

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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"As loving servants of God, fed by Word and Sacrament, we will reach out, welcome, and provide a safe haven for all."



Worship Services

6:00 pm Saturday — Worship

8:00 am Sunday—Worship

9:00 am Sunday School — September-May

10:15 am Sunday — Worship

Healing Service—12:10 pm 1st Wednesday of every month

(Gathering Music)

Welcome and announcements

Confession and Forgiveness:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Faithful God,

have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

(Hymn of Praise)

Prayer of the Day

First Lesson

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (read responsively by verse or sung by cantor)

Second Lesson

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to _____. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day or Special Music

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need...

*Each petition ends: ...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace:

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please place your offering in the plate at the beginning or end of the service.

(Offertory Music)

Offertory Prayer:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal;
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

Agnus Dei:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

Distribution of Communion

(Music during Communion)

Post-Communion Prayer:

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer Requests:

(Postlude)

Altar Flowers:

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY <i>6:00 pm</i>	10/17	10/24
ASSISTANT MINISTER/LECTOR	P.Anderson	T.Brown
SUNDAY <i>8:00 am</i>	10/18	10/25
ASSISTANT MINISTER/LECTOR	S.Repoff	MJ Szewczyk
HOST		N.Gardner
SUNDAY <i>10:15 am</i>	10/18	10/25
ASSISTANT MINISTER/LECTOR	B.McBride	C.Lee
HOST	B.Brale	Wenners
TELLERS	Etzels	Falkenberg

This Week at Faith:

Sunday, October 18

8:00 am Worship followed by
Congregational Meeting
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship followed by
Congregational Meeting
12:30 pm—3:30 pm 1st Communion
Workshop

Monday, October 19

9:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am Bible Study @ Faith

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 pm Council
7:30 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, October 21

6:00 pm Girl Scouts

Thursday, October 22

Friday, October 23 *Office Closed*

**Saturday, October 24 *Reformation-
Youth Weekend-Rite of Confirmation***
6:00 pm Worship

a few notes...

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to attend Faith's fall congregational meeting, to be held after each service this weekend. Agenda will include nominations for open positions, approval of the preliminary 2021 budget, approval of AC in the fellowship hall, and final approval of the merger with Christ the Redeemer. Christ the Redeemer will also hold its final congregational meeting after the 10:15 service, to vote on final approval of the merger with Faith.

VETERANS DAY CARDS

With Covid-19, all Veteran's Day activities have been cancelled this year. The many veterans living at our Erie VA Medical Center cannot have visitors at this time. A table has been placed in the narthex with some blank cards. Please take a card, write a note to a veteran, and return to the church by Nov. 8th. All the cards will be delivered to the VA and distributed to the veterans on Veterans' Day. Thank you for helping our veterans know that they are not alone, and that their service for our freedom is appreciated!

Our Preschool had some updates and now has a freestanding heater for sale! This is a Kenmore infrared room heater. Give Pastor Jean a shout if you are interested in the details.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE FOR ALL SAINTS

This year we are adding an evening service on All Saints Day, Nov. 1, at 6:00 p.m., in addition to our three regular weekend services. This will provide more options for observing the festival day while still maintaining social distancing. We will use the beautiful service of Compline, or Prayer at the End of the Day.

UPDATE ON FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Food Backpack program provides child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food items on a weekly basis to local students who otherwise would not have enough to eat over the weekend. It only costs \$3.50 per week, or \$120 per student per year. The program is funded, up and running for Clark Elementary for 2020-21; we are in the process of securing funding for expanding the program to Rolling Ridge and Klein schools, maybe even as soon as November. Linda McGarvey (814-397-3069) is coordinating food pickup from Second Harvest Food Bank, packing the food at South Harborcreek United Methodist Church (7929 McGill Road), and delivery to the school. Currently, pick up, packing, and delivery all take place on Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda directly, or speak with Pastor Jean or Dan McBride. If you would like to support the program financially, you can send donations directly to "Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA" at 1507 Grimm Dr, Erie, PA, 16501, Attention: Michelle Schrimper. Earmark it "Backpack Program", and designate your gift for either Rolling Ridge or Klein Elementary. You can also just speak with Pastor Jean.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COLLECTION FOR THE ORPHAN ANGELS CAT SANCTUARY

Canned pate cat food and unscented clumping cat litter are needed. Financial donations are also welcome. Also, a special guest from Orphan Angels (along with a cat or two!) will be visiting SCS on October 25!

Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 9:00-1:00

For the safety of our staff and members, please follow these protocols when you visit the office:

· Masks must be worn when in the building·

Only one visitor in the office at a time (two, if they are a couple coming in together) · Visitors must maintain 6-foot physical distancing · If we have more than one visitor arriving at the same time, they will be asked to wait either in their vehicle or in the narthex, and to observe physical distancing. · If you would like to call ahead or make an appointment, please do. (Drop-ins are also welcome)

SHARE THE GOSPEL, NOT THE GERMS:

Thanks be to God! Consistent with guidelines from the CDC, the ELCA, and local and state government, we are able to resume in-person worship. We will be following certain precautions in order to minimize the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, including these:

·Wearing of masks required.

- 6-ft. physical distancing required between family/household groups.
- No congregational singing due to the high risk of aerosol spread. Feel free to hum!
- We have removed the cushions on the pews. You are welcome to bring your own cushion, if you prefer.
- No physical touching (outside of one's immediate household).
 - If you're sick, please stay home.
- Wash your hands frequently and well, and use hand sanitizer.
- No passing the plate. Please place your offerings in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship area. You may also continue to use online giving or mail in your offerings to the church office.

An option for services will be to remain in your vehicle in the parking lot and tune into our low-frequency **FM broadcast at 97.7**. We also offer a recorded Sunday worship on our website and on Facebook.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation! We're taking these measures out of love for one another.

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Worship Plan for October 17 & 18, 2020

20th Weekend after Pentecost

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *The assembly is seated.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

²I will go before you:

and the gates shall not be closed;

and I will level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make woe and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

The Psalm will be read responsively. Please read the bold portions.

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the

heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfast-

ness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God,

that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only,

but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what

kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us

and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the

Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in

Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and

Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to

speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we

had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and

to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us

from the wrath that is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their

disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere,

and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you

do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes

to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to

the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a de-

narius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered,

"The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are

the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were

amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Attendance:

Saturday 6:00 pm ~ 24

Sunday 8:00 am ~ 16

Sunday 10:15 am ~ 36

Healing Service ~ 3