

The background is a rich, textured painting. At the top, a large sun is depicted with concentric rings of yellow, orange, and red, surrounded by dark brown and black brushstrokes. Below the sun, a dense crowd of people is shown from a high-angle perspective. The people are rendered in a variety of colors, including blue, yellow, green, and red, with some wearing hats or head coverings. The overall style is expressive and somewhat abstract, with visible brushwork and a sense of movement. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

John came to testify to the light

JOHN 1:8

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2014 Allison Lane, Jeffersonville, Indiana, 282-6993 (Office), www.flcjeff.org.

Rev. Scott Meier, Pastor

December 11, 2011

FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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| Prelude | Organist |
| Confession & Forgiveness | pg. 94 |
| Gathering Song - "Joy to the World" | #267 |
| Greeting | |
| Kyrie | pg. 203 |
| Lighting of the Advent Candle | Choir |
| Prayer of the day | Pastor |
| First Reading | Back of bulletin |
| The Psalm | Psalm 126 |
| The Second Reading | Back of bulletin |
| The Gospel Acclamation | pg. 205 |
| The Gospel | Back of bulletin |
| Children's Sermon | Pastor |
| Sermon | Pastor |
| Hymn of the Day - "Hark the Glad Sound!" | #239 |
| Nicene Creed | pg 104 |
| Prayers of the People - Response; Hear our prayer | Assisting Minister |
| Sharing of the Peace | |
| Offering- <i>Anthem; "When Will We See the Little One?"</i> | Choir |
| Offertory Hymn | #182 |
| Offertory Prayer | Pastor |
| Great Thanksgiving | pg. 206 |
| Holy, Holy, Holy | pg. 207 |
| The Eucharistic Prayer | Pastor |
| Lord's Prayer (Traditional) | pg. 208 |
| Lamb of God | pg. 208 |
| Distribution (wine is in silver chalice; grape juice is in ceramic chalice) | by Intinction |
| Communion Hymn - "Come, Thou Long and Expected Jesus" | #254 |
| Prayer | Pastor |
| Blessing | Pastor |
| Announcements - | |
| Sending Song- "The Spirit Send us Forth to Serve" | #551 |
| Dismissal | Assisting Minister |

WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. We offer Holy Communion each Sunday. All baptized persons who believe that Christ is truly present in this meal are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Charlotte Davis in celebration of Patricia's birthday.

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Norma Boehme Ken Steward Edwina Andregg Dorothy Clerici Patti Smith Gordon McCall
Our Service Men & women and all those in need of our thoughts and prayers in our Faith Family and beyond.

Events & Activities This Week Around Faith:

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| Today, Dec. 11 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship Congregational Budget Mtg. Meet & Eat/Council Mtg. Angel Tree Wrapping Tues. Dec. 13 9:00 am WCS Wed. Dec. 14 10:00 am WELCA 7:00 pm Worship | Thurs. Dec. 15 9:00 am WCS Christmas Program 1:00 pm Bible Study Sat. Dec. 17 3:00 pm OWLS Christmas @Klemens Sun. Dec. 18 9:15 am SCS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Christmas Pitch-in & Program |
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Announcements

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING: Our annual budget meeting will be held immediately following worship on **today**

POINSETTIAS: Once again, poinsettias will adorn our altar at Christmas. Complete the enclosed insert and place in offering plate. Cost is \$15 and the deadline is **today**.

HOLIDAY HOOT: OWLS are meeting on December 17 at 3:00 pm at the home of Dick & Virginia Klemens. RSVP at 288-8809 by Dec. 16.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/PITCH-IN: Pitch-in begins at 6 pm and the program will follow at 7 pm.

CAROLING: The youth would like to invite anyone who is interested in going Christmas caroling to join them on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Will meet at the church at 6:00 pm. For more information see Carol Taylor

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Saturday at **10 pm** with Holy communion. There will be worship service at 10:30 am on Christmas Day.

LAST WEEK AT FAITH

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| <u>Offerings:</u> | <u>Attendance:</u> |
| Current \$ 3670.00 | Worship 72 |
| Other <u>85.00</u> | Nursery <u>1</u> |
| Total \$ 3755.00 | 73 |

We need at least \$3236 in **current** each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week?

Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for His many blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK AT FAITH

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| Pastor ... Scott Meier | Acolyte... Eric Miller |
| Assistant... Bev Haire | Crucifer... Volunteer |
| Organist... Barb Brewster | Greeters... Ilene Bush |
| Fin. Asst... Nancy Arbuckle | Social..... Meet & Eat |
| Nursery ... Lisa Peter | Audio..... Lyle Gernand |
| Altar Guild.. Bev Haire | |
| Ushers. Brent & Bev Haire, Cindy Holley, & Dennis Johnson | |
| <u>Next week:</u> Asst.-D. Diekhoff; Acolyte-K. Peter; Crucifer-Volunteer; Greeters- I. Bush; Social-S. Scott; | |

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of LORD our God;
to comfort all who mourn;

³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it
to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Psalms 126**or Psalmody: Luke 1:46b-55****SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

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