

Pastor Kory's Page

Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD
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New Chancel Banners

You might have noticed the new banners hanging in the chancel as you arrived for worship this weekend. Have you seen those symbols before? If not, pull out the hymnal in your pew. Take a look at the front and back covers. Do you see them now?

Lutheran artist, Pam Collins, of Staples, MN, created these new banners for Faith. The banners were donated by members of our congregation. The Introduction to *Lutheran Service Book* says this about the symbols depicted on the banners and on the front and back covers of our hymnal: *"To the left of the cross are depicted the means of grace, through which the Gospel goes forth into our lives and to all the world. From top to bottom are an open Bible (Word of God), a shell with drops of water (Holy Baptism), and Communion vessels with grains of wheat and fruit of the vine (Lord's Supper). On the back cover, the Holy Trinity is pictured in the form of the hand of God (the Father), a cross (the Son), and a dove (the Holy Spirit)."* (LSB, p. ix)

I would encourage you to read the introduction to *Lutheran Service Book* to learn more, both about these symbols of our Christian faith, and also about the basis for Lutheran worship. (Don't miss the explanation about the cross design on page ix!)

Here is some additional teaching from that introduction: *"Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preached into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul."* (LSB, p. viii) What a wonderful summary of the faith we share as Lutheran Christians!

Speaking of "serving", Sunday Service² is less than a month away! Please see the reverse side for more information about this opportunity to serve our surrounding community in the name of Jesus! When we gather together in worship, our God is here to serve us! How amazing is that? He serves us His grace and forgiveness through the Absolution, through the Gospel, and through the Lord's Supper. We, in turn, respond "in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another" (LSB, p. 166).

In Christ,

Pastor Kory Janneke

Sunday Service²

Sunday, June 5 will be Faith's annual "Sunday Service Squared." This will include a time to worship the Lord in our 9 a.m. service (the 1st "service"), and then to participate on service teams afterward, (the 2nd "service") doing fairly simple, but loving, acts of kindness for our neighbors – a free carwash, washing car windows at area gas stations, picking up litter in the Whitter neighborhood, paying for the laundry at a nearby laundromat, visiting local nursing homes, or preparing the meal we will share at 11:30 a.m. in our Christian Life Center. Please join one of the service teams! There is room for you on one of them. The teams will meet in the Christian Life Center after the worship service. And don't forget the opportunity to walk laps around the track! Walkers or runners pay 50 cents a lap to benefit The Community Outreach, one of the community assistance organizations at the Sioux Falls Ministry Center.



If you don't have one of the fluorescent yellow shirts from previous years, please pick one up in the entryway and remember to wear it on June 5!

