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PENTECOST 25

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11 AM



**Everything comes from You, and we have given You only
what comes from Your hand. -- 1 Chronicles 29:13-14**

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY BY CZERWONKA FAMILY IN HONOR OF ADELLE BOWEN.

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

Welcome, students and parents! Today at our 11 worship, we are thrilled to have our Faith Lutheran School students join us to share their gifts in singing praise to God. We often talk about stewardship as the consecrated—faithful—use of our Time, Talents, and Treasures. Our children are gifts from God! And God has blessed them with talents, including music, as offerings to be shared with our Faith fellowship. The Gallup Organization has a helpful formula: **Talent x Investment = Strength**. It captures a profound concept in a simple fashion. To turn talents into strengths, you must **invest** in them -- practice using them and add **knowledge** and **skills** to them.

Talent is a God-given blessing (gift) of thinking, feeling or behaving.

Investment is time spent practicing, developing your skills and building your knowledge base.

Strength is the ability to consistently perform in a specific task.

Let’s encourage our students, indeed all the children in our lives, to invest in their talents to use their strengths to the glory of God and for the good of all people. Thank you, Faith students and parents!

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 (Nov 11 to Nov 16, 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	11/3/24	11/10/24	11/17/24	11/24/24	Thanksgiving
8:15 Traditional 11:00 Contemporary	92 (86) 50 (47)				6:30 Worship
Sunday School	60				N/A
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	
Giving MTD	\$10,545				
Weekly Giving Online (Oct)	\$10,545 \$5430				

ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER... The widow's offering, though it was considered by many to be next to nothing, was precious in the sight of God because it was given sacrificially with confidence that God would provide for her needs. All that we do and give because we are the children of God, though it may seem insignificant to people of this world, is precious to God. Our witness to the Good News of Jesus is also precious to God!

OPENING SONG

"OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD"

♪ **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You**

**Verse To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy**

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You I want to see You**

**Verse To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy**

**Bridge Holy holy holy Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy I want to see You
Holy holy holy Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy I want to see You**

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

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

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 KINGS 17:8–16

Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 9:24–28

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MUSIC

*(K-8) Seek Ye First - Karen Lafferty
(ECE) Thank You Lord for Making Me*

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

In his teaching [Jesus] said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are

contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

BAPTISM

RONNIE GRAVER (BORN 11/9.... BORN AGAIN 11/10)

We are blessed to welcome his parents (Ron and Kathy) and family.

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: “We welcome you into our Faith family in the name of the Lord!”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“OFFERING”

♪ Verse **The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood
And it's only through Your mercy Lord I come**

Chorus **I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
O Lord I bring an offering to You**

Chorus **I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
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SERMON

“SURPRISINGLY GENEROUS ” (MARK 12)

And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And Jesus called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.)

Heavenly Father, You send Your Holy Spirit to sanctify and keep Your people in the true faith. Preserve us from false doctrine, and curb and restrain all error. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You send the Holy Spirit to call Your people to faith. Graciously keep us in the divine Word, and send out faithful laborers into Your harvest. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, grant us faith like that of the widow, who gave her last two coins, trusting that You would care for her every need. Deliver us from all hypocrisy, and give us genuine faith, joyful piety and cheerful giving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You call us to honor the authorities set over us. Look with favor upon those who hold office in this land, especially our president and Congress, our judges and magistrates, our governor and legislature. Preserve them from evil, and bless them in body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, Your Son came not to be served but to serve, especially to serve those who are ignored and despised. Comfort the afflicted and troubled, the sick [especially _____ and all who have asked for our prayers], all women with child, all young children, all who mourn, and all who are in need. Keep them steadfast in the faith, and bring their suffering to an end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Father, grant repentance and faith to all who receive our Lord’s body and blood today, that in the unity of a true confession, they may receive it for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



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For your convenience, we now accept gifts via Venmo or PayPal.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord, You created me to be a steward. In Holy Baptism, You made me a Christian steward. Guide me in understanding that I am a steward by Your grace and that my stewardship is a way of life. Keep me dependent on You and responsible to You. I ask this for Jesus' sake, Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

We are God's redeemed stewards. In partnership with and encouraged by fellow redeemed stewards, we freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. We understand we are God's steward by His grace. We live as His disciples by His grace. And we manage the gifts He entrusts to us with joy and generosity—all so that His purposes are accomplished and His mission enhanced.

Our stewardship initiative in November will carefully and lovingly explore how every member at Faith can commit to regular, intentional giving in each of the 3Ts... Time, Talent, Treasure.

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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“OFFERING”

Chorus I bring an offering of worship to my King
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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: Stewardship Board

The Board of Stewardship is responsible for the following: a. To impress on the congregation a clear vision of the world's need of Christ and the responsibility of each member in meeting that need; b. To promote programs to encourage each member in proportionate giving to God for the furtherance of His plans through the work of Faith LC, the District, and Synod; c. To plan, prepare, and implement the annual pledge program to develop Christian attitudes in members regarding the giving of their time, talent, and treasure. Members: Dennis Cerny, Doug Smith, Sherri Booker, Lindsey Gardener, Steven Bass, Charlotte Bode, Director: Greg Sinatra VP Liaison: Chris Bradshaw.

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. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.



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

Choir

Handbell Choir (6 pm)

6:30 - 7:00 pm... we lift up in prayer our mission and ministry—Church and School.

Wed., Nov 13 we pray for servant leader hearts and "present and engaging" ministry for both pastor and principal as they bring focus and synergy to our combined ministry.

Wed., Nov. 20 we pray for managerial and administrative wisdom and skills as pastor and principal, in partnership with our Board of Directors and ministry Boards, lead the way for Faith, under God's mercy and grace, for many years ahead.

Thanksgiving Worship, Wednesday, Nov 27, 2024, 6:30 pm Advent Begins... Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

Join us Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m., to help decorate our sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Seasons!

* Advent Midweek 1, Dec 4 Youth Worship (Dinner 5:30 p.m., worship 6:30 p.m.)

* Advent Midweek 2, Dec 11 School 1-8 Worship (Dinner 5:30, worship 6:30.)

* Advent Midweek 3, Dec 18 ECE Worship" (Dinner 5:30 p.m., worship 6:30 p.m.)

Stewardship Board: Monthly Spotlight November

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Please look for special presentations by Stewardship Board members on ministry plans:

November 3rd – Gary Schleicher, Financial Review Committee

November 10th – Stephen Bass, GaSSO

November 17th – Sherri Booker, Talent Survey

November 24th – Greg Sinatra, 2025 Stewardship Campaign

PLEASE SUPPORT FAITH'S SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Anyone (including friends, relatives, and alumni) who pays Georgia state income tax can redirect their Georgia State Taxes to benefit students at Faith Lutheran School.

You can provide needs-based scholarship money for Faith students at zero cost to you. Your contribution will help fund additional students, reduce per student costs, and support our mission of Connecting People to Jesus. There is zero cost to you.

The Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program allows Georgia residents and businesses to redirect a portion of their Georgia state taxes, tax dollars they already pay, to Faith Lutheran School. Contributors receive these re-directed tax dollars as an 100% Georgia income tax credit. Please take the time to understand the program and consider contributing. You can start participating in the program by making a risk-free pledge before the end of the year.

It's a win-win situation; you can make a meaningful contribution to Faith Lutheran School while fulfilling your tax obligations. You receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on your state income taxes. Please visit the GaSSO website and pledge today! <https://www.georgiasso.com/>

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from Traditional IRAs

Here is an excerpt from an LCMS Mission Advancement communication: Are you aware that you can make a significant charitable impact by redirecting some of your traditional IRA funds? Under current federal law, individuals 73 years of age and above who own a traditional individual retirement account (IRA) must take an annual required minimum distribution (RMD)... However, those who are 70½ years of age can also choose to give from their IRA before they must take the annual RMD.

Please note: **Qualified Charitable Distributions** can satisfy *required minimum distribution* and do not generate a taxable event for the donor nor the nonprofit. Many LCMS parishioners (including some at Faith) are already tithing through QCDs. This giving opportunity is to be promoted for others over age 70.5 to consider with their charitable intent.

The LCMS has many members and pastors who are serving on active duty and in the Reserves, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Currently, we have chaplains deployed overseas in combat environments, including Reserve/Guard chaplains mobilized from their parishes, as well as chaplains serving within the United States to support contingency operations.

Ministry to the Armed Forces continues to support the Operation Barnabas project. This effort has grown into a network of care responding to the unique needs of military-connected people. The vision of Operation Barnabas is that every military-connected person would live in the hope and peace of God's love and mercy as revealed in Jesus Christ. Called by Christ's love, Operation Barnabas engages, empowers and equips LCMS faith communities to provide hope, healing and support to military-connected persons living in their community and in their congregations.

We continue to recruit, train and endorse LCMS chaplains. We are defenders of their religious liberty so that all LCMS military personnel are "free to be faithful" in the free exercise of their religious liberty. We are grateful that your congregation chooses to join many others in observing a Ministry to the Armed Forces Sunday — a Sunday where we specifically honor the men and women of our armed forces who have answered the call of their country and our Lord Jesus Christ to serve in this honorable vocation. We stand by them and will support them. Thank you for joining in that support.

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE, Chaplain Craig G. Muehler CAPT, CHC, USN (Ret.) Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces

