

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING 11:00 "Hey Jonah!"
"Give Thanks" (LSB 806)

OPENING HYMN "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" (LSB 663)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

\dagger WORD \dagger

INTROIT

Ps. 143:2, 5-6; (antiphon: Ps. 143:1)

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
- C** Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.
- P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.
- C** I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.
- P** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!
- C** For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
- C** 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.
- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 1:7–16

(A day of wrath is coming.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" PROMISED LAND, arr. Anna Laura Page
Con Brio Bells

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (Encourage one another to live in God's light.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 (God gives talents, expecting them to be used for His purposes.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" (LSB 508)
Vs. 1-4 before sermon; Vs 5-7 after sermon

SERMON

"Making Money in Dark Days" (Matthew 25:14-30)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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11:00 Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Lord God, enter not into judgment with Your servants, for no one living is righteous before You. Have mercy on those haunted by guilt and shame, and faithfully convince them of Your grace and holiness for them in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Holy God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [*including* _____]. For Your name's sake, preserve their life and grant them healing according to Your will. In Your righteousness, strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P Holy God, You have not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Until the day of His coming in glory, grant that we may welcome Him at the altar, even as we are welcomed to Him, receiving His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠
8:30 am Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

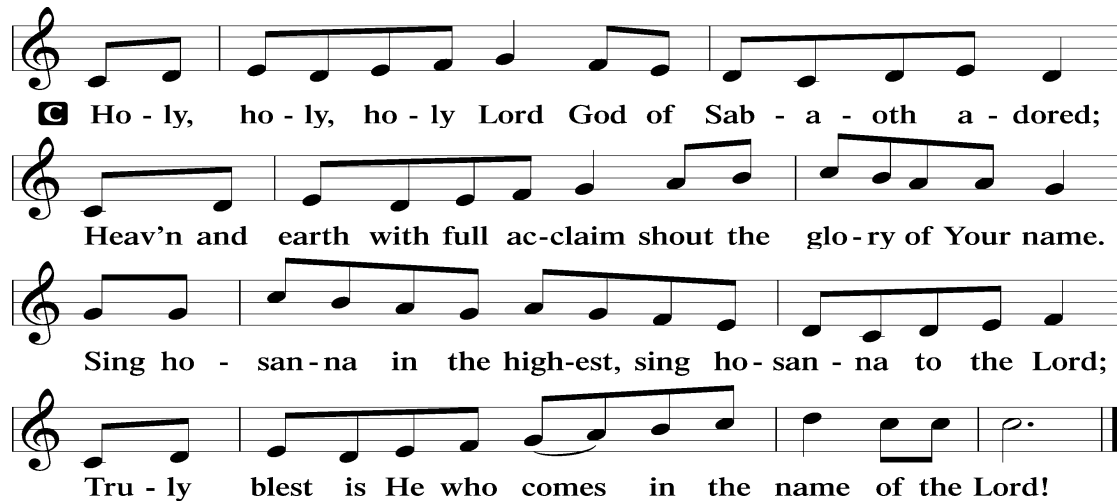
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

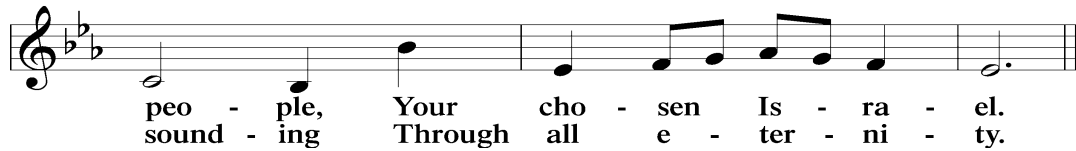
- "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB 781)
- "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655)
- "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" (LSB 584)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" (LSB 348)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

AS WE GATHER This Sunday and next we will consider how we should live between now and the Last

Day. Our preparation for it is not a matter of simply believing correctly, for that would make our faith to be a good work. Rather, we are living in the end times, and by grace the Lord has already consecrated His guests. A Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live in love today. Paul says we should “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, using the treasure our master has entrusted to us. We dare not keep our talents hidden, for they belong to God and should be invested! The Good News—that our Savior will return on that Day—is reason enough to take risks, investing our faith in loving the people around us.

Day of wrath, O day of mourning! See fulfilled the prophet’s warning,
Heav’n and earth in ashes burning.

To the rest Thou didst prepare me On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me!
Spare, O God, in mercy spare me! *TLH 607:1, 19*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke. Pastor Urbach is in Chamberlain today.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Nov. 8, Att. 74, Offering \$680.25; Sun., Nov. 12, Att. 295; General Fund \$11,062.37; Sunday School \$7.35; Building Fund \$75.00; Love Fund \$100.00;

Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,335.00; HVAC \$1,758.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Extra Missions \$200.00; 642 Rent \$1,200.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Neil Schochenmaier (Blessings) \$100, (Foundations) \$75.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$20.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so **it needs to be in the form of a check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Bible Studies There is still time to join one of our adult Bible Studies.

Sundays between Worship services, 9:45-10:45, in the St. Matthew (LWML) Room, we are studying the *Gospel of Luke*. On Sunday evenings, at 6:30, the *1, 2, 3 John* study continues in the Living Room.

Mondays

7:30 pm *The book of Acts* **639 N Euclid Ave** for Middle & High School Youth

Tuesday mornings

9:30-11:00 *The Truth Project* in the home of Vona Johnson, call for directions 605-280-7565

10:30-11:30 *Unshakable* in the Young Conference Room

Wednesday evenings

6:00-7:00 *Luke* (Round two) for those who missed Sunday or Wed. works better

6:00-7:00 *The Engagement Project* at the church

6:30 *Hebrews* takes place in homes. Contact David Zuercher 605-222-8424 for more information

Thursday evenings

6:00-7:00 *Reading the Psalms* in the Living Room at church.



Thanksgiving Worship Service will once again be held on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:00 pm. There will be NO worship service on Thanksgiving Day.

Congregational Pictorial Directories are here!!! You may pick up **ONE** per family. Please sign the sheet as you take your directory so we will know who has taken theirs.

Offering Envelopes Our 2024 offering envelopes are on the tables beneath the confirmation pictures. They are numerically and semi-alphabetically arranged on the tables. **Please pick yours up today.** If you do not find yours let Helen know and she will make sure you get them. Even if you give automatically or by your cell phone there are special envelopes you can use throughout the year, **please take them home.** Please do not use before January 1, 2024.

Our Sunrise radio broadcast and our Cable broadcast are sponsored this morning by Charlotte Russell in memory of her mom, Shirley English. Thanks Char. May God continue to comfort you and bless you as you remember your mom.

Many Thanks go out to all who helped in the kitchen preparing the pancakes and sausages for the fundraiser for the HVAC system.

Thanks also to those who consumed the pancakes and sausage and contributed to the fundraiser. We fed over a hundred and raised \$1,758.00. Thanks again!!! Members of the Men's Club



Main Street Living "Main Street Living" is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life." Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

10:30 AM - Rev. Thomas Brown, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Spearfish, presents a message titled "The Parable of the Talents." This sermon is based on Matthew 25:14-30. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "For it can be easy on Thanksgiving to be thankful for the things, thankful for what we are and have, but thankfulness in faith cries out to God, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on me!' and falls on its face at Jesus' feet, giving thanks to Christ." *Rev. Cody Cooper, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Middle and High School Bible Study

What: Bible Study for middle/high school youth on the book of Acts

Why: To provide a gospel focused community for teens from all walks of life and to help them to grow in their relationship with God and encouragement of one another.

Where: The Church House - **639 N. Euclid**

When: Mondays at 7:30pm

Invite your friends and bring your Bible to come learn what God has to say through the book of Acts!

Contact Cassandra Ryckman (605-222-4895) or Peter Iverson (605-645-0951) if you are interested or have any questions. Look forward to having you attend!

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. **The Bible Bowl is set for March 23, 2024.** For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

Children's Christmas Program The Children's Christmas program will be from 9:45-10:45 (between services) on December 17. We will have **Saturday morning practices from 9 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on December 2, 9 & 16.** The children will be sharing the good news of our Savior's birth. Parents this is a fantastic opportunity to get the last-minute Christmas shopping, baking, or wrapping done while the children are at church!



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Nov. 19

8:30 am Communion
9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow
3:00 pm Board of Education
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Mon: Nov. 20

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Nov. 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions
9:30 am *Truth Project*
10:30 am *Unshakable* Women's Study
5-7 pm 5th grade girls basketball in gym
6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Nov. 22

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Worship

Thurs: Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

NO Worship Service

Office Closed

Fri: Nov. 24

Office Closed

Sun: Nov. 26 Christ the King Sunday

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study

11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study