Faith Lutheran Church



For when the **foolish** took their lamps,
they **took no oil** with them,
but the **wise** took
flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:3-4

November 8, 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

November 8th, 2026
Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 70

Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD! 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned back and confused Who desire my hurt. 3 Let them be turned back because of their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!" 4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!" 5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay

SERVICE OF THE WORD

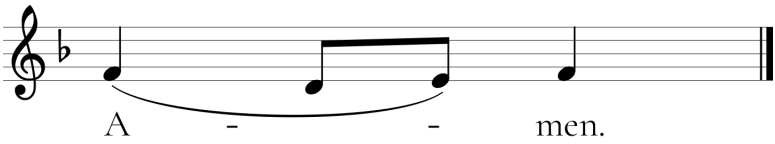
#609 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Verse 1—Solo BJ Lillo

Verses 2,3—Congregation

INVOCATION

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



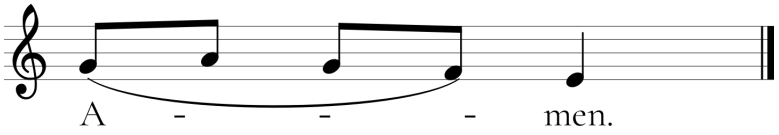
CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

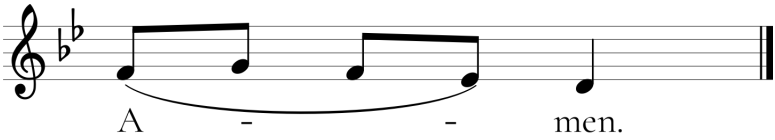



you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;
have mercy on us, For you only are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast : through the same Jesus Christ , our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Amos 5:18-24 18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light. 19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! 20 Is not the day of the LORD dark-

ness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies. 22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. 23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. 24 But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. 2 But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict. 3 For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit. 4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. 5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness-- God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others,

when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. 9 For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God. 10 You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; 11 as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, 12 that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. 13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

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.

#533 Nearer, My God To Thee

SERMON

Matthew 25:1-13 Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. 6 "And at midnight a cry was heard:`Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 "And the foolish said to the wise,`Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 "But the wise answered, saying,`No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, say-

ing,'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 "But he answered and said,'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

JESUS GAZING

Always be ready - Search His word - Test your soul

Watching for Jesus means that we are always ready for his coming. We keep our oil full by use of his word and sacraments. We are confident of our salvation because he gives us his righteousness.





#649 Jesus Savior Pilot Me

Offering Hymn #441:1,2

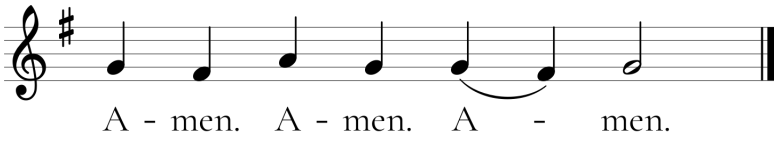
We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be, all that we have is Thine alone, A trust O Lord from Thee. May we thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blesses us, to thee our first fruits give

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.



#200:1,2,7,8 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 Bible Class
6 pm Women of Faith

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

2 pm Bible Class
6:30pm Elders
7:30 pm Council

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 96
Sunday School – 15
Bible Class - 15
General Fund - $ 2219
Missions - $ 75
ILC Building Fund (Missions) - $20

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Jared Swyter, Mike Dumke,
BJ Lillo, Tyler Denson

COUNTER

This Week Team #4
Dennis Jones, Preston Schmidt
Next Week Team #5
Keith Dickerson, Allen Henke

WOMEN OF FAITH

Sunday November 8th, @ 6pm

ROOF LOAN

$16,400 remains outstanding on our roof loan.

COOKBOOKS AND CORRECTIONS

Faith Lutheran Cookbooks have been delivered and will be available after church. The cost of each book is $10.00. The original pre-order signup sheet has been reposted on the bulletin board if you wish to verify how many you ordered. There are extra copies available. NOTE: If you have already picked up your order, please check the table for a correction that will need to be made in your book. Printed instructions are there for you to pick up. All unsold copies have already been modified to reflect the correct amount and will not need hand correcting. If there are further mistakes noted, the corrections will be posted on the hall bulletin board.

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.

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!

NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

Zeph. 1:7–16
Psalm 90:1–12
1 Thess. 5:1–11
Matt. 25:14–30

CALL NEWS

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

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

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

Sermon Worksheet - November 8, 2026

Matthew 25:1-13

What does Jesus mean when he says “watch?”

What do we not need to know?

What is the oil a picture of?

What is the difference between sacrifice and sacrament?

How are we to test ourselves?

What do we find when we test ourselves?

When are we prepared for Jesus coming?



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