

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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October 23& 24, 2021

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



Guest Network: Faith Guest
Password: Guest1 Faith

Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

*Our 10:15 am service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page Faith Lutheran Erie and our website www.faithlutheranerie.com.

*Worship from our parking lot FM broadcast 100.9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

**Opening Hymn: Saturday & Sunday ~ ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty
Word**

Apostolic 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 *The Psalm will be sung responsively. Please sing the bold portions. The Psalm will be spoken on Saturdays.*

¹When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion, then were we like¹ those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with¹ shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great¹ things for them.” R**

³The LORD has done great¹ things for us, and we are¹ glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses¹ of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who¹ sowed with tears will reap with¹ songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves. R**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from Hebrews.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Sunday:

Gospel Acclamation ~ Saturday: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day ~ Saturday: ELW 715 Christ Be Our Light

Sunday: ELW 779 Amazing Grace

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

Peace

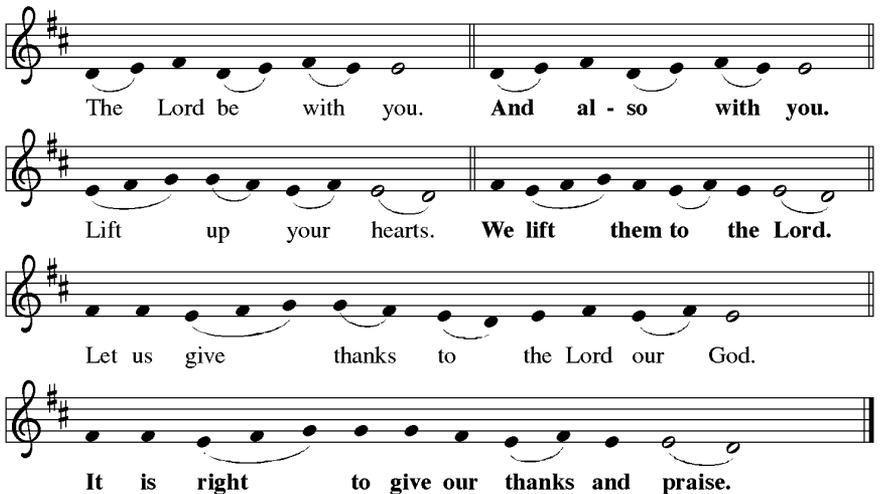
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Choir Anthem (Sunday, 10:15): *When It Seems the Day Will End*

Offertory Prayer:

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Dialogue: *Spoken on Saturdays*



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.

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: *Spoken on Saturdays*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion:

All who hunger and thirst, come to the table.

Spoken on Saturdays

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Blessing:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

Closing Hymn: *Sundays only* ELW 779 Amazing Grace

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



**ELCA Youth Gathering, July 24-28, 2022 in
Minneapolis, MN:**

We currently have three youth from Faith who plan to attend. There's still time to register if you're interested. Speak with Pastor Jean ASAP, and check out <https://elca.org/gathering> for more info. We are still seeking one or more adult leaders to travel with our youth.



The 2nd offering for Bethany Outreach Center was \$197.50.



**Fall Bible Study with Pastor Jean:
“Bad Girls of the Bible”
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Faith,
September 8-November 17, 2021**

Are the “bad girls of the Bible” all bad? Some may well deserve their reputation as “bad to the bone”. Others are victims who have been maligned. Others are brave and resourceful. Others...well, it can be complicated. In this series, we’ll look at the stories of some famous (or infamous) women from the Old Testament, consider how God might be at work in their lives, and see what we can learn from them for our lives today. Everyone is welcome!

This Week at Faith:

Sunday, October 24

8:00 am Worship followed by Congregational Meeting

9:00 am Sunday School

9:15 am Choir

10:15 am Worship followed by Congregational Meeting

Monday, October 25

11:00 am Bible Study

Tuesday, October 26

9:00 am Craft n Chat

11:15 am Staff Meeting

7:30 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, October 27

8:30 am Prayer Breakfast @ Bob Evans

5:30 pm Bad Girls Bible Study

Thursday, October 28

Beacon Assembly

Friday, October 29

Office Closed

Saturday, October 30

Reformation/Youth Weekend

6:00 pm Worship

Looking ahead...

Reformation & Youth Weekend, Oct. 30-31: Our children and youth will help to lead worship this weekend. Please contact Pastor Jean or Barb Noonan if interested.

Worship Assistants

<i>Saturday 6:00 PM</i>	October 23	October 30
Assistant/Lector	Darryl Bush	T.Brown
<i>Sunday 8:00 AM</i>	October 24	October 31
Assistant /Lector	B.Tackett	B.Tackett
Lector	A.Konkol	
Greeter/Usher		N.Gardner
Acolyte/Crucifer		Ruth Dolak
<i>Sunday 10:15 AM</i>	October 24	October 31
Assistant /Lector	B.Noonan	C.Lee
Lector		M.Concilla
Greeter/Usher		B.Braley
Tellers	Etzels	Falkenberg

Attendance:

Saturday 6:00 pm - 29
 Sunday 8:00 am - 8
 Sunday 10:15 am - 44

Prayer Requests Pastor Al Gesler

Altar Flowers

Given by
 Nancy & Jerry Simmons to the
 glory of God and in celebration
 of the marriage of
 Stephen and Colleen ~ 10.16.21

October's Eternal Light

Given by Jack & Barb Nissen in
 memory of all their family



**ENJOY
 YOUR
 WEEK!**

The readings for next weekend, October 30 & 31, Reformation Weekend, will be Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, and John 8:31-36.

Announcements:

Our fall congregational meeting will take place after each worship service this weekend.

All voting members (those who are confirmed and have communed and made a contribution of record in the last) are encouraged to attend.

The agenda will include 1. Nominations to open positions (congregational council, voting members for synod assembly, and endowment board); 2. Presentation and vote on the preliminary 2022 Unified and Capital Improvement Budgets; and 3. Presentation and vote on expenditure for proposed AV upgrades.

Youth services for Reformation weekend, Oct. 30-31: We're looking for children and youth to serve as readers, greeters, prayer leaders, musicians, etc. If you're able to help, please see Pastor Jean or SCS Director Barb Noonan.

Prayer Breakfast is back! We're now meeting at Bob Evans (by the Harborcreek Walmart) at 8:30 on Wednesdays for breakfast, fellowship, and good conversation. We pray a little too. Everyone is welcome.

We have personal hearing devices available for anyone who may have difficulty hearing the service. If you would like to use one, simply ask the greeter/usher, Pastor Jean, or Brian Gray, and we'll get you set up.

Communion-to-Go during the Pandemic: We now have a Communion-to-Go station in the narthex. You are welcome to stop by during church office hours (9-1 M-Th) to pick up pre-consecrated "Celebration Cups" and a brief liturgy for receiving communion, whether for yourself, a family member, friend, or neighbor who desires the sacrament. If you would like to have the pre-consecrated elements delivered to you, or if you would like to schedule a communion visit, please call the church office at 899-9653 or Pastor Jean at 717-440-3515.

Faith will host a drug and alcohol prevention seminar Thursday, December 9 at 6:00 pm. Speakers from Epic Outreach and the attorney general's office will be discussing the current drug situation in our community. Light refreshments will be provided—all are welcome!

Announcements Cont.

We are seeking volunteers to serve as guest teachers for the 2021-22 children's Sunday School. We'll provide a detailed, user-friendly teacher's guide in advance for each lesson. This year we're holding one combined class for K-5, and using a team teaching model. Note that child safety clearances are required; we can provide assistance with this process if needed, and the church will cover the fees for the background check. **Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, with the schedule and scripture lesson for each week.** We would also welcome volunteers to help with some of the special activities such as making the Advent wreaths or Valentines for Vets.

Communion update: We will now serve the wine from a pouring chalice. As you come forward to receive the sacrament, please pick up an individual plastic cup from the tray in the front aisle, receive the host, then proceed to the assisting minister with the chalice. After you have communed, you can place the used cup in the basket or tray on the side tables. Those who are unable to receive wine may pick up one of the individual cups of grape juice from the small tray.



There was a child's scooter found outside of the church. If you know the owner, please pick up at the church office! Also, take a look inside the lost and found bin in the narthex (top shelf, right side coat closet). We have accumulated many items that are missing their homes!



BE KIND. HELP STOP THE SPREAD:

Effective August 21, 2021, per the most current CDC guidelines, we highly recommend that all persons, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, resume wearing masks in public indoor spaces.

Thank you!

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