

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by the Faith Singers – “Praise the Father, Praise the Son,” arr. Galbraith

GATHERING

**Call to Worship and Confession*

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

C: Amen.

P: *(Jeremiah 17:7-8)* ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

C: ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

P: Our family tree of faith is filled with men and women who live by faith and make mistakes. When we stumble, we are in good company. Yet, we are also surrounded by a company of saints, redeemed by the mercy of God. Let us confess our sin and put our trust in this mercy.

Silence

C: Forgiving God, we confess that our actions do not always reflect your goodness. Like Abraham, we question your promise. Like Jacob, we take what is not ours. Like Moses, we fear that we are not enough. In your love and compassion, prune our faults and failures and keep us connected to you.

P: God has heard your confession and forgives your sin. Jesus is living water for you and all. May the Holy Spirit dwell in you richly that you bear the fruit of love for God and one another.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Beneath the Tree of Life”

(organ)

*Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life –
Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.*

**Flowing from this tree of grace and passion,
Oh how sweet the taste, how deep and rich the wellspring of your love. Refrain**

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of Praise – “Bless the Lord”

(piano)

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God’s holy name.*

- 1. Remember the kindness of our God,
who showers us with blessing all our days. Refrain**
- 2. Remember the justice of our God,
who stands with those forgotten and confused. Refrain**
- 3. Remember the healing love of God,
who calls us to be whole and to be free. Refrain**

WORD

Reading: Ruth 1:1-17; 4:13-17 *Reader:* Liddy Stark

¹In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons.

²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there for about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons or her husband.

⁶Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had had consideration for his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, ‘Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.’ Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰They said to her, ‘No, we will return with you to your people.’ ¹¹But Naomi said, ‘Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me.’ ¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵So she said, ‘See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.’ ¹⁶But Ruth said,

‘Do not press me to leave you
or to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people,
and your God my God.

¹⁷Where you die, I will die—
there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus and so to me,
and more as well,
if even death parts me from you!’

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, ‘Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel!

¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.’ ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the

neighborhood gave him a name, saying, ‘A son has been born to Naomi.’ They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

**Gospel Reading:* Mark 3:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ ³³And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers!’ ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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

Song: “Come and Fill Our Hearts” ELW 528 *(piano)*

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

Sermon: "Leaves of Life - Ruth and the Saints"

Song of the Day – “For All the Saints” ELW 422 *(organ)*

*Lighting of candles as we remember our loved ones
who have died or been baptized in the last year.*

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

At this time, we light candles and read the names of our beloved saints who have been called by you as Children of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

- 4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 5 **The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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*

Stewardship Time:

“As the Deer,” by Martin Nystrom
The Faith Singers

Stewardship is about our grateful response to God's grace for us. How do you respond? If you would like to financially support our ministry together, you can place a donation in an offering box or through our website. If you would like to support our ministry together through service, you can find a list of ministry teams online or on our ministry team menu. Consider joining a ministry team, or starting a new one, today!

—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—

**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

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table” (ACS 977) (organ)
(to the tune of Love Divine, All Loves Excelling)

- 1 **Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.**
- 2 **Clouds of light surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.**

- 3 **Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand diff'rent ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.**
- 4 **Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.**

“Canticle of the Turning” ELW 723 *(piano)*

1. **My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**
2. **Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.**

*Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.*

3. **From the halls of pow’r to the fortress tow’r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.**
4. **Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.**

Refrain

**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*

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**Benediction*

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you, may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In” (ACS 950) (piano)*

- 1 **Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**
- 2 **Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.**
- 3 **Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.**
- 4 **Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.**
- 5 **And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 5, 9:30am: Worship

10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, November 8, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, November 11, 12:30pm: Children's Choir Rehearsal

1:30pm: Anniversary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 12, 9:30am: 75th Anniversary Worship

10:45am: Anniversary Reception in Gathering Area

10:45am: Sunday School

11:30am: 75th Anniversary Luncheon in the Great Room

5:30pm: Confirmation Class

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00pm: Support Team Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

10am: Discipleship Group in the Library

4pm: Worship Core Team

6pm: Women's Fellowship Game & Sub Sandwich Night

Thursday, November 16, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

News Updates

Sunday School

Calling all kids! After worship, fellowship, and snacks, we will gather for music and then head to our classes. We have two classes this year, one for pre-K through Kindergarten and the other for early elementary. If you have questions or are interested in helping, contact Patty Nelson at 217-653-3105.

Giving Boutique

The opening day of our Giving Boutique raised nearly \$1,900! There will be many items still available for the next few weeks. Come and give!

75th Anniversary Choir & Children's Choir

Faith Lutheran's 75th Anniversary Celebration is November 12th. Music has played an important part in the life of this congregation through the years. In celebration of this event, **we would like to invite you to sing with the Chancel Choir that day**. This is an invitation to those who may be coming back to visit also.

A **rehearsal** is scheduled for **Saturday, November 11th at 1:30 pm in the sanctuary**.

There is a **sign-up sheet and printed music available** on the counter by the coffee sales. Please contact Jean Welch at 217.652.7009 (text) or email jrwelch53@msn.com with questions. We hope you can join us! **Children will rehearse at 12:30pm.**

Music Rehearsals!!!

Exaltation Ringers rehearse on some Sundays after the service at 10:45am in the Choir Room. We ring one Sunday each month. If you are interested in ringing, please let me know. Jean Welch, *Music Director*

Discipleship Group

How well do you know the women of the Bible? Join us at **10:00am on November 15** in the Faith Library to test your knowledge. If you have any questions about our group or are curious about how we spend our time together, please call Kelly Hartz at 217-502-1979 or email khartz@sompo-intl.com.

Women of Faith Fellowship Night

In November we're doing another Gal's Game Night but with sub sandwiches this time! Join us in the Great Room on **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm** for some friendly competition and yummy sandwiches. Bring your favorite board or card game and we'll choose ones that evening to play. Please RSVP to Monica at 217-737-0475 by November 12 so we can provide enough food.

Potluck & Movie

Potluck and a Movie will be on **Monday, November 20 at 11:30am** and will feature the film "Same Kind of Different as Me" based on our Book Club book. *Sharon Zuiderveld*

Book Group - "Blood Brothers" by Elias Chacour

As a child, Elias Chacour lived in a small Palestinian village in Galilee. When tens of thousands of Palestinians were killed and nearly one million forced into refugee camps in 1948, Elias began a long struggle with how to respond. In *Blood Brothers*, he blends his riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict, exploring whether bitter enemies can ever be reconciled. This book offers hope and insight to help each of us learn to live at peace in a world of tension and terror. **A discussion will be held after worship on December 3.**

Ideas Wanted!

Help prepare a great list of books for us to read in 2024. Which authors, titles, and subjects are you interested in exploring next year? Please email your suggestions to Kelly Hartz at khartz@sompo-intl.com.

If you're passionate about a book and would also love to lead the group discussion, please let us know! We're looking for books AND leaders.

Sound Celebration Chorus

The Sound Celebration Chorus invites you to their 3rd Annual Free Christmas Concert: *Thanks for the Holidays*, **Sunday, November 26, 2:00pm** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington St., Springfield. A free-will offering will be taken for our chosen charity – Springfield Area Micro Food Pantries.

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

We have a great lineup for this year's Advent Allegro concert series.

December 6: "The Extension Chords"
(with Jean Welch)

December 13: Jacksonville High School Madrigals

December 20: Matthew Nall on piano

The brief concerts will last approximately 30 minutes and begin at 12:15pm. Lunch of soup, chips, fruit, and dessert will be served beginning at 11:30am and after the concert for \$5. **We could use some help with serving the meal and providing cookies and soup.** If you would like to pitch in, contact the church office (245-8919 or faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) or **sign up on the sheet on the counter by the coffee sales.**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join this exciting new ministry team! Sharon Zuiderveld and her sister, Mary Ellen Peterson, are looking for crocheters and knitters (or those who want to learn) to help make prayer shawls. The shawls will then be given to friends as reminders that they are covered by our prayers and the love and grace of God. Anyone interested in knitting or crocheting for the Prayer Shawl ministry may contact Sharon Zuiderveld. Beginners (and lefties) are welcome. Please let her know what day and time are best for you.

Her email is: sharonzuiderveld@hotmail.com and her cell is: 217-883-1258

Western IL FCA – 2023 Fall Fundraising Banquet in Jacksonville

Over the past seven years, God has done exciting things through Western Illinois FCA...impacting the lives of coaches, athletes, and others in our community. We are continually looking for opportunities to expand Fellowship of Christian Athletes and take the love of Christ to more of our local schools!

Date – **Saturday, November 11, 2023** @ Hamiltons

Format – Our event will begin at 4:30pm with remarks from local athletes and coaches, words of encouragement from St. Louis Cardinal, Tommy Edman, and a wonderful dinner. Guests must make reservations through a table host or through www.WesternILFCA.org. There is no cost to attend, but we will receive an offering to support the ministry of Western IL FCA. Seating is limited.