



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 5, 2023

10:00 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

4515 Dobie Road
Okemos, MI 48864
517-349-0620

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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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Introduction to the Day

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

arr. Dale Wood

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

Congregation: You, O God, wash us clean.

Pastor: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair—All are washed away by grace.

Congregation: You, O God, wash us clean.

Pastor: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

Congregation: You, O God, give us new life.

Pastor: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

Congregation: You, O God, give us new life.

Pastor: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

Congregation: You, O God, give us new life.

Pastor: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.

Congregation: Amen

Written by Pastor Michael Coffey and found on his website Ocotillo Pub. Adapted by Pastor Jess Harren.

GATHERING HYMN – FOR ALL THE SAINTS 4 (1, 2, 6, 7) - (ELW 422)



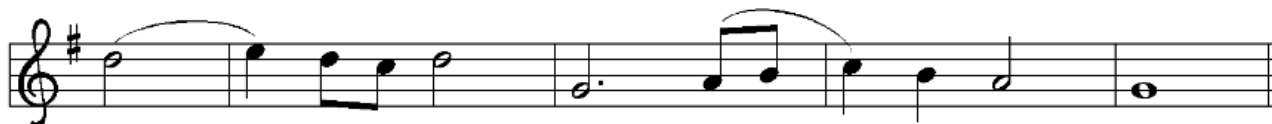
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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

You Are Holy *Du är helig*

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* *May be sung in canon.*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God’s name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

STEWARDSHIP I - WHAT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH MEANS TO ME:

- Erica Boylan
- Matt Schnizlein
- Linda Hirt

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – For All the Saints 3 (3, 4, 5) - (ELW 422)

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Pastor: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

Congregation: We remember, O God...

Assistant: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit, the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering, the glory of his resurrection, the promise of the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, and the resurrection to everlasting life.

Congregation: We remember, O God...

Pastor: The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the love of parents. All the saints whose lives have blessed ours

Congregation: We remember, O God . . . and we name them

Pastor: Lee Gerard, Bob Scholle, Carolyn Christianson, Neil Jirele, Michael Hebert, Hugh Mead, Glyn Miller, Kaye Pittman, Ted Lawson, Pat Limonoff, Bob Sebastian, Mike Potts, and Howard Smith

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 turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

...

God, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

“Sing to the Lord”

Ken Medema, arr. Keith Christopher

Singing Sinners Choir

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

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.**

PROPER 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.

By the witness of your saints ... Lee Gerard, Bob Scholle, Carolyn Christianson, Neil Jirele, Michael Hebert, Hugh Mead, Glyn Miller, Kaye Pittman, Ted Lawson, Pat Limonoff, Bob Sebastian, Mike Potts, and Howard Smith ... you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,'. The second staff contains 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -'. The third staff contains 'san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who'. The fourth staff contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

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

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]dom 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 kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

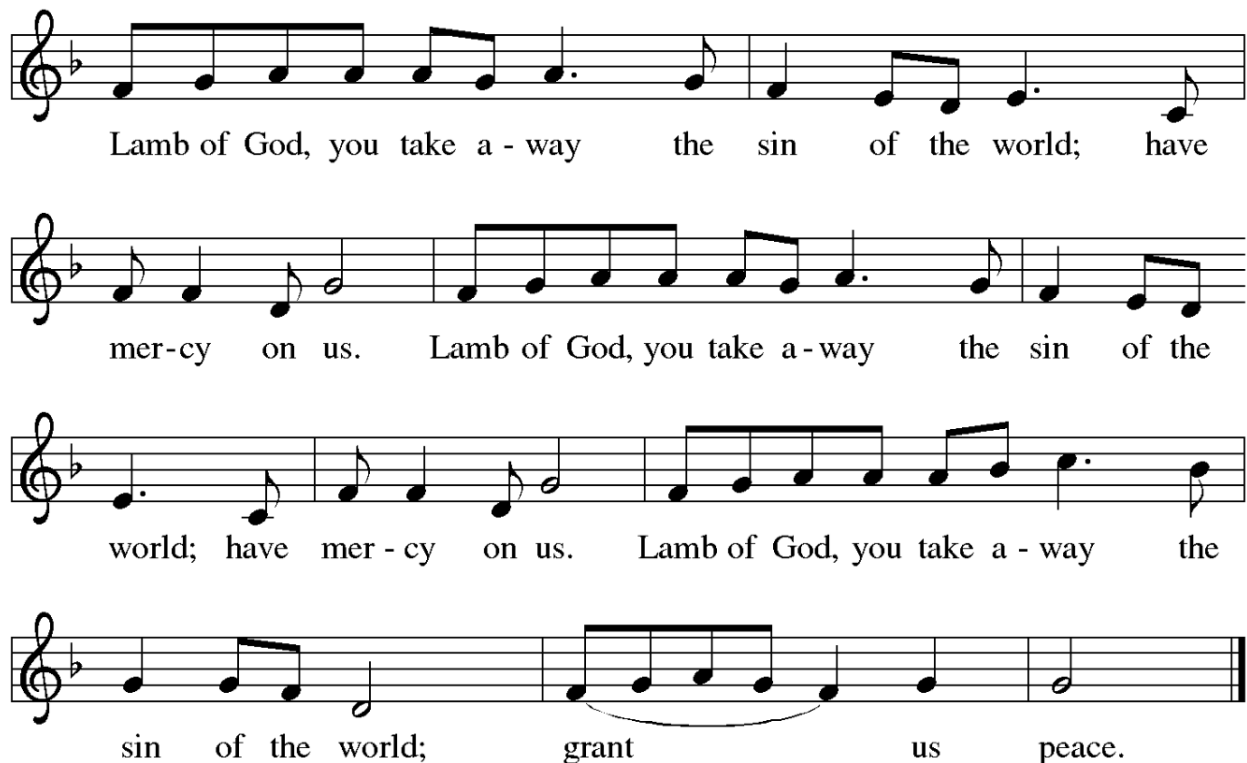
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

arr. George Shearing

Please stand if you are able.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG – Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In (ACS 950)



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

arr. Mark Hayes

Reader: Ryan Thompson
 Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner
 Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Andrew Herek

Greeter(s): Harold & Jan Sollenberger
 Altar Care: Diane Hill
 Nursery: Open, but not staffed
 Coffee Hour: Laurie & Paul Hereza

January - September 2023
 Income \$ 227,994
 Expenses \$ 251,959
 Net Income (Loss) \$ (23,965)

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORTS

<u>October 22</u>	<u>October 29</u>
Loose Cash \$ 5.00	Loose Cash \$ 70.00
General Fund \$ 1,215.00	General Fund \$ 7,160.00
Worship Music \$ 600.00	Capital Repairs \$ 200.00
Building Rental \$ 450.00	Pantry Fund \$ 550.00
Pantry Fund \$ 50.00	Youth: CHARGE Trip \$ <u>25.00</u>
Youth CHARGE Breakfast \$ <u>536.00</u>	Subtotal \$ 8,005.00
Subtotal \$ 2,856.00	<u>Vanco</u>
<u>Vanco</u>	General Operating \$ 121.00
General Operating \$ 2,415.50	World Hunger \$ 50.50
Building \$ 25.00	Pantry Fund \$ <u>100.50</u>
Caring Committee \$ 10.10	Subtotal \$ 272.00
Youth \$ 25.25	
Pantry Fund \$ <u>10.10</u>	TOTAL \$8,277.00
Subtotal \$ 2,485.00	
TOTAL \$5,341.95	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, Nov. 5:

- Worship Service @ 10:00 am – ALL SAINTS DAY
- Confirmation @ 11:30 – Fellowship Hall
- Fall Cleanup @ 11:00 – Outdoors

You can view the Worship Service on our Facebook page (click the link below) <https://www.facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos/videos/>

Monday, Nov. 6:

- Boy Scouts Meeting @ 7:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 7:

- Noon Bible Study – Zoom Call

Wednesday, Nov. 8:

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am
- Faith Bells Rehearsal @ 6:30 pm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 9:

- Confirmation Make-up @ 7:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Friday, Nov. 10:

- Private Event @ 9:00 am to 12:00 pm – Sanctuary
- Leave for CHARGE @ 3:45 pm

Sunday, Nov. 12:

- Worship Service @ 10:00
- [Fall Cleanup – Back-up Date]
- Return from CHARGE @ 6:00 pm

Today, we begin our Stewardship month with members sharing what our church means to them.

Pledge Cards were sent via the U.S. Postal Service this week. Please let Connie know if you don't receive yours in the next few days. **Completed cards should be brought to Stewardship Sunday on November 19th**. If you are not able to be in worship on November 19th, feel free to drop your card in the Offering basket at any Service after that. You can also mail your card to:

Faith Lutheran Church
c/o Financial Secretary
4515 Dobie Road
Okemos, MI 48864

Feel free to contact Connie at the office if you have any questions – 517.349.0620.

A New Challenge

A wonderful opportunity has presented itself to our Micro-Pantry. A generous, anonymous, donor has offered to match any donations up to \$1000 during November to the Micro Pantry Fund. If you would like to meet this challenge to help keep our Micro Pantries Food Budget funded, please make your check to Faith Lutheran Church with “Micro Pantry Challenge” on the Memo line.

WANTED ... USHERS

A few of your duties would be to pass out bulletins and greet people, fill out the usher's report, direct people for communion, and collect the Offering. All are welcome from high school on up. Training will be provided (TBA). Please contact Brenda Kopf – call or text 517-927-1800 or email bjktchr@sbcglobal.net.

CHARGE

Trip to Great Wolf Lodge -- November 10-12

We still have the cost of the hotel to cover. Thank you so much for providing scholarships for the youth attending CHARGE next month!! I am going to change the cards on the poster board to smaller amounts so you do not feel that you need to donate so much. We appreciate any amount you can help with. The cards are on the poster board in the Narthex. If you want to help, please take the card from the poster board in the Narthex, attach the money to it, and put it in the offering with "CHARGE" on the check. Please see Pastor or Pam with any questions.

SINGING SINNERS SUNDAY

You are invited to join the Singing Sinners! We will rehearse together on the first Wednesday of the month, then sing during worship on the following Sunday. We head to Buddie's after our rehearsal for fellowship time. Join us once - - or every month - - we'd love to see you!

DECEMBER: Rehearse on December 6; sing during worship on December 10

FLC Calendar of Events: All scheduled Sunday Services, church events, meetings, and facility use events are now posted on the FLC Website. Click "Calendar" from the top right corner of the Home Page.

Here is the direct link: Faith Lutheran Church Calendar of Events.

Links to the Sunday Services (Recorded and Live), Tuesday Bible Studies (via Zoom), etc., are available within the individual calendar events.

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