Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song – "God Whose Almighty Word" ELW 673 *(organ)*

1 **God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard**
and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.

2 **Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,**
healing and sight; health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind; oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

3 **Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy dove,**
speed forth your flight; move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 **Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,**
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light.

**Greeting*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Hymn of Praise:* "Great is the Lord" *(piano)*

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just. By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true. By his mercy he proves he is love.
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory. Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice.
Great is the Lord, great is the Lord.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: 1 Kings 3:16-28 Reader: Sharon Woodworth

16 Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. **17** The one woman said, "Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. **18** Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. **19** Then this woman's son died in the night because she lay on him. **20** She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. **21** When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne." **22** But the other woman said, "No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours." The first said, "No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine." So they argued before the king.

23 Then the king said, "The one says, 'This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,' while the other says, 'Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.' " **24** So the king said, "Bring me a sword," and they brought a sword before the king. **25** The king said, "Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other." **26** But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, "Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!" The other said, "It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it." **27** Then the king responded, "Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother." **28** All Israel heard of the judgment that the

king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 6:19-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] consume and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust[b] consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – "Take My Life, That I May Be" ELW 685 *(organ)*

1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon: "Solomon's Wisdom"

Song of the Day – "The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" *(piano)*

1. The perfect wisdom of our God,
   Revealed in all the universe:
   All things created by His hand,
   And held together at His command.
   He knows the mysteries of the seas,
   The secrets of the stars are His;
   He guides the planets on their way,
   And turns the earth through another day.

2. The matchless wisdom of His ways,
   That mark the path of righteousness;
   His word a lamp unto my feet,
   His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
   And oh, the mystery of the cross,
   That God should suffer for the lost
   So that the fool might shame the wise,
   And all the glory might go to Christ!

3. Oh grant me wisdom from above,
   To pray for peace and cling to love,
   And teach me humbly to receive
   The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
   Each strand of sorrow has a place
   Within this tapestry of grace;
   So through the trials I choose to say:
   "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

The Lord's Prayer *Susan Roegge on piano*

–We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances–

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**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.

Communion Songs

"Lord of Light" ELW 688 *(organ)*

1 **Lord of light, your name outshining all the stars and suns of space,**
use our talents in your kingdom as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain: ***Father, as in highest heaven, so on earth your will be done.***

2 **By the toil of faithful workers in some far outlying field,**
by the courage where the radiance of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness, through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*

3 **Grant that knowledge, still increasing, at your feet may lowly kneel;**
with your grace our triumphs hallow, with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

4 **By the prayers of faithful watchers, never silent day or night;**
by the cross of Jesus, bringing peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge, making all your children one: *Refrain*

"Make Me a Servant" *(piano)*

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be: Make me a servant, make me a servant,
make me a servant today. *Repeat*

"Children of the Heavenly Father" ELW 781 *(organ)*

1 **Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;**
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

2 **God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.**
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 **Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;**
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 **Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;**
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

**Sending Song* – "My Life is in You, Lord" *(Piano)*

My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.
I will praise you with all of my life. I will praise you with all of my strength,
with all of my life, with all of my strength. All of my hope is in you.
My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord, my strength is in you, Lord,
my hope is in you, Lord, in you, it's in you, in you.

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The altar plants are donated today by Elenor Stevens in memory of Dr. Tom

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 8, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 11, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
4:30pm: Faith Singer Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 18, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Children's Christmas Program
Back by Popular demand, Faiths Little Flock and Faiths Older Flock will be performing the Christmas Nativity on **Sunday, December 6.** Participating in the program is a wonderful way for children to experience the real meaning of Christmas and have fun at the same time. It is sure to be heartwarming for the whole congregation too! The sign up sheet is in the gathering area on the coffee counter. Please Sign up by **Nov. 8** so parts can be assigned for rehearsal.

Ecumenical Nativity Festival
The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is hosting at Nativity Festival at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday and Sunday, **December 5-6**. If you have a nativity set you would be willing to share for the weekend to put on display, you can pick up a form at the coffee sales counter and bring your set to the office before Sunday, **November 29**. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, provide baked goods, serve at the coffee/baked goods bar, greet, provide live music, and more. To volunteer, we will have a link to an online signup form soon.

Advent Allegro Concerts
Our Advent Allegro concerts and lunches are just around the corner. We will have three concerts this year, with the JHS Madrigal Singers on **December 2**, TBD on **December 9**, and Two Fiddles on **December 16**. The concerts are from **12:15-1:00** with lunch at **11:30** and after the concerts. If you can help by providing a soup or serving, please sign up at the coffee sales table.

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets
Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You**! *We are Gifted to Serve*!

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock
We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children gr. 1-6.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper
Join us in the Justice Room for exploring the new sermon series on the Joy of Generosity**.**

Read the Bible in a Year
Please join us in reading the New Testament, starting October 1. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays from October 7 through December 31, from 10:00-11:00am in the Library, to discuss the reading for each week. By December 31, we will have read the entire New Testament. If you would like more information and the reading schedule, please contact Pam Devlin at 217-473-7375 or pdevlin56@gmail.com. God's Blessings to all.

New Faith Telephone Directory
A new Faith Directory is available at the Coffee Sales counter. Please take one (1) per family. We will also soon be printing a new pictorial directory – please submit a picture to the church office (by email is preferred: faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) for us to include in the new directory. Thank You!