

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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November 7 & November 8, 2020

*“As loving servants of God, fed by Word and Sacrament, we will reach out, welcome, and provide a safe haven for all.”*



# Welcome

**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,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we are not awake for you.**  
**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**  
**We forget the least of our siblings.**  
**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**  
**We are infected by sin**  
**that divides your beloved community.**  
**Open our hearts to your coming,**  
**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**  
**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**  
Beloved, we are God's children now.  
Through Christ you are forgiven, welcomed, and made new.  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

*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:**

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **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:**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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:**

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

**Benediction:**

The blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal:**

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Postlude)*

Prayer Requests:  
Eric Marshall  
William Leety

Altar Flowers:

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE:</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> <i>6:00 pm</i>	<b>11/7</b>	<b>11/14</b>
ASSISTANT MINISTER/LECTOR	D.Klaproth	T.Brown
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>8:00 am</i>	<b>11/8</b>	<b>11/15</b>
ASSISTANT MINISTER/LECTOR	B.Tackett	A.Konkol
HOST	N.Gardner	
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER		M.Konkol
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>10:15 am</i>	<b>11/8</b>	<b>11/15</b>
ASSISTANT MINISTER/LECTOR	D.Rose	B.Noonan
HOST	McBrides	B.Braley
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER		
TELLERS	Etzels	Falkenberg

*a few notes...*

**PRAYERS FOR WHEN YOU FEEL ANXIOUS:** Three new coloring pages with comforting prayers are available in the narthex. Take, color, pray, and breathe!

**Special Offering for Nov. 14-15:** Next weekend we will take a special offering to support the **Backpack Program** at our three Harbor Creek School District elementary schools. This program provides weekend food for children in our community who are experiencing food insecurity. We started with Clark in October and are now up and running at Klein and Rolling Ridge. We are now providing food for up to 40 children at each school. It only costs \$3.50 per weekend or \$120 per school year to feed a child in need. If you choose to write a check, just write it to "Faith Lutheran Church" and earmark it "Backpack Program".

**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.

**VIRTUAL CONCERT**

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church presents "How Sweet the Sound:" Simple Gifts returns on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 in a Virtual Folk Concert. Enjoy these two talented women playing twelve instruments & performing a wide variety of ethnic folk music from around the world. Plus learn to play the spoons. Plan to attend the Zoom concert and workshop (bring 2 spoons). Join Zoom concert <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88383106849>

**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.

**THE PIANO IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (IN THE ROOM BY THE RESTROOMS) IS UP FOR GRABS!**

If you or someone you know would like it, please let the office or Pastor Jean know. Pick up only ~ FREE!

**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 November 7 & November 8, 2020**  
23rd Weekend after Pentecost

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*  
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen. The assembly is seated.**

**FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24**

A reading from Amos.  
<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, not light;  
<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;  
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.  
<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 70**

*The Psalm will be read responsively (Saturdays) or sung by the cantor (most Sundays).*

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

**<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

<sup>4</sup>**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love you salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.  
<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."  
The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**This Week at Faith:**

**Sunday, November 8**

8:00 am Worship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am Worship

**Monday, November 9**

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

**Tuesday, November 10**

**\*No Preschool\***  
9:00 am Craft & Chat  
6:30 pm Property  
7:30 pm AI-Anon  
7:30 Finance

**Wednesday, November 11**

**\*Veterans Day\***  
6:00 pm Daisies

**Thursday, November 12**

**Friday, November 13 \*Office Closed\***

**Saturday, November 14**

6:00 pm Worship

**John 15:13**

"Greater love has no one than this,  
that he lay down his life for his  
friends."



***Happy Veterans Day***

**Attendance:**

Saturday 6:00 pm ~ 18

Sunday 8:00 am ~ 21

Sunday 10:15 am ~ 38

All Saints' Compline ~ 9