

# Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

"Growing Together in the Eternal Gospel"

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### Welcome

Good morning and welcome to Faith!

The Lord will come again to judge the living and the dead. We confess that great truth week after week. But will we be ready when Jesus comes in glory? Is it possible to ever be ready? Can we truly stand in his holy presence? Saints of God are ready for Christ's coming and welcome that day! Why? Not because of anything we have done, but because of everything Christ has done. Their confidence comes not from themselves, but from the Gospel promises of Christ in his Word and Sacraments. We can look ahead with joy to the day of our redemption!

It is a privilege to worship with you this weekend. Please come again very soon!

#### **Our Communion Practice**

Faith Lutheran continues to observe the biblical practice of *member communion*. (This has also been called "close" or "closed" communion.) If you are not a member of Faith, we would kindly ask that you speak with one of our pastors before communing. We look forward to answering any questions you may have about our communion practices!

## Large Print Service Folders and Hearing Assistance

Both are available from an usher at your request.

#### **Our Facilities**

Our restrooms are located just to the left of the tower entrance. A family restroom is also available there. The members of Faith believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If your young one needs some "time out," we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your right. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

## **Preparation for Worship**

O Lord - our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter - we are assembled in your presence to hear your Holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.



## The Third Sunday of End Time

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church November 15-16, 2009

# **Saints Triumphant**

Please stand and face the church doors as soon as the bells begin to ring. Turn towards the cross as it passes by.

### **Processional Hymn**

"Blessed are They That Are Called"

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<u>M</u>inister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

# **Prayer and Praise**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

#### Thanks Be to God!

#### The Congregation sings the refrains



1 Blessed are they who washed their robes and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb. They are before the throne of God and serve him, and serve him day and night in his temple.

### Refrain

2 Never will they hunger or thirst; the sun will not beat upon them, For the Lamb will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water.

### Refrain

3 Blessed are they who washed their robes and have made them white in the blood of the Lamb. He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them, and then their God will wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

### Final Refrain

## **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

#### Be Seated

### The Word of the Lord

### **First Lesson**

Daniel 12:1-3 (NIV)

The Lord will come to judge the living and the dead

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people-everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. <sup>2</sup> Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm 118

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Sung responsively by the half-verse.



The Lord is my strength <u>and</u> my song; / he has become my sal<u>va</u>tion. "The Lord's right hand is <u>lift</u>ed high; / the Lord's right hand has done <u>might</u>y things!" I will not <u>die</u> but live, / and will proclaim what the <u>Lord</u> has done. **Refrain** 

I will give you thanks, for you <u>an</u>swered me; / you have become my sal<u>va</u>tion.

The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cap</u>stone; / the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous <u>in</u> our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; / let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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. Refrain

Our triumph is certain because Christ's work is complete

<sup>11</sup> Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup> Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, <sup>14</sup> because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. <sup>15</sup> The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." <sup>17</sup> Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." <sup>18</sup> And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

### **Verse**

Sung by the Sr. Choir (Sunday)

Dr. Carl Schalk



C: Refrain

**M:** They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple.

C: Refrain

Stand out of respect for the words and works of Jesus

### Gospel

John 5:24-29 (NIV)

The Son will judge the living and the dead

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



<sup>25</sup> I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup> "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come outthose who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.

#### After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



## **Reading of the Faithful Departed**

- **M:** I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)
  - + Ramona Fay Crandall + February 22, 2009 +
- **M:** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
- C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)
  - + Donald Lee Holem + March 26, 2009 +
- M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
- C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job 19:25-26)
  - + Paul J Hennig III + June 24, 2009 +
- **M:** I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned;
- C: He has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)
  - + Raymond G Riha, Sr. + August 25, 2009 +
- M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)
- + For all the men and women who died in the saving faith while serving of country and local community +
- **M:** In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God;
- C: We trusted in him, and he saved us." (Isaiah 25:9)
- M: I am resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)



vv. 1-3 - Choir verses/Congregation refrain; vv. 4-5 - Congregation all; Final refrain sung twice.



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## **Triumphant Saints Are Not Amazed**

+ At the rising of the dead + At the final, complete triumph of good over evil +

#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Be Seated**

## **Gathering of Our Offering and Offering Prayer**

Please take a moment during the collection of the offering to sign the FRIENDSHIP REGISTER in each of the pews. We encourage you to take a moment after the service to get to know those seated around you!

If you are not a member of Faith Lutheran, we do not want you to feel obligated to give an offering. (God wants us to be cheerful with our gifts, not giving out of guilt or a sense of obligation.) We gather our offerings in church, because the Bible teaches that giving is an act of worship. The vast majority of our church and school ministry is carried out by what is given on Sunday morning. May the Lord bless you. And may he use our gifts to be a blessing to many others.

## **Gathering of Our Offering and Offering Prayer**

Jesus, your boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare.
Dwell in my heart eternally,
And reign without a rival there.
To you alone, dear Lord, I live;
Myself to you, dear Lord, I give. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

- M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.
- C: We too join them to praise your majesty.
- **M:** You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!
- C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.
- **M:** Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.
- C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.
- **M:** Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 Lord's Supper

### **Preface**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: (spoken) And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

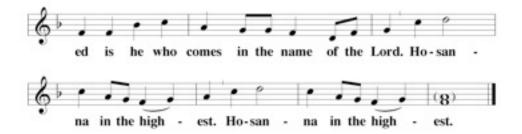
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

#### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy





### **Words of Institution**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

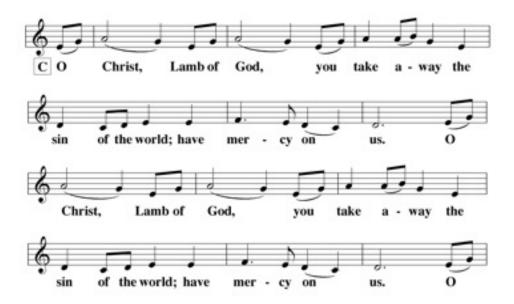
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

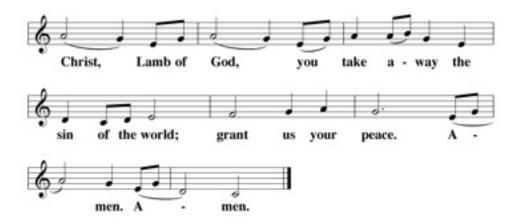
**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God





## **Distribution Hymns**

"For All the Saints" Hymnal #551

"Behold a Host, Arrayed in White" Hymnal #550

## **Thanksgiving**

## **Song of Simeon**



- M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- **M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
  - The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
  - The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
- C: Amen.

## **Closing Hymn**

"Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See"

Hymnal #219

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To be sung as follows: vv. 1-3 Choir Verses/Congregation Refrains; vv. 4-5 Congregation



This hymn echoes the song of victory sung by the saints both now and in eternity.

Text: Luke 23:42; texts from Revelation adapted Larry L. Fleming, 1936-2003, alt.

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