

Faith Lutheran Church

“Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.”

Matthew 18:5



Who is the greatest in the
kingdom of God?

October 18, 2026

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

October 18th, 2026

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Samuel Radermacher

Organist: Lila Brown

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 119:97-104

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#753 Let the Children Come to Me

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: 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.

all 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.



p 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.



p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men,

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory

O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

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

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Now this is the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² "that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³ "Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that

it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you--'a land flowing with milk and honey.' ⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

2 Timothy 3:10-17 ¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-- what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being de-

ceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and
keep it!



THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

627 Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

SERMON

Matthew 18:1-14 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ² Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, ³ and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ "Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me. ⁶ "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷ "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! ⁸ "If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. ⁹ "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two

eyes, to be cast into hell fire. ¹⁰ "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. ¹¹ "For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. ¹² "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? ¹³ "And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that *sheep* than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. ¹⁴ "Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

JESUS LOVES A CHILDLIKE FAITH

I. To Him it is greatest

II. To Him it is precious

III. To Him it is worth the effort.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to
me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-
hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

#785 Children of the Heavenly Father

Offering Hymn #442:2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
‘Tis to give than to receive

Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

all 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 BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#800 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15am Sunday School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9am Communion Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 64
Sunday School – 2
Bible Class - 5
Sunday General Fund - \$ 3389
Sunday Missions - \$ 65

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Bob Kirst, Greg Jones,
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Jared Swyter, Mike Dumke,
BJ Lillo, Tyler Denson

COUNTER

This Week Team #1
Randy Strelow, Lynn Dumke
Next Week Team #2
Fred Whitehouse, Gary Quade

DEPARTED SAINTS LIST

The Departed Saints list is available on the counter.

USING THE LUNCHROOM/GYM

When you are done using the lunchroom / gym facilities please make sure to close all doors, turn off lights and ovens and clean up. Doors have been found propped open. Ovens have been found left on.

The doors should not be propped open at all. If you don't know how to unlock the doors, ask someone who does.

VOTERS MEETING AGENDA

Quarterly voters meeting will be 7pm on October 29th.

Some of the items on the agenda are:

Called workers raises

Teacher call

Church Incorporation

Removal of membership of Jim Hanneman

THANK YOU

A big thank you to whomever added the beautiful fall decorations to the church.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

SAVE THE DATE!

The ladies of Luther Memorial Church warmly invite you to Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

We look forward to sharing this special afternoon of faith, fellowship, and the light of Christ with you!

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE

Living Hope in Appleton is hosting the Joint Reformation Service on Sunday October 25 at 4pm with snacks to follow. Everyone is invited.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If anyone is interested in helping out with the church's social media, please talk to Pastor.

NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

Rev. 14:6–7

Psalm 46

Rom. 3:19–28

Matt. 11:12–19

CALL NEWS

Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aber-

deen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico with the approval of his congregation.

Pastor Neal Radichel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. Missionary Todd Ohlmann has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has received the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India.

Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemon, SD.

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.



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