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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 6, 2024

8:15 AM



JESUS BLESSES

Our children bless in ev'ry place

That they may all behold Thy face, And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his... ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Romans 6)

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY TO THE GLORY OF GOD

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Perhaps it really was Phil Collins who remarked, **“In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.”** As we learn good things in life, we want to share the truths... to teach others. And when we teach, gently, wisely, gracefully, we learn more... new things, new truths. **Learning and Teaching. Teaching and Learning.** The circle and cycle of knowledge... of God’s truth for His chosen people. Today we remind ourselves of the tasks God have given to us to teach our beloved children. In the Gospel reading, Jesus affirms the beauty and wonder of God’s grand design for marriage and rejoices in the gift that often comes with marriage: children. **“And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.”** Through our School, in the name of Jesus, we are blessing God’s children.

WE BELIEVE GOD’S WORD... ON THE LORD’S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*I Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week (Oct 6 to Oct 12, 2024)

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies’ Crafts

Wednesday, 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Chapels: School and ECE

Our Discipleship the Past Weeks:

Worship	9/1/24	9/8/24	9/15/24	9/22/24	9/29/2024
8:15 Traditional	76 (56)	87 (83)	90 (83)	78 (69)	90 (85)
11:00 Contemporary	72 (51)	54 (49)	64 (59)	57 (50)	67 (60)
Sunday School					
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200
Giving MTD	\$9,910	\$22,944	\$30,174	\$34,759	\$42,209
Weekly Giving	\$9,910	\$13,034	\$7140	\$4585	\$7450
On-line Giving				\$4260	\$1675

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Mark 10: 2-16: Children are precious in the eyes of Jesus and so are sinners who are lost in their sin. What an encouragement for us to be actively working in sharing the Good News with children and others who need to hear some Good News! Who needs to hear the Good News from you? Bless them with your beautiful feet today by sharing the Gospel wherever you go.

OPENING HYMN

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

LSB 592

- ♩ 1. Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly Your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near In response to Your own saying
That to You it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
2. Your command is clear and plain, And we would obey it duly:
“You must all be born again, Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit, And My kingdom thus inherit.”
3. Therefore we have come to You, In our arms this infant bearing.
Truly here Your grace we view; May this child, Your mercy sharing,
In Your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and Yours forever.

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

People: ♪ Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 128

¹Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

²You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

⁴Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.

⁵The LORD bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

⁶May you see your children's children!

Peace be upon Israel!

EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BAPTISM: BAILEY LYNN HIRSCHLER (*Born Aug 28, 2024 // Born again Oct 6, 2024*)

PARENTS: ANDREW AND MIRANDA HIRSCHLER

Pastor Greg Walton, former Pastor at Faith and Florida-Georgia District, presiding.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

People: Amen! We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

**4. Gracious Head, Your member own; Shepherd, take Your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here Your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it;
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From Your side this branch forever.**

**5. Now into Your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav'nward soar; May our hearts' desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2–16

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

- ♪ 1. Our Father, by whose name All fatherhood is known,
 Who dost in love proclaim Each family Thine own,
 Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
 With constant love as sentinel, The homes in which Thy people dwell.
2. O Christ, Thyself a child Within an earthly home,
 With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;
 Our children bless in ev'ry place
 That they may all behold Thy face, And knowing Thee may grow in grace.
3. O Spirit, who dost bind Our hearts in unity,
 Who teachest us to find The love from self set free,
 In all our hearts such love increase
 That ev'ry home by this release May be the dwelling place of peace.

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SERMON

“GOD’S BLESSING *IN* LEARNING AND TEACHING”

²⁴ Then [Jesus] added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. ²⁵ To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.” (Mark 4 New Living Trans)

³³ Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. ³⁴ In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them. (Mark 4 NLT)

⁹ “But watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren. (Deuteronomy 4, NLT)

⁹ “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— ¹⁰ how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’ (Deuteronomy 4, ESV)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(A time of silence for personal prayer.)

Elder: Loving Father, Your Son took the little children into His arms and blessed them. Help Your saints to welcome little ones with joy, that nothing may hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God and the arms of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Lord God, be near all couples struggling in their marriages. Guard them from hardness of heart that would separate what You have joined together, and reconcile them to one another to live in Christ's forgiveness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Almighty God, grant Your wisdom to our president; to all public servants; and to those who work to bring peace, justice, health and protection in this and every place, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Gracious God, You promise to abide with Your people and uphold them in their suffering. Comfort all who are sick and sorrowing [especially _____]. Strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and grant them health and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Holy Lord, Your Son gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in the Supper. Grant us Your grace, that we may approach Your table with repentant hearts and a firm resolution to amend our sinful lives by the help of Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Elder: Lord God, help us by Your Spirit to fear You and walk in Your ways in Christ, that we may eat the fruit of the labor of our hands and receive Your blessing in all that we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mark 10:6 – “But from the beginning of creation ...” In recent years our country, along with most (formerly) Christian nations of Europe, have lost their way when it comes to marriage. We have ignored the fact that it is God who created us. We always go off-the-tracks when we forget that He made us and that everything good in this world comes from His hand. In big things and in small things, in the life of a nation or the life of an individual, things go dreadfully wrong when we ignore the Creator’s instructions for life.

ADULT CHOIR

“LORD, MOST HIGH”
arr Heather Sorenson

*“From the ends of the earth, from the depths of the sea, from the heights of the heavens,
Your name be praised...”*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.

- ♪ 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

“WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS”

LSB 770

- ♪ 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

“BE STILL, MY SOUL, BEFORE THE LORD”

LSB 771

- ♪ 1. Be still, my soul, before the Lord, For God is always near.
Before your mind is moved to pray, God listens and will hear.
2. You need not multiply your words Nor pray with practiced art.
Beyond all speech, God understands The hunger of your heart.
3. Wait, then, in quiet confidence, Your anxious thoughts at rest.
God knows your needs before you ask And works for what is best.
4. Be still, my soul, before the Lord; On God in patience wait.
God's love, unseen, surrounds your life; God's help will not be late.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 212

Pastor Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

LSB 922

♪ 1. Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.

2. Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3. Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

"I AM A TRUST FROM YOU, LORD!"

*God has entrusted me with life, body and soul,
and all my material and spiritual blessings.*

*By faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I will care for, honor,
and freely and gladly share His gifts.*

Now, our God, we give You thanks, and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

-- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14

The Monthly Spotlight: Family Life Board

The Board of Family Life shall plan programs to accomplish the following objectives: a. Strengthening the spiritual and social fellowship between congregation members; b. Integrating new members into the life of the congregation, including involving such members in Bible study groups available within the congregation; and c. Building mutual cooperation, trust, and fellowship. Debbie Schellmann serves as Director of the Board. She's joined by Linda Couch, Jonathan Cain, Carol Seelman, Laura Elston and Julie Buchtrup. God bless you all!

Joshua Wareham Prayers Cards are available in the narthex.

Vicar Joshua Wareham departs November, 2024, to serve the Lord in Sri Lanka, where he will spend his vicarage before returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. His duties include preaching and helping lead worship services, teaching catechism classes and Bible studies, and assisting in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities. Let's remember him in prayer, and as God blesses us, support his ministry through our gifts to Synod or through a special offering to Faith Lutheran.

Bible Studies at Faith, Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

- ▶ **Women's Bible Study: Acts** (LWML Room)
- ▶ ***The Wired Word: What does the Bible say about?*** (Board Room)
- ▶ **Sunday School: Ages 4 through 6th Grade** (Gathers in Sanctuary)
- ▶ **Youth Confirmation: 7th and 8th Graders** (Confirmation Room)
 - ▶ **High School/College Age Bible Study** (Youth Room)
- ▶ **Adult Membership Course: GodConnects** (Conference Room)
- ▶ **We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms/Church and State** (Cafeteria)

The Wednesday Gathering (Every Wednesday)

Outreach, and more rolled into a strategic and intentional initiative to bring us together, to bring unchurched people to our facility and ministry circle, and to work toward "making disciples" for the Lord.



Bible Studies, Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.

The Wednesday Gathering Women: "The Heart of Jesus" (Board Rm)

The Wednesday Gathering Bible Men: "Titus 10" (School)

Crafts for Children

October 23... "Connecting to Faith through Technology" A workshop!

Pastor Call Committee Update

After meeting for prayer and discussion, the Call Committee was led by God's Spirit to recommend that we review the list of pastoral candidates given to us (by congregation nominations and District President recommendation/endorsement) to bring at least two names to our next Voters Meeting/Call Service.

The Florida-Georgia District President recommends that Call Services to elect a Pastor, in the Voters Meeting setting, typically include at least two candidates, in order to allow members the opportunity to pray for and discuss whom they believe God is calling to their ministry. Our Call Committee believes, and therefore recommends to our Board of Directors and to the Voters Assembly, that they prepare a slate of pastoral candidates with at least two names of pastors who have indicated in the past they are open to giving "serious consideration" to our Call.

The Call Committee believes it can and will complete this task relatively quickly. Immediately then, the Circuit Visitor (Pastor Jeff Jordan of Rivercliff LC) will contact the additional potential candidates to see if, in their current circumstances, they are open to considering a Call. When the Circuit Visitor completes his work, the Call Committee will request, through our Board of Directors, a Voters Meeting/Call Service. The Call Committee will publish and make available to you, our members, the relevant candidate information.

Karen Cerny continues to serve most capably as Call Committee Chair. She's joined by Russ Couch, Elders Vinny Caracci and Tim Lambert, Peter Amelingmeier, Liz Cain, and Joshua Hildebrandt. Pastor Ken and Principal Amy Kurtz serve as an advisory members.

October/November Events

Sunday, Oct 6, 2024, 3 – 5 p.m., 3rd Annual Nerf Battle

All Middle and High School Youth Welcome... Bring Your Nerf, Darts and Gear. We have extras! Pizza and Drinks provided! RSVP through GroupMe App or to Liz Cain (678-270-7636)

Operation Christmas Child Boxes... in the narthex!

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 3 – 6 p.m.

Faith Lutheran School Fall Festival (PTL)

Food truck, sweets and drinks! Bouncy castle and games! Crafts and petting zoo and more!

LWML Sunday, October 13, 2024, 8:15 and 11 a.m.

This year's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mites. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were "*everything she had, all she had to live on*" (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her (Luke 1:38).

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) Sunday, October 20, 2024

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther's Small Catechism, or trying to teach young children about basic Bible stories without books like A Child's Garden of Bible Stories. For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages. Guest Preacher Rev. Mark Moss shares the story of LHF.

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven. LHF has published the catechism in more than 110 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,300 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

Saturday, October 19, 2024 Circuit Forum, Rivercliff Lutheran Church

Our pastoral and lay delegate will attend this meeting to elect a Circuit Visitor.

Sunday, October 20, 2024 4 p.m. Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Faith Forum: "Citizens/Disciples in the Lion's Den"

Former *Lutheran Hour* Speaker and currently at The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL)

Dr. Seltz will be with us at Faith to share insights on our privileges and responsibilities as Christian citizens with the right to vote. Check out his many resources at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/>

The Center provides input, education, advice, advocacy, and resources in the areas of life, marriage and religious liberty and seeks to engage in discussions in Washington, D.C., to establish partnerships and resources in our nation's Capital for the sake of our churches, schools, universities, and seminaries.

Trunk or Treat, Friday, October 25, 2024, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat is a great chance for our church and school to come together and connect with the community. Last year, we had 26 trunks—let's aim for 30 this year!

Reformation Sunday, October 27, 2024, 8:15 and 11 a.m.

A celebration of God's grace in renewing the Church and anchoring His people on Jesus.

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

Faith Lutheran School International Night in the Gym

Come and see the many exhibits on the beauty of God's creation in world cultures.

Faith School Children Sing, Sunday, November 10, 2024, 11 Worship

We will be thrilled to welcome our students to 11 am worship to share their musical gifts.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024, 12:30 PM ELECTIONS... VOTERS MEETING

NOMINATION FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

You are invited to pick up a form and nominate a fellow member for a leadership office or Board Position. Nominations are due by Oct 27. Something to think... and pray about?

Section 4. Privileges and Duties of Voting Members

The privileges and duties of voting members include the following:

- A. To exercise conscientiously and prayerfully their rights to vote in all measures that will connect people to Jesus and advance the work of Christ's Kingdom, both locally and in the church-at-large;*
- B. To serve willingly in any office or capacity for which their talents and abilities equip them;*
- C. To attend faithfully all Voters Meetings; and*
- D. To assist with wholehearted diligence in administering the temporal and spiritual affairs of the congregation, working toward unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3).*

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Thanksgiving Worship, Wednesday, Nov 27, 2024, 6:30 pm

Advent Begins... Sunday, December 1, 2024

Advent by Candlelight, Sunday, December 8, 2024, 5 – 7:30 p.m.

Faith Lutheran School Update

What's happening at Faith Lutheran School? As our First Quarter has come to a close, it's good to share this update with you.

1. Our Principal, Amy Kurtz, has received and accepted a Divine Call to serve as Principal at Immanuel Lutheran School, Memphis, Tennessee. The Spirit of God has led her to begin her new ministry in January 2025, and so Amy will be with us until this Christmas. We give thanks to God for her time with us and pray the Lord's rich blessings on her (and the family) as they move to Memphis and prepare to undertake her new position at Immanuel Lutheran School.
2. Our ministry Leadership is working to provide for the interim (beginning January 2025 until the next school year begins). We are exploring numerous options to fill key positions in this ministry.
3. You are cordially invited to pray for, and drop by to see, our Thursday, October 17, 10 a.m., "Open House." It's a great way to experience the day-to-day blessings of our School ministry.
4. Though it seems "a way away," our School Children will share their gift of music in our Advent Midweek services, Dec 11 (Elementary School) and Dec 18 (Early Childhood). Each service begins at 6:30 p.m. An Advent Youth Service will be offered Dec 4, 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars!
5. The Board of School Ministry and the Church are planning a "Farewell and Godspeed" for Amy on Sunday, December 15, 2024, between services and after the 11 a.m. worship.

Principal Call Committee Update

The School Ministry Board and Director Danette Smith have completed and submitted to Jennifer Tanner, Florida-Georgia District Education Executive, the necessary paperwork to formally begin our Principal Call process. We have sent the following announcements to Lutheran congregations:

Faith Lutheran School, Marietta, GA, Principal Search

Faith Lutheran Church and School, Marietta, Georgia, invites area Lutheran congregation members to nominate candidates for the position of School Principal. This position is full-time, begins the 2025-26 School Year, and provides leadership for the Early Childhood Education Center and Elementary School. We seek an individual committed to Lutheran education, who is a servant-leader with a vision for ministry in our diverse community. The Principal works collaboratively with the Pastor (or Interim Pastor). A Position Description is available. For more information, please email School Board Chair Danette Smith (danette.w.smith@gmail.com) or Interim Pastor Ken Wagener (317-650-5843 KennethCWagener@gmail.com).

We have also sent the following announcement to area Lutheran congregations:

Faith Lutheran Church and School, Marietta, Georgia, is seeking candidates for the position of Interim School Principal. Ideally, we are seeking a retired (or seasoned) principal or educator, a committed member of an LCMS congregation and with years of professional experience in private or public schools. This position may be tailored to the candidate's needs, begins January 1, 2025, and provides leadership for the Early Childhood Education Center and Elementary School. We seek an individual committed to Lutheran education, who is a servant-leader with a vision for ministry in our diverse community. The Principal works collaboratively with the Pastor (or Interim Pastor). A Position Description is available.

Upcoming School Events

Oct 4 End of First Quarter Oct 7 Second Quarter begins

Oct 10 Coffee and Conversations with Mrs. Kurtz, 8:15 am.

Saturday, Oct 12 Fall Carnival at Faith

Oct 17 Parent/Teacher Conferences, early release 1:00 pm

Oct 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences, no school (in-service meeting)

Oct 25 Trunk or Treat, 6-7:30

Oct 28 – Nov 1 “Red Ribbon Week” Oct 29 PTL Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Why Faith Lutheran School?

Academic Excellence and a Rigorous Curriculum

Our 8th graders test at the 12th grade level across all subject areas. (12.7 GPE Iowa Test Scoring)

Affordable Tuition

Our tuition is subsidized by the congregation as a ministry that connects people to Jesus.

Low Teacher:Student Ratio 1:11

Smaller class sizes allow one-on-one consultation opportunities where the teacher and student can discuss and establish goals for productive and personalized learning experiences.

Individualized Support

A Christian education focused on the total child where each child develops a loving, happy, and serving heart while understanding the many shortcomings and negative influences of the world.