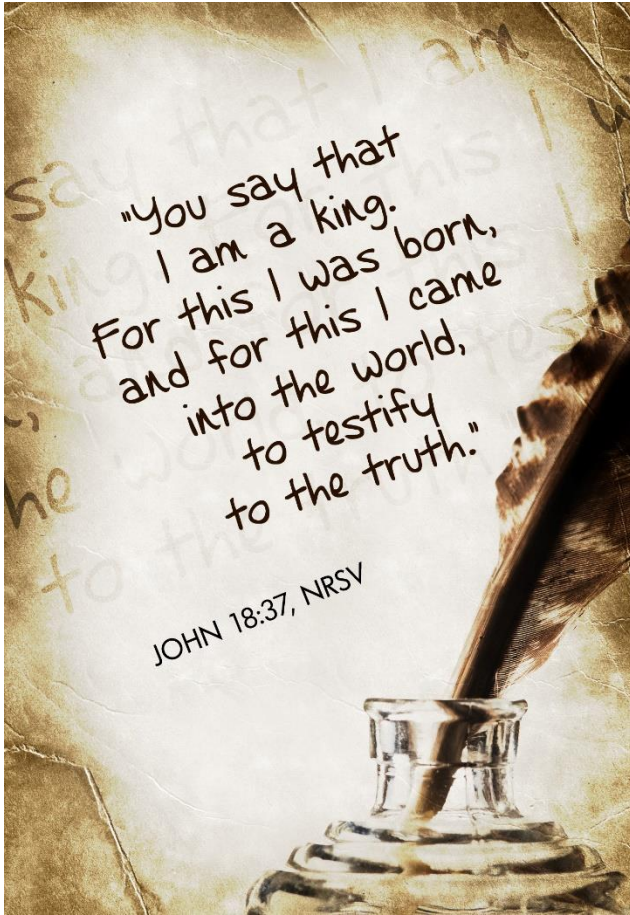


# Faith Lutheran Church

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# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



- To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .  
.. **we Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship  
.. **we Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life  
.. **we Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ
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## Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, “for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” (Galatians 3:26)  
We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God’s love and grace to be our help and guide.

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Faith Lutheran Church ≈ [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)  
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You also can find the audio available on Faith’s website under worship  
Sermons

## Jesus Chose Us

In today's gospel, Pilate, the Roman governor of Judea, is questioning Jesus. Jesus tells Pilate, "My kingdom is not from here" (John 18:36). Jesus' kingdom is not from this world, but Jesus submitted to this world in every way. Jesus' kingdom is not from this world, but Jesus spent his entire life living in its worst conditions. Yet despite the uncertainty and danger with which he lived, Jesus did not speak or act as though he was weak and powerless. What is more, he never hesitated to try the patience of the powerful, despite the fact that doing so would eventually cost him his life. And even when he had crowds of thousands welcoming and praising him, he knew that using the tools of the world to accomplish God's kingdom would only fail, just as it had for others so many times before.

Jesus' kingdom is not from this world, and nobody knew that better than Jesus.

And yet we choose him, he who was so utterly different from all of us. Or rather, because Jesus chose us as we are, we listen to his voice (John 18:37). Now a part of both this world—the world as we know it—and Jesus' kingdom, we have Jesus' power, light, and love inside us. This power regenerates every cell of our being so that our words and deeds are as much an extension of our own will as they are manifestations of the power of Christ's true kingdom. With this power, this grace, we too can live within this fallen world with hope and boldness. We are strengthened by the knowledge that we belong to God's kingdom, that we belong to the truth—to Jesus—and indeed have always belonged there. From this place of belonging, we invite others to listen to Jesus' voice and follow this king.

**Sunday, November 25, 2018**

Christ the King

27th Sunday after Pentecost

**Introduction to the day**

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

*If hearing assistance is needed, please ask an usher for a personal PA receiver.*

*The ushers also have large print copies of today's worship folder available.*

*If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.*

*There is a nursery available during the worship service for those who wish to use it. It is located at the end of the hall beyond the coat racks.*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS**

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.*

*Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

**PRELUDE**

"Soli Deo Gloria"

arr. Mark Himmelman

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## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.  
Source of all life,  
**we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.**  
**We fear that we are not good enough.**  
**We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.**  
**We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.**  
**Forgive us. Stir us.**  
**Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,  
act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**  
**Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven,  
✠ God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Rejoice, for Christ Is King!*


***ELW #430***

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

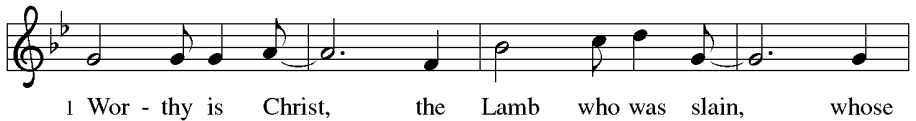
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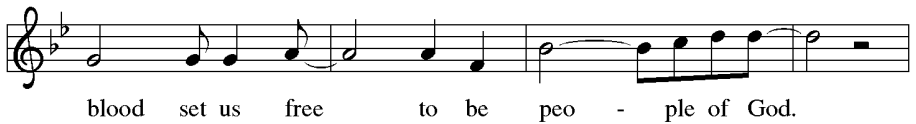
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

*Final refrain*



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



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

A reading from Daniel.

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.  
The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion



and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

***ELW #431***

## **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**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world,  
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in  
need.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.*

*To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers,  
and the assembly responds:*

Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, that we commend to you this  
day, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## MEAL

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

“Take My Life”

(Courtney)

Chancel Choir

### OFFERING RESPONSE

## Let The Vineyards

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful Lord, and

5 fill to the brim our cup of bles - sing. Gath - er the har -

10 - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

15 bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u -

21 nite them in the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta -

26 - ble with your pres - ence, Lord, and give us a fore -

30 - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Creator God,**

**you made everything, and you provide for every need.**

**The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you.**

**As we eat and drink with thanksgiving,**

**fill us with your love;**

**let that love flow through us to others;**

**and join us to the saints before us**

**in a holy and boundless communion;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

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.

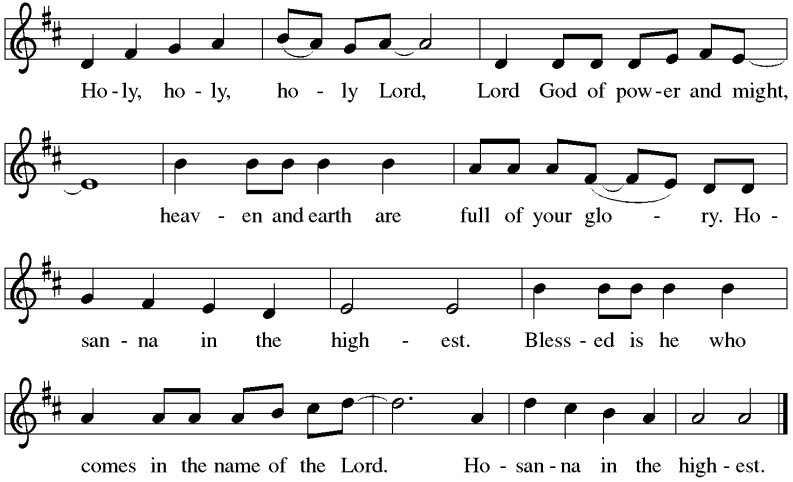
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

*O give thanks  
unto the LORD;  
for he is good.*



PSALM 136:1, KJV



## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge. We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

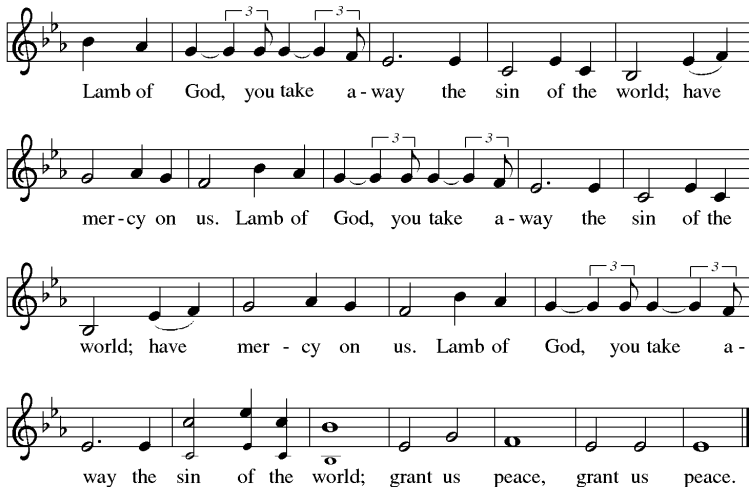
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.  
Come to the banquet of life.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG



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.



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Beautiful Savior”

arr. Dale Wood

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

### There is a Redeemer

E♭ B♭/D E♭ A♭/C B♭<sup>7</sup>/D E♭ B♭/D E♭ A♭/C B♭ E♭ B♭

1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,  
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;

E♭ B♭/D E♭ A♭ E♭/G Fm<sup>7</sup> B♭<sup>7</sup> sus E♭ A♭/B♭

pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.  
 there I'll serve my king for - ev - er, in that ho - ly place.

*Refrain*

E♭sus<sup>2</sup> E♭ Gm<sup>7</sup> A♭ E♭/G Fm A♭/B♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> sus B♭<sup>7</sup>

Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and

E♭ B♭/D E♭ A♭/C E♭/B♭ A♭ Fm<sup>7</sup> B♭<sup>7</sup> sus B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭

send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God,  
in this meal you give us a foretaste  
of the great feast to come.  
Keep us faithful to you,  
that we, with all your saints,  
may at length celebrate  
the marriage feast of the Lamb,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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## **SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

The love of God surround you;  
the grace of ✝ Christ release you;  
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,  
now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*The King Shall Come*

*ELW #260*

## **DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Crown Him with many Crowns”

arr. Wilbur Held

Siblings in Christ, welcome to worship! May your time in the Lord be rich and blessed.



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High School Director		Katie Love
Trinity/Middle School Director		Maddie Wosinski
Director of Music		Debra Borton-McDonough
Organist/Pianist		Bruce Williams

**Bi-Weekly Announcement packets are available in the narthex.**

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November 18, 2018 Attendance: 115

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Serving Faith	November 25	December 2
Acolyte	open	open
Altar Care	Brenda Kopf & Gail Barricklow Karen Whitmyer, Heidi Bowers, Brielle Bowers	
Communion Assistants	open	open
	Elaine Harrison	Heidi Nussdorfer
	Dane Webb	Rich Weingartner
Greeters	Mark & Molly DeHate	Mike Eschelbach
Readers	Elaine Harrison	Heidi Nussdorfer
Lay Assistant	Dane Webb	Rich Weingartner
Ushers	Doug & Linda Hirt	Jim & Peggy Crum
Nursery	Heidi Bowers	Lori Webb

**Altar Flower Dedications:**

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Vase 1: Becca, Katy, Austin and Ciara in celebration of Brenda and Walter's anniversary.

Vase 2: Harry Nawrock and the Richardson and Brown families in memory of Rose Marie Nawrock.