



FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

New beginnings. New life.

Give Thanks
with a
grateful heart.



NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

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Welcome to Faith: *We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a new visitor to Faith, or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to pastor after the worship service.*

Communion: *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

To the Parents of Young Children: *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If your child wants to doodle, paper and pencils are available at the welcome desk. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery (which also has a changing table). There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. Above all, we are glad that you are here at Faith with your children!*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

AS WE GATHER

All over our nation, people are pausing to thank God. We will gather around tables filled with good food and many of us will see all we have as the rewards of our labors. The truth is that whether we acknowledge it or not, these things come from God and His lavish love. Faith teaches us to honor God as the source of all we call our own. On this day, we pause to remember God, to remember what He has given us, and to respond with thanksgiving.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ENTRANCE HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God LSB

895



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God, our Father, You have shown us how we were created to live in the commandments You gave through Moses and in the holy life of our Lord Jesus Christ. We confess with shame how slow we are to learn the wisdom of Your Word and our failure to follow Christ.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: For the sake of Your Son Jesus, forgive us all that distracts us from worship, our neglect of the fellowship of Your Table, our faltering witness for Christ, our failure to love and serve our neighbor, and how we have squandered Your gifts and blessings.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Because Jesus died for us, forgive us for taking Your love and failing to love others as You have loved us, for our quickness to judge and condemn others, and our slowness to forgive as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are sinful and unclean. We cannot free ourselves from the bondage sin has created and from the lies that compete for Your truth.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord; according to Your steadfast mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us clean from our sin and its guilt and make us new through forgiveness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His atoning death, He has forgiven our sins and made us whole again. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

HYMN STANZA

Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us!

LSB 851

**Lord of glory, You have bought us with Your life-blood as the
price,
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
To th'unthankul and the evil with Your own unsparing hand.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies and gathered you as His own people.

HYMN STANZA

How Can I Thank You, Lord

LSB 703

**How can I thank, You, Lord, for all Your loving kindness,
That You have patiently endured my sinful blindness!
Your mercy and Your grace, which rise afresh each morn,
Have turned my stony heart into a heart reborn.**

Pastor: Let all the earth stand in awe before the Lord; let all the people adore Him. He spoke and all things came to be; by His command all things continue to exist.

HYMN STANZA

From All That Dwells below the Skies

LSB 816

**All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
forever and forever more:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Pastor: He satisfies the thirsty and fills hungry with good things. If you think yourself wise, then reflect upon the great and giving love of the Lord.

HYMN STANZA
LSB 814

Bless the Lord, My Soul

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness and without praises die.**

Pastor: I will praise You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing Your praise before all; I will bow down toward Your holy temple and will praise Your name for Your love and Your faithfulness.

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

(In his departing counsel, Moses calls upon the children of Israel not to forget the Lord and His goodness to them.)

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. 3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. 5 Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. 6 So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:6-9

(Paul bids us pray in thanksgiving to God for His gifts and on behalf of those in authority over us.)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

(Jesus heals ten lepers but only one returns to give thanks.)

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

HYMN

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

SERMON *Don't be that guy!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, You are worthy to be honored by all people. We offer You humble yet hearty thanks for the countless blessings You graciously bestow on us.

People: Receive our thanks for Your saving Word and Sacraments and for Your care of Your holy Church. We pray You to provide faithful pastors, church workers, and leaders to lead Your Church.

Pastor: Open the hearts of those who hear, learn, and believe Your Word. Raise up many to bring Your good news to the world. Give us courage and wisdom to live holy and honorable lives of virtue and goodness in Christ Jesus.

People: Bless our nation and all people with leaders who serve the causes of peace and justice. Bring an end to war and violence and give release to all who are oppressed.

Pastor: We pray for the many who are sick, who suffer, who grieve, and who are dying... In Your mercy hear us and answer their needs according to Your will.

People: For all Your blessings shown to us, we give You thanks through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, and we pray You to teach us how to give and serve, in joyful obedience to Your Word, that with the tithes and offerings we bring, You may do the work of Your Church, both now, and to the end of the days. Amen.

OFFERING

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, for in Your mercy You brought forth all things and still preserve them. You came to the aid of Your people when held captive in sin and death. Your Word called forth a people of Your promise until that Word became flesh and blood in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Born of the virgin and the Spirit, He fulfilled all Your holy will and won for us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to raise His cross by faithful believing and faithful living, that all people may be drawn to His Light and born anew in His grace.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, You are great and yet Your greatness is made known primarily through Your mercy and love. Your gifts flow richly to all people but without faith we know not from where they come or to whom we owe our gratitude and praise. Open our eyes to Your mercy that we may respond with thanksgiving. Open the eyes of all people so that they may see what Your Son has accomplished and respond with faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

BLESSING

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the almighty God, the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, now and always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.**

And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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SILENT PRAYER

✠ To God Be The Glory ✠

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Announcements:

Dates to Remember

Bible Study & Sunday School - Today Bible Class 9:00 AM - Hear an update and presentation from **Kim Bueltmann** and her service in Germany.
Next Sunday – Bible Study & Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Faith In Action annual fruit, cheese, and nut sale will be running through today, November 21st. The items will be delivered the second week of December. Order forms are available and located at the front desk counter, or you may contact Elaine Schweitzer if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting our Piatt County seniors!

- **This Sunday November 21**

For thanksgiving bring canned food for our **local food pantry** that we support. Here are some possibilities: Canned meats

2. Canned complete meals (ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.)
3. Canned beans and other vegetables
4. Canned fruit
5. Boxed meals
6. Peanut butter

- **Sunday November 28**

Help decorate the church for Christmas after worship. Need help carrying in the decorations from the shed as well as decorating.

- **Saturday December 4**

Join us for the **Christmas Parade** as we share candy and ride/walk the route.

- **Sunday December 9**

Join us for a fellowship activity at the **Rigg’s Christmas Market** in Urbana. Sign up at the counter.

- **Week of December 13-17**

Help **deliver Meals on Wheels**. Contact Carol Blankenburg

Offering through	Last Week	Year to Date
General Fund – Budget	\$ 3,913.00	\$ 183,910.10
General Fund – Actual	\$ 2,845.00	\$ 173,318.29
Building Fund - Actual	\$ --	\$ 1,805.00

Faith Servant Schedule

Date	Nov 21, 2021	Nov 28, 2021	Dec 5, 2021
Reader	Carol Blankenburg	Sharon Nielsen	
Usher	Rich Wright Dave Trimble	Jeff Gregg Steve Sparenberg	
Acolyte	Anton Brakke	Aidan Barnes	
Screens	Piper Maxwell	Mike Moffett	
Music	Roberta Sparenberg	Roberta Sparenberg	
Elder	Kevin Buck	Kevin Buck	Jeff Gregg
Altar	Lynn Remmert Sandy Strom	Lynn Remmert Sandy Strom	Brianna Gregg Angie Corum

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