

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN! We're glad you're here! If you have any questions or needs this weekend, please feel free to ask Pastor Janneke or one of our ushers. This weekend we are excited to welcome Pastor Dave and Sabra Horn back to Faith! (The Horns last visited Faith in 2015.) Pastor Dave and Sabra are full-time LCMS music missionaries, traveling nationwide proclaiming the Gospel in music and story. Please make the Horns feel welcome in Sioux Falls this weekend! Our worship service this Saturday and Sunday is shaped by several quotations from Martin Luther, especially appropriate in this year of the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

*"I have no pleasure in any man who despises music.
It is no invention of ours: it is a gift of God.
I place it next to theology.
Satan hates music:
he knows how it drives the evil spirit out of us."
~ Martin Luther ~*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

SONG "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" ~ LSB 497

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
With all Your graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart
Your fervent love to them impart
Lord, by the brightness of Your light
In holy faith Your Church unite
From ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue
This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung
Alleluia, alleluia

Come, holy Light, guide divine
Now cause the Word of life to shine
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight
From ev'ry error keep us free
Let none but Christ our master be
That we in living faith abide
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide.
Alleluia, alleluia

Come, holy Fire, comfort true
Grant us the will Your work to do
And in Your service to abide
Let trials turn us not aside
Lord, by Your pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend
Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend
Alleluia, alleluia

CONFESSION

*"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in,
that is really your God."
"I more fear what is within me
than what comes from without."
~ Martin Luther ~*

People: Lord God, what we are about to say should not be construed as the offering up of some splendid and valuable work on our part. We refuse to talk our way out by claiming some good in us. Neither will we try to impress you by beating our chests at how bad we are. We simply say back to you what you have said to us, that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and justly deserve your punishment. We lament this problem and seek your help to acquire a cheerful heart and a clear conscience. We make no claim that this confession will buy us a thing. Rather we claim only the innocent blood of Jesus, which has purchased and won our lives and redeemed us from the power of sin, death and hell. Speak to us now the words of release we so long to hear.

- based upon Luther's recommendation for how to confess.

ABSOLUTION

(sung by Pastor Dave)

Now I have heard your cry
For mercy and release
For pardon and for peace
A servant of the Word

I stand before your face
I announce to you His grace

Let it be as you believe
Let it be as you believe

So not by my own power
But in the Name of the Holy One
Father, Spirit, Son
And in our Shepherd's place
By order of the Prince of Peace
Your sins I now release

*"...you are to concentrate on the Word, on the Absolution,
to regard it as a great and precious
and magnificently splendid treasure,
and to accept it with all praise and thanksgiving to God."
~ Martin Luther ~*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:153-160

Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget your law.
Plead my cause and redeem me;
give me life according to your promise!
Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek your statutes.
Great is your mercy, O LORD;
give me life according to your rules.
Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.
I look at the faithless with disgust,
because they do not keep your commands.
Consider how I love your precepts!
Give me life according to your steadfast love.
The sum of your word is truth,
and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

SONG

"A Mighty Fortress" ~ LSB 656

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

*"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me;
it has feet, it runs after me;
it has hands, it lays hold of me."
~Martin Luther~*

A CALL TO HEAR THE WORD

"Fix Our Eyes"

*"If you want to interpret well and confidently,
set Christ before you,
for He is the man to whom it all applies,
every bit of it."
~ Martin Luther ~*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 7:1-13

Or do you not know, brothers-- for I am speaking to those who know the law-- that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34-42

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: Thanks be to God!

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED “We All Believe in One True God” ~ LSB 954

We all believe in one true God,
Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
Has the right of children given.
He both soul and body feeds us;
All we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us day and night;
All things are governed by His might.

We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of ev'ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
By the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother;
That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin
And raised by God to life again.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who, in highest heaven dwelling
With the Father and the Son,
Comforts us beyond all telling;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally.

THE MESSAGE IN WORD AND SONG

Greetings from:

and to:

Peace, Arlington, MN	Zion, Wayside, WI
St. Bart's, Billion, WI	Trinity, Merrill, WI
St. John's, Chaska, MN	St Paul's, Fremont, WI

Faith and Trust in God: "But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code..."

1. "I know not the way God leads me, but well do I know my Guide."
2. "I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."
3. "Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times."

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and OFFERING

PRAYERS

*"To be a Christian without prayer
is no more possible
than to be alive without breathing."
~ Martin Luther ~*

Pastor: Oh, Lord, we need you every moment. Make us ever mindful of
You and all Your gifts in every day, especially those we don't
see. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*"God wants us to pray,
and he wants to hear our prayers—
not because we are worthy,
but because he is merciful."
~ Martin Luther ~*

Pastor: Dear Father, preserve us from coming before You in conceit or
without humility, but rather secure in our hearts the certainty of
your mercy shown us through your Son, Jesus. Lord, in your
mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*"All who call on God in true faith,
earnestly from the heart,
will certainly be heard,
and will receive what they have asked and desired."
~ Martin Luther ~*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, you call upon us to ask, seek, and knock. Grant us your Spirit, we pray, that we may come with great boldness and confidence into our Father's throne room and make our requests of Him with gladness and hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*"You must learn to call on the Lord.
Don't sit all alone or lie on the couch,
shaking your head and letting your thoughts torture you.
Don't worry about how to get out of your situation
or brood about your terrible life,
how miserable you feel,
and what a bad person you are.
Instead, say,
'Get a grip on yourself, you lazy bum!
Fall on your knees,
and raise your hands and eyes toward heaven.
Read a psalm.
Say the Lord's Prayer,
and tearfully tell God what you need.'"
~ Martin Luther ~*

Pastor: Oh, Lord, how often we fail to bring our darkest thoughts to You for fear of your rejection. How often we wallow in self-pity when we could be offering up our sorrows and fears to You. We offer them now. Release us from them and fill us with Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

*"I have so much to do
that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."
~ Martin Luther ~*

Pastor: [The specific prayers of the church ...]

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who also taught us to pray...

SONG "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" LSB 655

**Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit and sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.**

**O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.**

BLESSING

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

A Door Offering will be gathered after both services this weekend for the purpose of thanking Pastor Dave and Sabra for sharing their musical gifts with us this weekend and for supporting them in their ongoing work of singing the Gospel! Please give as you are able.

Please join us after our Sunday service for refreshments in the entryway, followed by a musical Bible study hour led by the Horns. Bible study will be held in the sanctuary this weekend.