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Pentecost 25

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8:15 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					6:30 Worship
Sunday School	60				N/A
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	
Giving MTD	\$10,545				
Weekly Giving	\$10,545				

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 HYMN "GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS"

LSB 782

- Refrain Lord, we pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings May bring glory to Your name.
 - 2. By Your Word you formed creation Filled with creatures large and small; As we tend that endless measure May our care encircle all. *Refrain*
 - 3. In His earthly life, our Savior Knew the care of faithful friends; May our deeds of dedication Offer love that never ends. *Refrain*
 - 4. Heav'nly Father, may our caring Bear the imprint of Your grace, With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

In the name of the Father and of the \oplus 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.

□ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Glory be to God on high:

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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.

Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

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 MESSAGE

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

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

People:

☐ Glory be to Thee, 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 Thee, O Christ.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

THE TEMPLE RANG WITH GOLDEN COINS

LSB 787

- **♬** 1. The temple rang with golden coins The rich in bright array

 Contributed from gleaming hoards Their scales could scarcely weigh.
 - 2. A widow came with copper coins And offered them in praise. They were the last she had to give Or save for darker days.
- 3. When Jesus saw her costly gift And knew she had no more, He praised a love that spared not self And called her rich, though poor.
 - 4. At last He brought His offering And laid it on a tree; There gave Himself, His life, His love For all humanity.
 - 5. Lord, help us all, with You, to yield Whatever love demands And freely give, as You have giv'n, With open hearts and hands.

SERMON

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.**

Almighty and ever-living God, we give You thanks for the men and women who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Father, whose providence guides Your people in diligent service, bless the officers and enlisted women and men of our Armed Forces, so that, relying upon your guidance, they may courageously defend our nation from every foe, promote justice, honor, and unity among our people, and be a means of fostering mutual respect and understanding among all peoples of the world. 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 and especially ______, 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.

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.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS



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

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Amen.

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 be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

LSB 198

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"

(LSB 783)

- 2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
 - 3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
 - 4. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

"WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"

(LSB 781)

- 2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
- 3. Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold, And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
 - 4. To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
 - 5. The captive to release, To God the lost to bring, To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.
 - 6. And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT DEPART

LSB 199

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 \oplus give you peace.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

(Tune: LSB 842)

2 Skills and time are ours for pressing Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants Fit to answer at Your throne.

3. Treasure, too, You have entrusted, Gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.

Tune: In Babilone

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 <u>Board of Stewardship is</u> responsible for the following: <u>a.</u> 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; <u>b</u>. 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; <u>c.</u> 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 and 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.

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m., to help decorate our sanctuary!

- * 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.)