

Weekly Announcements – 11/21/2021 – Last Sunday of the Church Year

Faith Lutheran Church -- Orange City, Iowa

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Lay Minister: Neil Bracker

Accompanist: Patty Bracker

Pastor: Dave Daumer

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting 1 pp.151ff. Hymns: 506, 336. Communion: 578, 629,816. The worship insert for this service is attached.

The 'Weekly Announcements' and 'Worship Sheet' will also be available on the table by the offering plates in the fellowship hall.

Prayer upon entering: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Welcome to all visitors! Please fill out a pew card and turn in to an usher or pastor after the service.

*(Note - A pew card **does not** need to be filled out for Holy Communion if you are a member of Faith Lutheran.)*

Education Hour/Sunday School: We are looking for more volunteers to help serve as substitute teachers. Let Val Boggs (S.S. Supt.), Lyndsay Bahrke, (Bd. Ed. Chair), or Pastor know if interested.

We will be offering individual cup only for communion until the pitcher is repaired.

JLYF will go bowling at Sweet 16 Lanes **today (11/21)** (2:00-4:30pm). See the sign-up sheet (cost is \$5).

Church Council meets tonight (11/21) at 6:30pm.

YouthLead meets tonight (11/21) at 6:30pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Communion Service will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at 7:30pm.

Pastor and family will be on vacation from November 25-28. For emergencies call: Pastor Michael Boothby, St. Paul, Ireton (cell) 660-221-6447.

Poinsettia: If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary, the cost is \$16. See sign-up sheet **TODAY**. You can pay when you pick your plant up after Christmas. Please note if this is being presented in memory of someone.

Decorating of church will take place next Sunday, November 28, following worship. Volunteers requested. No Education Hour next week. **Poinsettias will be arriving on December 1.** FYI...Those who ordered one, can pick their plant up after the Christmas service.

Advent midweek services will begin on Wednesday, December 1st at 6:15pm. The theme is **Advent Angels**. No suppers, this time around, before the service. Confirmation classes will be held from 7-8pm on December 1, 8 and 15. No service or class on December 22.

Hark, the Faith Lutheran carolers sing...! We are able to go caroling, again, this year. Plans are to meet at church on Sunday, December 12 at 4:30pm for a light supper, then off to carol. See sign-up sheet if you plan to attend.

Presenting of offerings: Offering plates (general fund) and baskets (building fund) are on the table in the back as you enter for you to deposit your gifts prior to the service. After the service begins, the ushers will combine the basket offerings and plate offerings to make one of each. The combined offerings will be brought up during the service and presented on the altar. An extra plate and basket will be left on the table for those who were unable to place their offerings prior to the service. See the church office if interested in setting up electronic giving.

Opportunity to serve: We need additional people to serve as projection system operators. If you can press a down or side arrow button, you're qualified. Contact the church office.

Main Street Living for next Sunday, November 28: This is the Life – "The Gift" – A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money. Worship Service – Rev. Jason Letsche of First Lutheran Church in Kingsley, IA, delivers the message "Reviving His Tree" based on Jeremiah 33:14-16. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

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Introit: Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

Epistle: Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Gospel: Mark 13:24–37

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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Prayer of the Church

- P As we wait patiently for the Lord's return, let us pray to our gracious God on behalf of the whole Church and for all people according to their needs. Most merciful God and Father, give Your Holy Church throughout the world Your grace to serve You with reverence and awe, granting us faith to endure to the end.
- C **Open the mouths of the pastors, and give them the words to testify to Your love in Christ Jesus and the hope that is in them.**
- P Heavenly Father, You know all our anxieties and fears. Grant to those troubled in mind and spirit the strength to cast every care on You. According to Your will, give them quietness of heart and a firm trust in the mercy You have shown us in Christ Jesus.
- C **Place the lonely in the family of Your Holy Church, O Lord, that they may find peace in Christ and fulfillment in loving service to their neighbor.**
- P Make the leaders of our nation to walk in the way of justice and truth, that they may use the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent.
- C **In the face of natural disasters, wars, famines and troubles of all kinds, fill our hearts with repentance and humility, that in every circumstance we may trust in You.**
- P Look with favor on all who are in need. Fill the hungry with good things. Give the poor and unemployed gainful employment. Heal the sick, [*especially _____.*] Comfort those who mourn, and watch over all who travel. Be near the dying. Give courage to those who suffer oppression and want.
- C **Defend all orphans and widows, and protect the weak, the unborn and the aged.**
- P Make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day.
- C **May they do so with a repentant heart and in faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation.**
- P We give thanks for all who have departed this life in faith. As we see the signs of our Lord's second coming, grant that we would not lose heart, especially should adversity come our way.
- C **May we be faithful unto death and receive the crown of life.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

In our prayers today—Kory Alesch, Brookes Baker, Amber Beeson, Josh Beltman, Peter Blankenfeld, Brent De Kok, Terry Dorale, Gert Dykstra, Denise Endrault, Rob & Marlys Etter, David Foreman, Edd Harrison, Faye Hofmeyer, Eva Huizenga, Jason Katt, Emmett Kiel, Trevor Krogman, Will Lalk; Edwina Nelson LeCleur, Jim Mai, Heidi Meerdink, Steve Meis, Andy Meyer, Amanda Miller, Jack Nicholson, Judy Nielsen, Klaus Raab, Roger Reppert, Roger Ruhland, Verlyn Sneller, Nathan Snyder, Harlan Vander Berg; Troy Van Skike, Dennis Von Arb, Al Willett, Darlene Witterhoff, Claire Yaw, Ron & Sandy Zelewski, other health issues// Military: Kaleb Bents, Josh Darbrow, Matt Dykstra, Gary Hogan.