year runs March 2021 through February 2022 and the cost is \$11.60.

The church will accumulate orders for the congregation and write one check. **The due date is Sunday, December 13th.** Place your check in a designated envelope marked ***The Lutheran Witness*** and include your name on the outside of the envelope.

Birthdays

20 Keith Appold

22 Ben Ayers

22 Braden Ayers

22 Renae Behr

22 Tammy Egan

23 Ethan Rakestraw

24 Nancy Lombardo

27 Ashlee Eddie

27 Sydney Jones

28 Tess Rakestraw



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
	Fellowship Hall in Use	3:30pm
	Newsletter Deadline Today	
Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
Wednesday	Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion	7:00pm

Women's Bible Study has been cancelled until further notice.

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

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.

Flowers gracing the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by the Hartsell family in loving memory of aunt Betsy.



Advent Begins next Sunday, November 29. Our theme this year is "The Jesse Tree". Devotional books are available for each family on the table as you enter or exit.

Midweek Advent Services will take place on **Dec 2, 9 & 16** at **7:00pm** with a dinner prior to the service beginning at 5:30pm. Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ !

	<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)



We Are Still Looking for a Secretary for our 2021 officers. Please prayerfully consider taking on this responsibility. You would mainly be taking down the minutes of the monthly Voter's meeting. All

information is in the December newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Dean Ayers or Tom Buckthorpe. Thank you.

The Christmas Families Wall is ready this morning.

Following each service, we will have you come in the coffee room one family at a time and choose a gift tag/tags. You will then read off your choice to Linda who will mark it on the sign-up sheet. We ask that people please social distance as they wait their turn. Thank you so much for helping out these families in need this Christmas. God bless!



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.**

Secretary Position Available – St. George Episcopal Church in Milford is looking for a church secretary for 10 -15 hours per week. Please contact Michelle if interested at 248-685-9242. Thank you.