

**The First Sunday in Advent
December 2, 2012**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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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. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Don and Vivian Smith

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | S.S. | Thur. 12/6 | 9:15am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 6:00pm | Advent Potluck | Sun. 12/9 | 9:15am | S.S. |
| Tue. 12/4 | 9:15am | WCS | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Wed. 12/5 | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | 11:30am | Budget Meeting |

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Announcements

ORDERS for poinsettia plants can be found near the end of this bulletin. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas please fill out the form and put it on the Secretary's desk.

Today is our annual Advent Potluck at 6:00pm. We will be finishing the Jesse Tree Ornament project so that this year you will be able to have a complete set of Jesse Tree ornaments to use during Advent. Bring a dish to share and come prepared to be crafty.

The Annual Budget meeting will be held after worship next Sunday, December 9. We will be voting to approve the 2013 budget. After the budget approval, join us for Meet and Eat. Bring a dish to share and join your favorite team to make plans for the upcoming months.

Our Angel Tree angels are available in the Narthex. Please take an angel, shop for the requested items and bring them back to church unwrapped by December 16. The youth will wrap the gifts that day. Clearly mark your purchases with the name of your angel so that the youth will not be confused when they are wrapping. Thank you so much for your generosity.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,
we lift up our souls.
You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sisters and brothers, come with joy
and draw water from the well of salvation.
Remember the gift of baptism:
your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus;
you belong to Christ;
you are anointed to serve.
Stand up and raise your heads!
The reign of God is near.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* (ELW 246)

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son

"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Choir sings: *Light the Advent Candle* as the first candle is lit.

The Pastor leads the following prayer Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. **AMEN**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1–10

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and ¹my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- ¹ness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and up- ¹right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners ¹in your way.**

⁹You lead the low- ¹ly in justice
and teach the low- ¹ly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast ¹love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your ¹testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

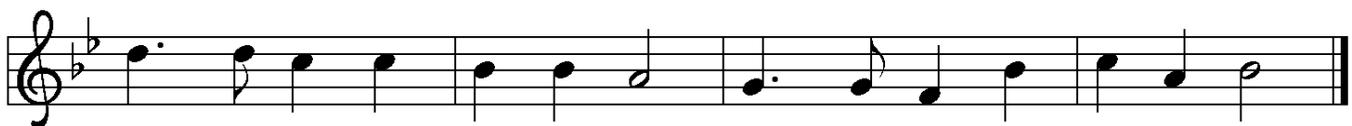
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25–36

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells his disciples: There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW 244)

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Let us pray for the visible unity of the church; for increasing and abounding love among Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Christians; for our own denomination and its leaders. Strengthen our bonds. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the creation—the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring seas, the icy streams, the clouds, and all the trees. Heal what we have damaged. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for nations in distress; for soldiers and civilians; for world leaders and local governments; for refugees and prisoners; for subsistence farmers and small business owners. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all whose hearts are weighed down with the worries of this life *especially* Sandy Neathamer Joyce Parish, Fred Steaban, Anne Alia, Chuck Boston, Marsha Brewer, Marcella Denton, Kathy Dycus, Kathy Gilmore, Flynn Hewitt, Pat Hudson, Phil Lakes, Addison Licavaro, Guy McCauley, Dodie McEuen, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Heidi Tahquehi, Ken Walker. Bring them hope that your redemption is drawing near. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the youth, the working parents, the single persons, the shut-ins, and those anticipating life changes in our congregation. Keep us alert for your coming. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Nicodemus Durham with a birthday this week and Becky and Kevin Hall and Monica and Ken Hawkins with anniversaries this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. Keep us in communion with the saints who now see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING *Stir up Your Power O Lord, and Come* **Choir**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

Let us pray... God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

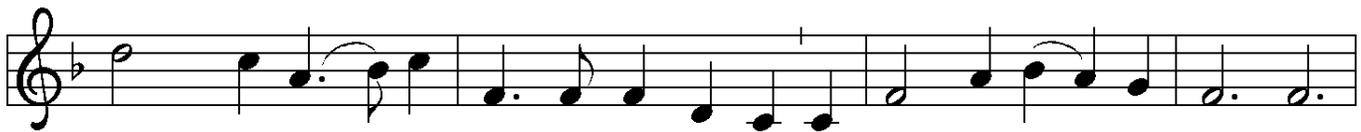
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

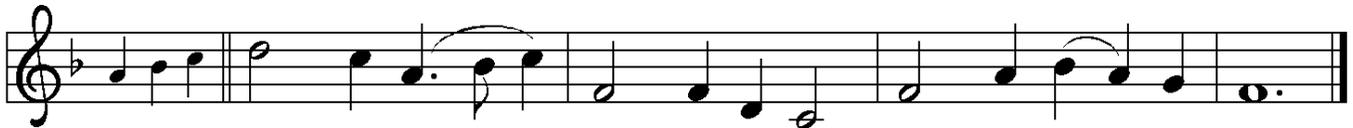
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *For the Bread Which You* (ELW 494)

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

Let us pray...Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world. Affirmation of Christian Vocation may be used here.

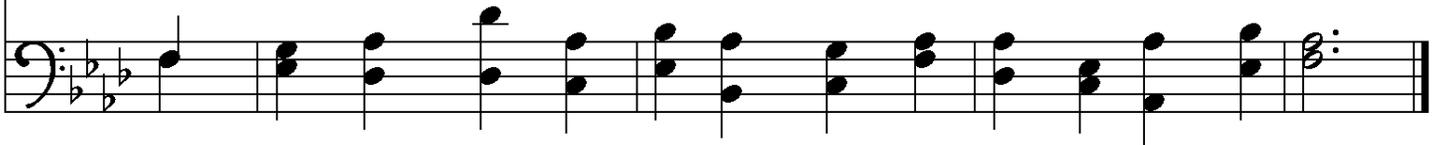
SENDING SONG: *The King Shall Come* (ELW 260)



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

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Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettias will grace the altar again this year Christmas Eve. Should you care to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, please complete this form indicating how many and to whom you wish to honor or remember, and return it by December 9 along with your payment. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

#_____ poinsettias at \$15 each = \$_____ enclosed total

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In honor of _____

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Sandy Neatham, broken tailbone
Joyce Parish, recovering at home
Fred Steaban, broken femur in rehab

Family & Friends

Anne Alia, health issue
Chuck Boston, alcohol relapse
Marsha Brewer, recovering from a fall
Marcella Denton, intestinal illness
Kathy Dycus, in recovery in Carmel, IN
Kathy Gilmore, health concerns
Flynn Hewitt, (newborn) hole in heart
Pat Hudson, treatment for leukemia
Phil Lakes, stroke and heart condition
Addison Licavaro, (newborn) heart murmur
Guy McCauley, health issues
Dodie McEuen, health issues
J C Richardson, health concerns
Angela Rutledge, heart attack
Heidi Tahquehi, accident, fractured
Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods
Norma Boehme, Westminster Village
Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center
Walter Clive, at home
Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Service agencies/programs/special needs

Veronica Rife, deployed by Corp of Engineers to Afghanistan
CLM
Eric Hall Foundation
Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad
Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment
Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Families affected by Hurricane Sandy

Last Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$ 2,877.05 | Worship attendance | 53 |
| Other Offering | 45.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$ 2,922.05 | Total attendance | 54 |

We need \$3,596 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 God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Pastor | Pastor Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Lyle Gernand |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kristina Peter |
| Acolyte/Crucifer | Youth |
| Altar Guild | Barb Brewster |
| Greeters | Brent and Bev Haire |
| Ushers | |
| Audio | Chuck Landis |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Dick and Virginia Klemens |
| Financial Assistant | Sandy Neathamer |

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| Social | Meet and Eat |
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Scripture Readings for next week: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3: 1-6