FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL SERVE HIM; THEY WILL SPEAK OF THE LORD TO THE COMING GENERATION.

PEOPLE NOT YELBORN WILL BE TOLD,

THE LORD SAVED HIS PEOPLE.

PSALM 22:30-31

About this Service

In 1962 a group met on Trinity Sunday to charter the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church. Though the faces and places have changed many of the elements of today's service are exactly the same. We are hearing the same scripture readings, singing the same hymns, we are blessed to be hearing from the same preacher who gave the sermon on June 17, 1962; we are largely doing what our forebears set out to do 60 years ago, and the reason is this: the Word of the Lord endures forever. Whatever change we experience throughout our days under the sun, the Lord is **with you.** He is with you because he sent his Son Jesus into our very existence and lives, into our flesh to suffer, die, and rise, to redeem and win us back from the curse of sin. Before his incarnational intervention the only thing that united us was our sinful enmity with God, but now we are united not by people, pastor, or pavilion, not by the address on the mailbox or the names Faith or Lutheran. We are united because we are captivated by the same Gospel our parents and grandparents were in 1962, the same good news in which some German immigrants put their hope in 1839, the same faith and trust held by countless Christians through ages past in the God who always remembers His people, who always listens to and answers their prayers, who is always faithful to His promises. In that we are the very same because Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever.

Let us enjoy, rejoice, and be glad in this day that the Lord has made, but let us also remember: Faith's 60th anniversary is not a celebration of us; it is thanksgiving to a faithful God who has always led and sustained his people and who always will even to the end of the age. Soli Deo Gloria! *To God alone be the glory!*

Call to Worship

Choral Anthem: Upon This Rock

As you are able, please stand and face the processional cross.

Blessing and Dedication of the Pavilion

- ▶ Let the way be opened in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord, the psalmist declares, "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that all things are holy when sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this pavilion to be a place where the Lord's will is done and His name is glorified.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, without whom no word or work of ours avails, grant Your blessing to all who use this pavilion. Help them to grow day by day in the knowledge of Your will and in the grace to perform it, to the honor and praise of Your name and the good of all people; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the +→ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this pavilion to the glory and honor of His name.

C Amen.

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit: Psalm 100; antiphon v. 4

- **P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- **G** Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- **G** Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!
- **P** Know that the LORD, he is God!
- It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- P For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
- **C** and his faithfulness to all generations.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
 - is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
- Give thanks to him; bless his name!



Gloria in Excelsis





Salutation and Collect of the Day



Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing giver of every good gift, we implore You to dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, so that by Your grace we poor sinners may be turned to You and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8:22–30

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³and said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close

attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 8

 \blacksquare ¹O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

G You have set your glory above the heavens.

A²Out of the mouth of babes and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

C to still the enemy and the avenger.

A³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

G the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

A⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

A ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

G and crowned him with glory and honor.

A ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

G you have put all things under his feet,

 \mathbf{A}^{7} all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

A⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

C whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

A⁹O LORD, our Lord,

C how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Epistle: Romans 11:33–36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,

or who has been his counselor?"

- ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him
 - that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Stand
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Holy Gospel: John 3:1–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



- 5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,

Be praise now and eternally! Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Georg J. Elvey, 1816–93 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

G 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 丹 everlasting. Amen. Rev. David G. Ludwig

Renewal of Commitment of Members

Will the members of Faith Lutheran Church, as you continue to express your fellowship and faith not only in speaking and hearing the Gospel, but also in celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as a source and sign of our unity in the Christian faith, please stand?

All baptized adults and children, who are presently members of Faith Lutheran Church, please stand as you are able.

If you sincerely desire, God helping you, to have the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ preached to you, and if you promise to hear this Good News and obey it, then answer:

G God helping us, we do so desire, and we do so promise.

If you sincerely desire, God helping you, to remember the covenant He made with you at your Baptism, renouncing again the devil and all evil, remaining united as a Christian congregation in this area and furthermore if you promise to bring this intent to action by a faithful use of the Word of God and Sacraments to improve your life and witness, then answer:

G God helping us, we do so desire, and we do so promise.

Finally, is it your sincere intention to live in the world so that the name of Christ may be brighter and the good name of His Church upheld, and do you promise, to that end, to hear the admonition of your pastor and your fellows when it is founded on the Sacred Scriptures? If you do so intend and promise, then answer:

G God helping us, that is our intention and promise.

- **P** The Lord give you strength to fulfill these promises. By what name are you known?
- **G** We desire to be known as Faith Lutheran Church.
- I, in the fear of God, do charge you to live up to your name by being loyal to this faith in Christ through which you have become the people of God. The Lord preserve your coming in and going out, now and forever.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united us Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing us by His blood. Renew in us the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that we may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to our Savior. Deliver us from the power of Satan and preserve us from false and dangerous doctrines, that we may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. Strengthen our faith to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable us to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from Jesus to love You and our neighbor and to bear all crosses with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of all flesh; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Offering

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Stand



Prayer of the Church

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend our families, our church family, our friends, our neighbors and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

■ Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,



■ We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who remembers us in His kingdom and teaches us to pray:

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.

Following the prayers the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

Choral Anthem: Precious Jesus

Thanksgiving



Salutation and Benedicamus



Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
 - The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





Stand

 △ 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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> LITURGIST: Rev. Jonathan Moyer PROCLAIMER: Rev. David G. Ludwig KEYBOARDIST: Jacqueline Rhodes SOLOIST: Ryan Wilski - Baritone

Faith Lutheran Church has proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ since 1961. On December 17th of that year, a small gathering of members of Christ Lutheran, Milford, met with Pastor Donald Simon to discuss a proposed mission in the White Lake/Duck Lake area. Soon afterward, the first worship service was held on January 28, 1962 at a building on



Rev. David Ludwig 4/29/1962 – 6/5/1966

Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Abend Thomas Douglas Allen Raleigh & Patricia Bahr Kathleen (Hangstefer) **Bill & Pauline Baker** Pamela (Pierce) Patricia (Larzelere) Jean Baker Edwin & Lillian Butzke Michael Laura (Douglas) Kathleen (Lemke) Albert & Betty Chyz Morris & Barbara Cascadden Glenn

the corner of Duck Lake Rd & Jackson Blvd. In February of that year the congregation extended a call to Reverend David G. Ludwig, the assistant Pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska. On March 18th Pastor Simon informed the congregation that the pastor accepted the call, but would not arrive until the end of April.

The first Easter Sunrise Service was held on April 22, officiated by Rev. Paul Heinecke, Secretary of Missions for The Michigan District. Pastor Ludwig arrived shortly thereafter, and his installation service was held at Christ, Milford on April 29, 1962; he delivered his first sermon on May 6th at the new congregation.

On Trinity Sunday, June 17, 1962, Rev. Heinecke presented the Charter to Pastor Ludwig and assisted in the Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Reception of communicant members transferring from Christ Lutheran, Milford and comprising the charter members of Faith Lutheran Church included:

Mr. & Mrs. John Croft Helen Douglas Richard Clarence & Noreen Falardeau Noreen Larry Dale & Margetine Fluegge Elmer & Gertrude Fluegge Mary Lou Fluegge (nee Block) Barry & Geraldine Hark Stephen Corby & Olive House Corby Carol Anna Huebner

Ruth Kilburn Elsie Krajenke Bonita (Adams) Mr. & Mrs. Albert Manke Ronald & Gloria McLaughlin Kevin Jill Harry & Bev Patterson June Peters Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Plegge Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinand Schroeder Fredrick Nancy Gary & Carol Vashon Dorotha Violett **Betty Webster**

Faith's first Vacation Bible School was held that year at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Abend with 39 children enrolled. The following year, Mrs. Ludwig, blessed with a lovely voice, organized a children's choir. Mrs. Pat Aldrich was our organist at that time and a second-hand Baldwin organ was purchased just in time for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The church continued to enjoy growing attendance, so in 1964 a contract was signed with general contractor, Mr. P.D. Clawson, Bloomfield Hills, for the construction of a new building. Groundbreaking service and ceremony was April 5th, construction began on the 12th, and the Dedication of the new facility took place on December 6th.

In 1966 Pastor Ludwig accepted the call to serve at Peace Lutheran Church, Detroit and in August of that year the call from Faith was accepted by Rev. Dennis Glander of Trinity Lutheran Church in Corona, South Dakota. By 1970 it became evident that office help would be beneficial to Pastor. Three volunteers stepped in; one of which was Mrs. Yvonne Pirozek.



Rev. Dennis Glander 9/4/1966 – 6/18/1972

During this time Faith had its first fresh-cooked Easter breakfast, with the youth stepping in as "cooks" and also celebrated its 10th Anniversary with two special services.



Rev. Terry Reynolds 9/16/1973 – 7/24/1977

In June 1972 Pastor Glander informed the congregation that he was accepting a call from Our Savior in Bad Axe. The following fourteen months were without a full-time pastor and a challenging time for the congregation. As vacancy Pastor Rev. Darwin Cordes was excellent serving to maintain the morale of the congregation and training laymen to assume leadership roles.

In March of 1973, a call for a candidate was sent to our seminaries. Rev. Terrence P. Reynolds, a graduate of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois and Princeton Seminary, New Jersey, received and accepted the call and arrived in September of 1973. During this period the church continued to grow, expanded into two services, and became fully self-supporting.

In July of 1977, Pastor Reynolds expressed his desire to pursue a P.D. in Theology. This began another lengthy time without a shepherd, but Faith was faithfully served by

vacancy pastors Rev. Donald Simon, Rev. John Hirsch and Rev. Charles Zeisser, and by the grace of God saw no disruption in service or programs.

By 1978 a call was extended to and accepted by Rev. Terry A. Claus who was presently serving the dual parishes of St. Paul, Linkville and Good Shepherd, Caseville. Pastor Claus was installed February 11, 1979 and began his 36 years of service. Throughout this time God granted significant growth to the surrounding area and to Faith Lutheran Church and blessed her many programs and activities such as Bible studies, Sunday School, VBS, Community Outreach, design and dedication of the Elmer Fluegge Memorial Ball Field, (seeded and fenced in 1985) and a building addition in 1987. Pastor Claus announced his retirement in 2015 and the congregation thanked God for his many years of faithful service at a retirement dinner on July 12.



Rev. Terry Claus 2/11/1979 – 7/12/2015



Rev. Jonathan Moyer 8/6/2017 - present

August saw the start of what would become a nearly two-year vacancy. During this time the congregation was again

blessed with the leadership of many vacancy pastors; Rev. Richard Rossow committed to the first year of our vacancy and many guest preachers filled in the second year as numerous calls were sent and returned.

In the spring of 2017 a call was extended to Rev. Jonathan Moyer, Associate Pastor of Faith, Grand Blanc, Michigan and third generation clergy. His family visited the congregation and met with staff and leaders that summer and he was installed on August 6th.

We conclude this brief history where we started: Faith Lutheran Church continues to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we pray it is the Lord's will that we are privileged to do so for many more generations!



Faith Lutheran Church History in Pictures



Our first meeting place at the corner of Duck Lake Rd. & Jackson Blvd (1962)



Groundbreaking of Faith Lutheran Church (1964)



Our steep roof is erected







1964 Cornerstone



Elmer Fluegge Ball Field was dedicated Nov 24, 1985



The addition of offices, restrooms & the coffee room (1987)



Proclaiming the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the years!



Our Faith Lutheran Church Home today!



The newest addition to our church grounds. The Pavilion is dedicated today, August 14, 2022.



Faith Lutheran Church

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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