

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

WELCOME

ANTHEM

"Shout to the Lord" (Darlene Zschech)
Laura Streich, vocal soloist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (LSB 802)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

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 gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, 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.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- 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.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8,12a; (antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV)

- P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.
- C** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
- P** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
- C** And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
- P** Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
- C** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
- C** 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** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

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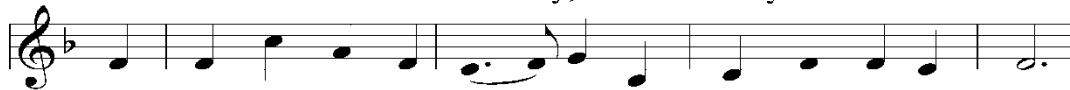


- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



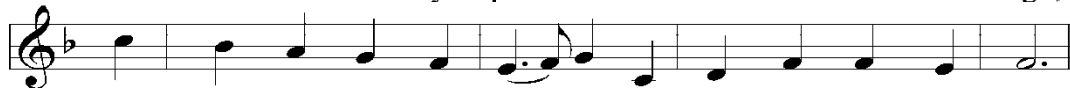
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14* (The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Revelation 1:4b–8

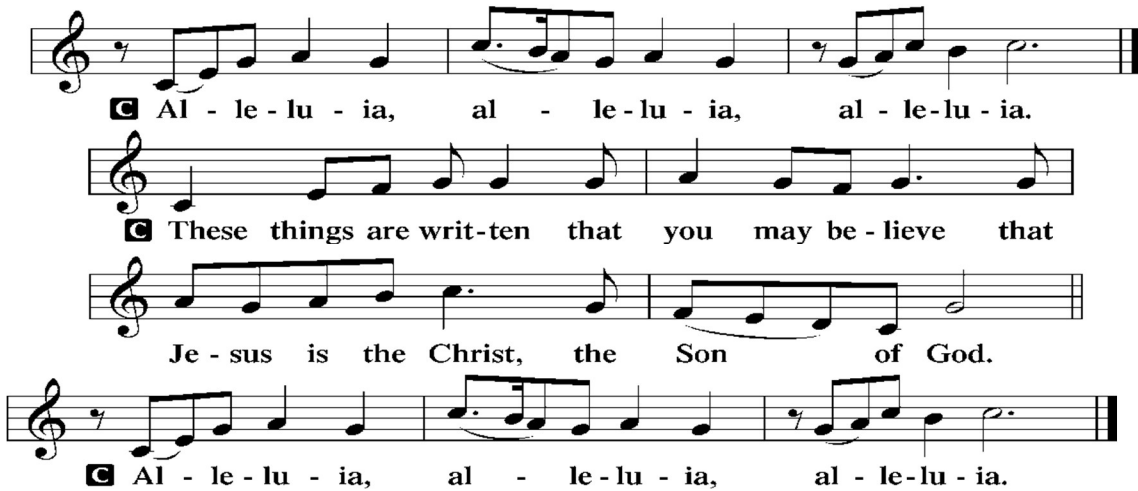
(“I am the Alpha and the Omega.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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

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

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 18:33–37

(“So You are a king?”)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN

“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”

(LSB 516)

SERMON

“Those Days”

(Mark 13:24)

Pastor Sam Handschke

THE CREED 8:30 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERTORY HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" vs 1-2 (LSB 781)

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



P O Almighty God, merciful Father, in this present life of sin and suffering Your Holy Church longs for the return of Christ. Give us grace to make a good confession and strength to stand firm in the faith, ever watchful for His coming in power and glory.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, bestow strength and steadfastness on the pastors and missionaries of Your Church, [*especially _____,*] that in these gray and latter days Your little flock may be nurtured and built up to the praise of Christ, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Most merciful God and Father, give grace to Your Holy Church throughout the world, that she may serve You with reverence and awe and endure faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, in humility Your only-begotten Son stood before governors and kings and was accused unjustly for our sake. Defend the cause of the weak and those who have no voice in our society, particularly the unborn, the poor and the homeless. Give the government of our nation the fortitude to serve its citizens and strive for fairness and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, with all creation we look in eager expectation toward our final redemption at the revelation of Your Son. Until that day, sustain those who live under the cross. Give them patience and hope, and grant healing and aid to the sick [*especially* _____]. Draw near to the dying. Hold them in the arms of Your love, and defend them against the final assaults of the evil one. Comfort those who mourn [*especially* _____] with the hope of the resurrection of the body to eternal life. Give us faith to believe that, in such crosses, You work all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would do so with a repentant heart and in faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Receive our thanks and praise for all those who have died in the faith and bring us with them to share in the splendors of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 8:30 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.



IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
11:00 am Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

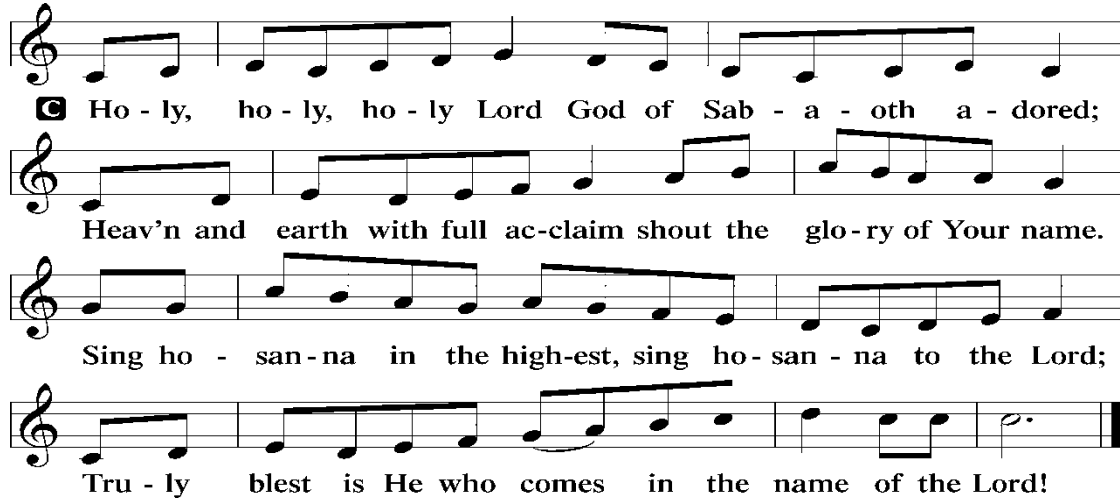
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

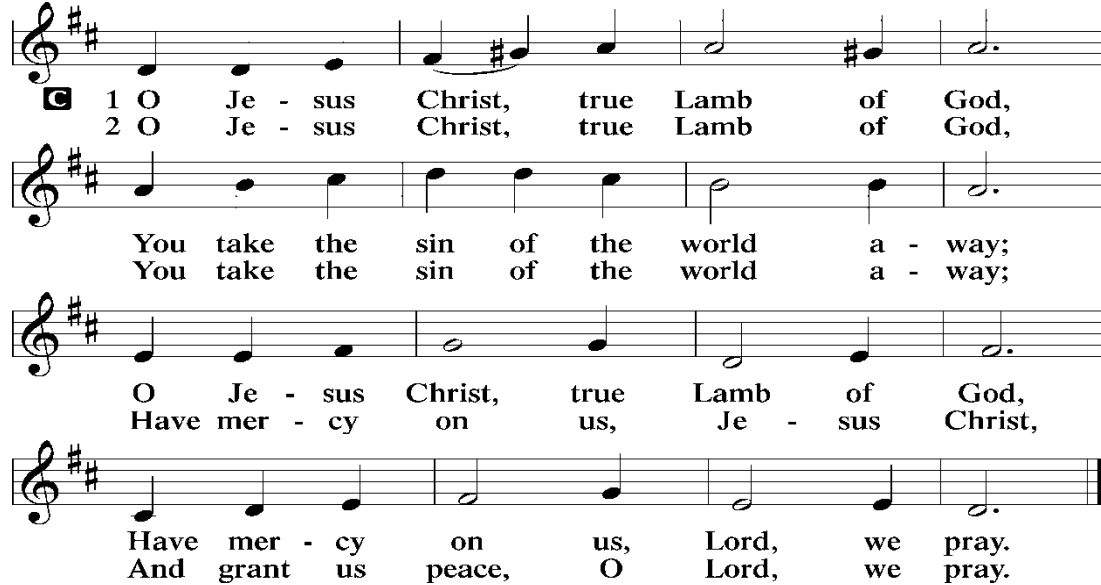
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS


"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB 618)

"Rise My Soul, to Watch and Pray" (LSB 663)

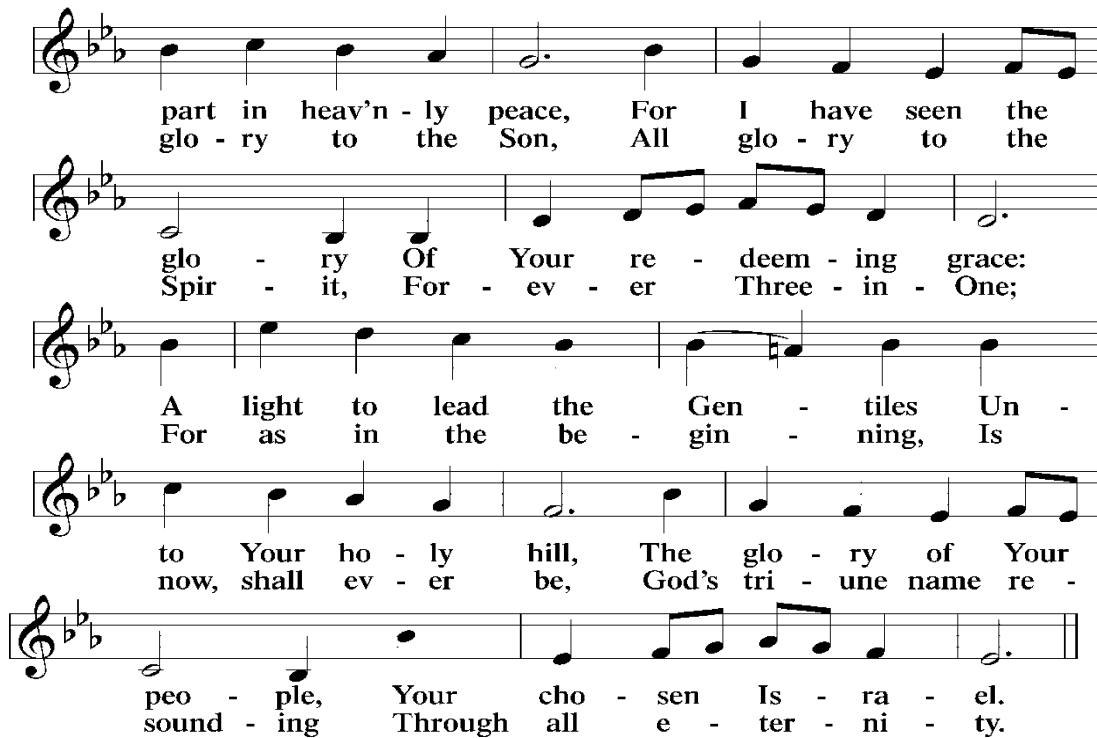


(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 *and* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.





CLOSING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(LSB 525)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday.

With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating “apocalyptic” revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil’s madness appear here, there, and everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Revelation 22:13

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card.

Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Christ the King Sunday! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 13, Att. 79, Offering \$495.00; **Sun. Nov. 17, Att. 236, Offering** \$9,768.08; Sunday School \$10.00; Building Fund \$490.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Security Fund \$1100.00; HVAC \$2,752.00; Organ Fund \$500.00; Special Missions \$700.00; LYF \$500.00; Country Fair Ads \$379.75; Bible Study Books \$60.00 Mexico Missions \$1,500.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Fred Marso (Blessings) \$100.00, (Generations) \$10.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a **SEPARATE CHECK** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **IT NEEDS TO BE IN THE FORM OF A CHECK**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



The Schweigert family would like to thank all the people of Faith Lutheran who participated in the party for Marv on November 3. We are very thankful for all the love shown by so many. Marv has enjoyed sharing in the tasks over these many years. The party was fun, and we thank all who worked to honor Marv. God bless you.

Marv and Jeanne

Women’s Christmas Party: Sunday, December 8th at 2 pm. All women of the congregation are invited. Meet in the Sanctuary for a short time of worship and song; followed by a time of fun, fellowship and snacks in the Christian Family Life Center. A free-will offering will be gathered to go towards helping victims of the recent hurricanes, via Orphan Grain Train. Hosted by LWML.

Here is the remaining debt on these systems as of 11/14/24.

Heating & Cooling System	Total Cost:	\$80,080.00
	Donations to Date:	<u>79,694.00</u>
	Remaining Costs:	386.00

New Security System	Total Cost:	\$30,370.00
	Donations to Date:	<u>10,622.00</u>
	Remaining Costs:	19,748.00

Thrivent Choice Dollars The deadline to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2025.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are funds that can be directed to help families in need around the world. Thrivent members can direct their Choice Dollars to various causes, including Faith Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Daycare, and Faith Lutheran Preschool.

If you have questions about how to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars or would like to speak with a Thrivent Financial Associate, please contact Samuel Missal, 605-656-5432 or visit 540 South Garfield Avenue Suite B.

If the funds are not directed by the deadline, Thrivent may use them to promote program participation or for other purposes.

Thanks to “Do-Gooders” – Each week we will highlight people who are doing good within our church, community, and world, with the intent of affirming the ways that all of us “Do Good.”

This week we would like to thank the Men’s Club for hosting and serving the pancake breakfast last Sunday. They have given us an opportunity to eat and talk together while

enjoying some delicious food. Also, thanks to everyone who came out for the pancake feed. Lastly, thanks to all of the people who donated to the sanctuary HVAC unit since it was installed last year. We have paid it all off!

Do Gooder Sunday, December 1

1. Bring a single flower and place it in the vase in the Sanctuary. A single flower has limited beauty, but a bouquet of flowers is a bounty of beauty. It is like a congregation where many willing hands are a beautiful bouquet.
2. Bring one item of food or clothing to support our Board of Mission's Rosebud project with Pastor Andrew Utecht.
3. Meet a new face.

Graduate Mailings Faith Circle will be sending the 2024 high school graduates as well as the college students a Christmas greeting. It will be sent to their home addresses. We are letting parents know this so they can expect a small envelope in their mail to pass on to their young adults.

If there is a better way to connect with these young adults, please contact the church office to let us know. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

God's Blessings Members of Faith Circle

Offering Envelopes The 2025 offering envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex. *Please pick yours up today.* Even if you give on-line there are additional envelopes you can use: Building, Endowment, Special Missions, Lent and Advent. The use of envelopes is helpful for our counters and posters. If you don't use envelopes, it is helpful if you put your envelope number on your check.

Caroling The Board of Missions will sponsor a night of caroling on Monday, December 16th. Please join us at the church at 6:00 pm and we will enjoy sharing The Reason for the Season with our local community and hand out Christmas goodies.

Collection for Pastor Utecht Ministry and Christmas Party at Rosebud

The Board of Missions is sponsoring a collection for Pastor Utecht's ministry in Rosebud and Parmalee. An area is set up in the Narthex to collect the following items:

- Winter clothing items
- Blankets
- Nonperishable food items
- Toilet paper and other such items
- Laundry detergent

Thank you for your generosity. On Sunday December 15th we will take a church van to Rosebud with the items collected, departing at 2:00 pm. Please join us on this trip. While in Rosebud we will Christmas carol, help with a community meal, assist with the puppet play presentation, and distribute items collected from our Faith Lutheran congregation.

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Prescription TLC” - Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.

10:30 AM - Rev. Brady Finnern, President of the Minnesota North District LCMS in Baxter, MN presents a message titled “We Will See.” This sermon is based on Mark 13:24-37. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “In spades the Lord has taught me, and prayerfully you also, that Psalm 23 is a thanksgiving psalm. He anoints our heads, which is the Old Testament way of saying He chooses us as kings. He makes us a part of His royal household! Man, are we blessed as His kids!” *Pastor Keith Haberstock, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Children’s Christmas Program and Practices The Board of Education is pleased to announce that the children in our Sunday School program will present their Christmas program on December 15 at 9:45 a.m. We will have Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 7 & 14. The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior’s birth. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping,



baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three years,

LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 24

8:30 am Worship

9:30 Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Nov. 25

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

7-10 pm Pickleball

Tues: Nov. 26

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Wed: Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Chapel with
Communion

Thurs: Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day

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Fri: Nov. 29

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Sun: Dec. 1

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders

Thank you, God!
