



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 3 , 2024
10:00 AM

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year’s All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John’s gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah’s feast to come.

PRELUDE

“Sky Full of Stars”

Coldplay, arr. by Jon Schmidt and Steven Sharp Nelson

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship month begins today. Our theme this year is “WHAT FAITH LUTHERAN MEANS TO ME!” This Sunday, Waylon Sanford and Raymond Herek will share their thoughts on the topic.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Read in Unison)

You know the path to life; your presence fills me with joy, and by your side I find enduring pleasure.

Psalm 16:11 The Inclusive Bible

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**
Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG – FOR ALL THE SAINTS (ELW 422 VS 1-4)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..
 saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, ..



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory passes on his way.
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



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 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

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



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.



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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 24

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
- ² **For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?
- ⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- ⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ **Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

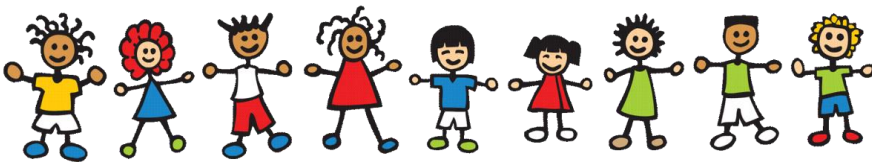
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

2 I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for-ev-er is

wan-der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and

I will love you to the end.

Refrain

Chord symbols: F, C⁷, F, B \flat , C⁷, F, B \flat , F, C, Gm, Dm, Am, B \flat , C, B \flat /F, F, C, Gm, Dm, Am, B \flat , C, Dm, D, A/C \sharp , Csus, C⁷.

Text: Psalm 119:105, refrain; Michael W. Smith, stanzas
 Music: Amy Grant
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GOSPEL: John 11: 32-44

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

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

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY – FOR ALL THE SAINTS (ELW 422 VS 5-7)



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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: Dale Halverson, Joy Costar, Robert Scholle, Walter Kopf, Chip Pittman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. **Amen.**

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

"HINE MA TOV"

arr. Allan E. Naplan

Chancel Choir

Based on Psalm 133, Verse 1 See how good, how pleasant it is for Gods people to live together as one!

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name. **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.**

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; Dale Halverson, Joy Costar, Robert Scholle, Walter Kopf and Chip Pittman; 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 (STANZAS 1 & 5)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
 3 Pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a
 hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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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 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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine. If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new.
Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION

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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

“My Everything”

by Don Wyrzten

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✝ 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



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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Cornerstone Medley”

by Lari Goss, arr. by Mark Hayes

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FLC SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10am: **All Saints Sunday**
- Annual Fall Grounds Clean Up following service
- Election Set Up following service

Monday, November 4

- Election set up @3pm
- Boy Scouts @ 7pm in Old Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 5

- **General Election – OFFICE CLOSED**

Wednesday, November 6

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

Thursday, November 7

- Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group @7pm in Fellowship Hall
- RIC Team Meeting @7pm in Library

Friday, November 8

- Progressive dinner set up @2pm in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 9

- Progressive dinner @5pm in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 10

- Sunday School @ 9am in Old Fellowship Hall
- Worship Service @ 10 am: **25th Sunday after Pentecost**
- Worship Meeting @11:30am

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

November 3

Greeter(s): Lois Neves

Reader: Jamie Royalty

Lay Assistant: Randy Royalty

Ushers: Elaine & Jon Harrison

Altar Care: Diane Hill

Sunday School: Angela Warwick/Nicole Brier-Hartwick

Coffee Hour: Kathy Richardson, Emily Brown

Counters: Brenda Kopf, Ramona Backman

Acolyte: Maddie Webb

November 10

Greeter(s): Connie Nelson

Reader: Brenda Kopf

Lay Assistant: Paul Hereza

Ushers: Doug & Linda Hirt

Altar Care: Rich Weingartner

Sunday School: Alexa Warwick

Coffee Hour: Addie Thompson, Jamie Royalty

Counters: Linda Hirt, Randy Royalty

Acolyte: Marilyn Hartwick

**** Pastor Bruce will be on vacation until November 6th. In case of pastoral need, please contact the church office or a council member. ****

EVENTS

LanSING Out Christmas Concert – December 13 at 7:30 pm

LanSINGout is a voluntary community chorus providing the opportunity for LGBTQ+ persons and their allies. See <https://www.lansingout.com> for more information. Pastor Bruce is a member.

FAITH NIGHT AT THE THEATRE

Faith Night at the Williamston Theatre will be on Saturday, December 14th at 7:30. The play this year is "A Very Williamston Christmas". Adult ticket prices are \$41, and student prices are \$12. This is a 90 minute play without an intermission, so probably not suited for very young children. Please make your payment to Diane Hill by December 1st. You can either pay in cash or write a check to Williamston Theatre (do not make your check out to Diane).

VISITORS SUNDAY

Visitors Sunday will be on November 17th. The goal is for all members to invite friends, family or neighbors to a worship service that will have uplifting music, and a noisy offering for the Food Pantry and Parish House. Coffee hour will be in the Fellowship Hall, so please feel free to bring a dessert/snack to share. During coffee hour members should reach out to visitors to see if they have any questions about Faith. This is a very exciting, upcoming event and we look forward to having many new visitors!

For more information/questions, contact Raymond Herek at herekraymond13@gmail.com