

faith

Worship, News & Notes

November 29, 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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First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 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 80:1-7

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



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.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7

P¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

P²Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

C stir up your might and come to save us!

P³Restore us, O God;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P⁴O LORD God of hosts,

C how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

P⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears

C and given them tears to drink in full measure.

P⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,

C and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

C let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



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



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1–10

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

☐ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

333 Once He Came in Blessing



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He
 3 Soon will come that hour ——— When with might - y
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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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 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.

Distribution

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing,
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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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

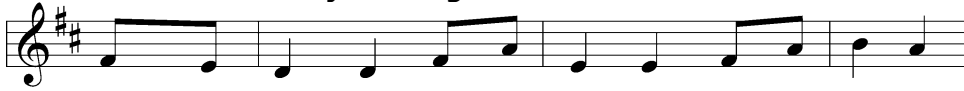
A Let us bless the Lord.

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.

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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Advent Begins TODAY. 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. Every precaution will be taken for a safe dinner. Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ

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.



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.

Birthdays

11/30 Theresa Erfourth
12/01 Evelyn Bruursema
12/02 George Rilett
12/03 Linda Hadley

12/04 Geri Nelson
12/05 Lorraine Muegge
12/05 Mary Stanley

Anniversary

Steve & Shelley Kirchner
12-5-1987

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

Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
Wednesday	Advent Dinner	5:30pm
	Advent Service	7:00pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	6:45pm
Saturday	Outreach Meeting	8:30am

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

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.



Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to Laura, Neil & Max Hornbacher & Barb Steele at the sudden passing of nephew & grandson, **Carson** on November 22.

Heartfelt Christian sympathy also goes out to **Sherri Steigerwalt** at the passing of her mother-in-law on November 20.

May these families find comfort in knowing their loved one is with their Lord in a beautiful heaven and that their church family is praying for them at this time.

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.



	<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)

Want to contribute electronically? Visit faithhighland.com/give to get started.

The Christmas Families Wall is up and ready for you. 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.

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.

Christmas Worship Survey

If you have not yet completed the Christmas Worship Survey, please do so by going to faithhighland.com/worship-times on our website and doing so now.

We are doing this to make worship as safe and enjoyable to our Faith family as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank You!