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PENTECOST 26

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8:15 AM



No one knows
the day or
the hour

Our Lord Jesus Christ “will come again to judge the living and the dead”

(The Apostles’ Creed).

As Scripture teaches, Christ will come once at the end of time, not to “rapture” believers away from earth, nor to establish an earthly kingdom, nor to begin a thousand year reign on earth, but to separate the believers from the unbelievers (Matthew 25:32–33) and to give each of them their eternal reward or punishment.

On the Last Day, those who have rejected Christ, along with the devil and his evil angels, “will go away to eternal punishment” while those who trust in Christ and His forgiveness, life, and salvation will go “into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46).

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TODAY BY THE 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

3Ts... Time, Talents, Treasure. Our Church teaches... *Everything we have historically called stewardship — time, talents and treasure — are not really the heart of stewardship. They are how the child of God and God’s family, the church, freely and joyously manage all of life’s resources for God’s purposes. God’s purpose is that all come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. Stewardship doesn’t save. Jesus does.*

But being a steward of the Gospel is at the very heart of the life of a Christian. For this reason, it’s good first to reflect on two questions as we approach the timeless question, “How much to give?”

1. How has God blessed you?

2. How is God calling you to respond?

Thank you, members and friends of Faith, for joining us on our Stewardship journey!

Next week: Guest Preacher Seminarian/Vicar Joshua Wareham on Christ our King!

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 (*1 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 18 to Nov 23, 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	92 (86)	81 (78)			6:30
11:00 Contemporary	50 (47)	90 (60)			Worship
Sunday School	60	58			N/A
Monthly Budget	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	\$44,200	
Giving MTD	\$10,545	\$18,914			
Weekly Giving	\$10,545	\$8369			

ORDER OF WORSHIP

As we gather... Jesus encouraged His disciples to pay attention to the signs of the times because they are indicators of the end of time in this world and the beginning of our eternity with God in the new heaven and new earth that He is preparing for us. Each day we come closer to the end of this world. This fact should provide encouragement for us to be prepared for our Lord's return and be ready to share the hope that is within us and to do it with gentleness and respect (1 Pet3:15).

OPENING HYMN

"WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD"

LSB 785

- ♩ **1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**
- 2. We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us.
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**
- 3. With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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.

**♪ 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.**

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

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

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

♪ And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DANIEL 12:1-3

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you.”**

³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁵**The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.**

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷**I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

⁸I have set THE LORD always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹**Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹**You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

EPISTLE READING

HEBREWS 10:11–25

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

♫ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 13:1-13

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

People: ♫ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."

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.

- ♩ 1. Christ Jesus was for us made poor, That He our ransom might secure
He gladly paid the need price: His sinless life as sacrifice.
Such lavish mercy let us heed And ever guard against all greed!
2. For life is not what we possess, Our many tokens of success;
The goods we hoard extend their rule, Become our gods—and we the fool!
What will we do, should death arrive? Who'll get the things for which we strive?
3. There are no treasures here on earth That can compare with heaven's worth.
No sin can tarnish or degrade That endless life which cannot fade.
Through faith as heirs, by God's great pow'r We are protected till that hour.
4. With grateful hearts and with one voice, Come sing your praises and rejoice!
Though now you suffer trials and grief, God sees and cares and brings relief.
His perfect love seeks to refine Your precious faith by sure design.
5. To works of love, O Spirit prod: May we be rich toward You, O God;
Make strong our faith and pure our love; Affix our gaze on things above;
Lord, from all evil grant release; Bring us at last to heaven's peace.

Stephen P. Starke (*O Sing of Christ*, 88)

SERMON

“ENDURING WITH JESUS” (MARK 13)

The one who endures to the end will be saved. – Jesus Christ

But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² **if we endure, we will also reign with him...** (2 Timothy 2)

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.)

O Lord, preserve Your Church throughout the world, and keep us ready at all times for Your Son's glorious return. Lead us to proclaim with zeal His coming to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give You thanks, Holy Lord, for the fruits of the earth provided by Your hand. Supply the needs of all who grow, process and distribute our food, and move us to share these bountiful gifts with our neighbors in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold all in authority, especially the president and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state, and all judges. Graciously enable them to lead according to Your will and for our good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, the blood of Christ gives us confidence to enter the holy places and draw near to You with true hearts in the full assurance of faith. Behold Your servants who are in difficult and trying times, those who are in prison, those who are sick [especially _____], and the lonely and homebound. Grant them comfort according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Author and Giver of all good, Your Son gives us His very body and blood with which He purchased the world's redemption at the cross. Prepare our hearts and minds to welcome with thanksgiving the sign and seal of this new and eternal covenant, that in the forgiveness of sins we may look forward to the day of His return. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father in heaven, Your Son taught us to be anxious about nothing and to let the day's cares be sufficient for the day. These days have been hard and full of anxiety. Still our minds and hearts, we pray. Grant us nights of restful sleep and refreshment. Watch over us, our families, our neighbors, our communities, our nation, and all the nations of the world. Preserve us from discord and strife. Endow our leaders with wisdom and sound judgment. Protect us from every evil of body and soul. And remind us of your ever good and gracious will to save and to bless. As you have reconciled the world and all things to yourself in the death of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, so grant to us all a measure of your peace. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

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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 be with you.

♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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, hosanna in the highest.**

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

LAMB OF GOD

LSB 198

♪ **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, 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 784)

♪ 1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
Ever, only, all for Thee.

“PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING”

(LSB 789)

♪ 1. Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

2. Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, We would work with You, Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

3. Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing With us, all others May know Your care.

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT DEPART

LSB 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
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.

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 † give you peace.

♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

(Tune: *LSB 477*)

♪ **1. God, whose giving knows no ending, From Your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, Costly cross, grave's shattered door,
Gifted by You, we turn to You, Off'ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, Gracious donor of our days.**

**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: *Ode to Joy*

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.*

The Monthly Spotlight: Stewardship Board

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

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

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

No Wednesday Gathering Meal!

Advent Begins... Sunday, December 1, 2024

Advent by Candlelight, Sunday, December 8

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m., 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.)