FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



NOVEMBER 15, 2026

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

November 15th, 2026

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Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 90:1-12

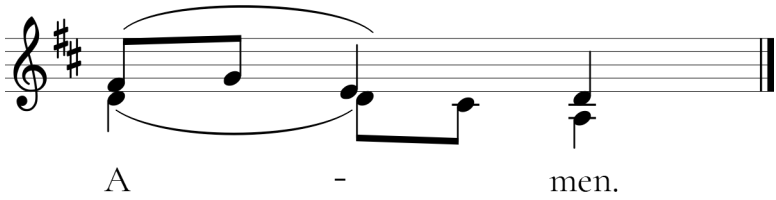
Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. 3 You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." 4 For a thousand years in Your sight Are like yesterday when it is past, And like a watch in the night. 5 You carry them away like a flood; They are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: 6 In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. 7 For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. 10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. 12 So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#606 O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking

INVOCATION

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

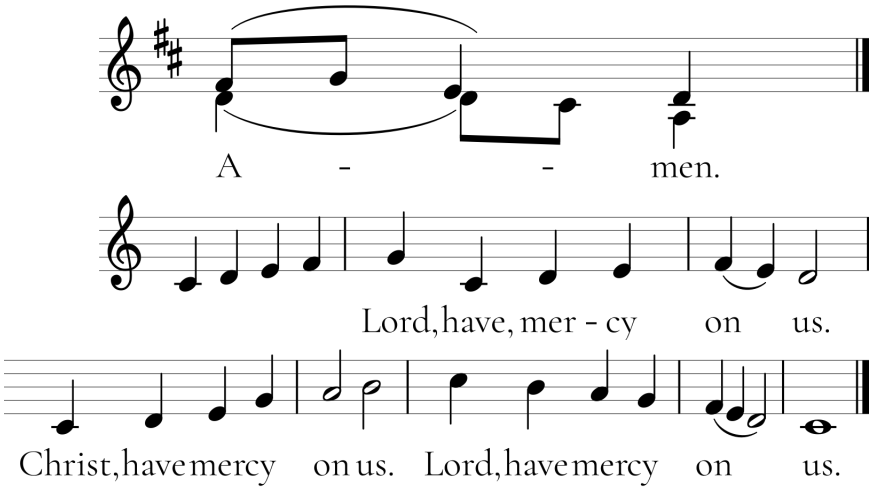


CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

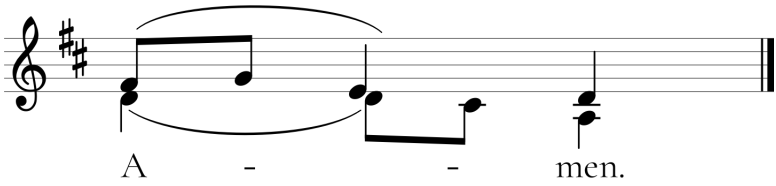
all **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.




Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You
give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right
joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the
might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Yor 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.



THE WORD

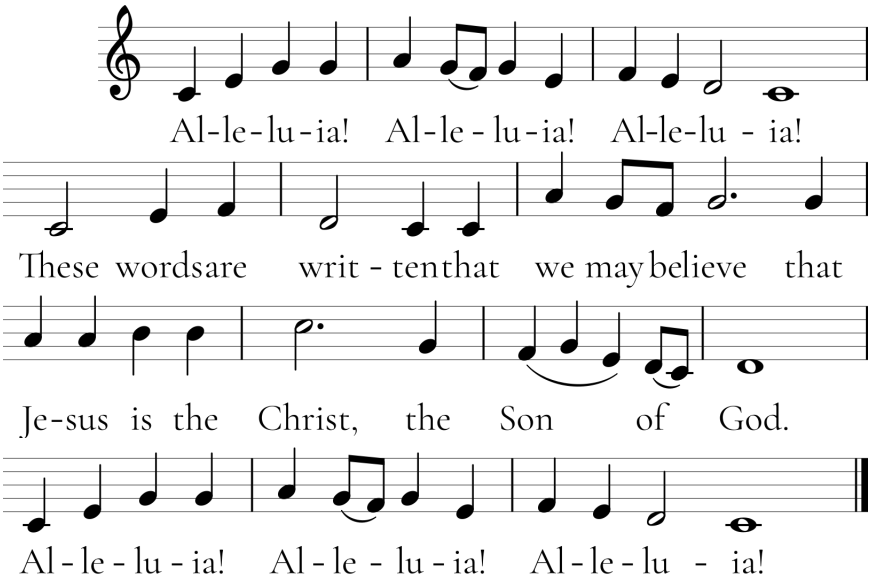
Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 For I considered all this in my heart, so that I could declare it all: that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God. People know neither love nor hatred by anything they see before them. 2 All things come alike to all: One event happens to the righteous and the wicked; To the good, the clean, and the unclean; To him who sacrifices and him who does not sac-

rifice. As is the good, so is the sinner; He who takes an oath as he who fears an oath. 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun: that one thing happens to all. Truly the hearts of the sons of men are full of evil; madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. 4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun. 7 Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink your wine with a merry heart; For God has already accepted your works. 8 Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil. 9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun. 10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.

Romans 12:1-13 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit,

serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

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.

Children Sing

#496 Hark! The Voice of Jesus Calling

SERMON

Matthew 25:14-30 14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. 15 "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he

went on a journey. 16 "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. 17 "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. 18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. 19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying,'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 "His lord said to him,'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 22 "He also who had received two talents came and said,'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' 23 "His lord said to him,'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said,'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid

your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' 26 "But his lord answered and said to him,'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

TREASURING THE TREASURES OF HIM WHO TREASURED US

Jesus treasured us enough not only to die for us but to give us the treasures of heaven. These treasures are not meant to be stored under glass but to be used wisely. The same God who gave them to us will cause them to bear fruit.



#451 Stand up, Stand up for Jesus

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 too give that to receive

PRAYERS, 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.



#53 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2 pm Bible Class

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

3:45pm Catechism Class

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 85
Sunday School – 6
Bible Class - 15
General Fund - $ 7473
Missions - $ 255
Building Fund (roof) - $ 150
ILC Building Fund -$ 50
CLC EDU K8 – $50
School Fund -$ 50

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Jared Swyter, Mike Dumke,
BJ Lillo, Tyler Denson

COUNTER

This Week Team #5
Keith Dickerson, Allen Henka
Next Week Team #6
Kim Kok, Greg Suwanski

ROOF LOAN

$16,400 remains outstanding on our roof loan.

If you would like your offering to go to the loan for the roof make sure to write “roof loan” on your envelope.

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!

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Forms for updating your contact information are available on the shelf. Please fill them out and return them before December 10.

NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24

Psalm 95:1–7a

1 Cor. 15:20–28

Matt. 25:31–46

CALL NEWS

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD

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

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 25:14-30
November 15, 2026

When did Jesus tell this parable?

What event does the parable foreshadow?

What does the word talent mean?

What are the greatest talents/gifts Jesus has given us?

How should we use his gifts?

Why was the third servant condemned?



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