

LSSI Sunday

November 24, 2024

We welcome Pastor Kelly Nieman-Anderson and Molly Arnoldt from LSSI today

Greetings and Welcome

*Prelude – “Goodness of God,” by Johnson, Johnson, Ingram, Cash, & Fielding
sung by the Faith Singers*

GATHERING

**Call to Worship*

P: We gather to praise our God.

C: The One who created everything; the One who keeps faith with us.

P: We gather to follow Jesus.

C: Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair; who comes to set us free from our fears.

P: We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit.

C: Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable; who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence for confession

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: We confess that we are wrapped up in sin and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God’s mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Song – “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us” ELW 358 (organ)*

- 1 **Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.**
- 2 **We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains, by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.**
- 3 **Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim, but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.**
- 4 **Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed, and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.**
- 5 **Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.**

**Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

**C: Loving God, you have shown us that love is the ultimate fulfillment of your law.
Inspire us to love you more fully and teach us how to love our neighbor as
ourselves, so that we may continue to walk humbly with you until all the world
celebrates your justice, mercy, and love. 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: Micah 6:1-8

Reader: Patty Nelson

¹Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.’

⁶With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

Song – “Micah 6:8”

(guitar)

**He has shown thee, oh man, what is good and what the Lord requires of you. (2x)
But to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God**

Sermon

Pastor Kelly Nieman-Anderson

Hymn of the Day – “O God, You Call for Justice”

(organ)

Sung to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”

1. **O God, you call for justice — for goodness, never greed!
You seek a world of fairness where all have what they need —
Where all have food and water and homes in which to thrive,
Where all have hope and laughter and joy to be alive!**
2. **O God, you call for kindness instead of keeping score;
You seek a world that welcomes the hungry and the poor.
Lord, where there is injustice may we work to protect
The struggling ones, the voiceless that others would reject.**
3. **You call us to walk humbly, for we are not our own;
We all are poor and needy; we need the grace you've shown.
May we respond to others reflecting what you give —
Compassion, kindness, justice — so all may gladly live.**
4. **O God may our great nation seek justice, as we should,
and work with dedication to seek the common good.
We’re blessed to be a blessing; may we within our law
Seek justice and compassion that reaches out to all.**

**Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed*

**We are not alone. We live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who
has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile
and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

“Offertory,” arr. Courtney
Kelly Hartz, solo

—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

“Build a Longer Table” (ACS 1062) (piano)

- 1 **Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 2 **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**
- 3 **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.**
- 4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

“Now Thank We All Our God” ELW 840 (organ)

- 1 **Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

2 **Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**

3 **All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**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: May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths.

May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds.

And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the fullest!

C: **Amen!**

**Sending Song – “Go and Do”*

(piano)

**Go and do as I have done for you. Go and do as I have said!
Go and do as I have done for you. And they will know you by your love,
they will know you by your love,
they will know you by the things you go and do!**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The altar plants are given today by
Lynette Hamilton in celebration of Shanon & Dan Keller's 25th wedding anniversary
Angie & Mike Fenner
Celeste Hill in celebration of her parents' anniversary

Worship Assistants

Communion Assistant: Pastor Kelly Nieman-Anderson
Greeter: Lynette Hamilton
Reader: Patty Nelson
Ushers: Patty Nelson & Larry Kuster
Pastor: Adam Dichsen
Music Director: Jean Welch
Organist: Susan Roegge
Pianist: Jean Welch
Drummers: John Demien & Louis Dichsen
Financial Assistants: Patty Nelson & Monica Proefrock
Chancel Committee: Martha Krohe
Coffee Host: Karen Sibert



Singers:

Benen Dichsen	Kelly Hartz	Kris Roth	Carol VanderKloot
Louis Dichsen	Terri Kimler	Cole Street	
Marilyn Dichsen	Adam Krohe	Melissa Street	

Church Council Members:

Malinda Carlson	Kelly Hartz	Gaylon Martin	Monica Proefrock
Ken Devlin	Greg Kimler	Patty Nelson	Kelly Street
Marilyn Dichsen			

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 24, 9:30am: Worship **Friends from Faith**
10:45pm: LSSI Presentation

Wednesday, November 27, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group

Thursday, November 28 **Happy Thanksgiving**

Sunday, December 1, 9:30am: Worship **First Communion**
10:30am: Youth Sunday School

Wednesday, December 4, 7-8am: Men's Prayer Group
11:30am: Advent Allegro Lunch in Great Room
12:15pm: Advent Allegro Concert – The Extension Chords

Saturday, December 7, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

News Updates

Friends from Faith

It's Friends from Faith Sunday. In addition to the usual card selections, there are Luther Rose cards with the Advent Allegro schedule inside. Please take some (and stamps) to send as your personal invitation to non-member friends!

Advent Allegro Lunchtime Concerts

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

December 4: "The Extension Chords" (*with Jean Welch*)

December 11: Tyler Carpenter on percussion

December 18: Devon Carpenter on harp

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.**

Men's Prayer Group

Help us grow our group! You can meet in person at Faith on **Wednesday mornings at 7:00**, or on zoom. Contact one of the guys to let them know you are coming: Kevin Krohe or Larry Kuster.

Music is a Great Way to Connect!

We are always looking for people to sing or play special music for a prelude or a stewardship offering. Please contact Jean Welch if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts. jrwelch53@msn.com or 217-652-7009 (phone/text)

“Faith's Little Flock”

Faith's Little Flock meets in the classroom next to the nursery after the children's sermon until communion time. Activities this month will follow Pastor's theme of God's promises. The children can look forward to making fun crafts while listening to Bible stories. We are also adding some fun music for the little ones called "Sing the Bible". A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered your time this Fall. We will be working on a schedule for volunteers and getting things organized for the remainder of the year.

Blessings, *Melissa Street*

Bible Boot Camp

We introduced Bible Boot Camp, a new program for elementary-school-aged children, in September. Pastor Adam warmed them up with singing, dancing, and some retelling of Bible stories from recent worship services. Patty Nelson and Shelley McDaniel led them in some creative play and crafts, and then we all joined with parents and older youth for a meal. **Our next event will be on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30-6:00**, Spread the word and bring a friend!

Faith Inkubators

Our Confirmation Class has resumed under a different name. Our Faith Inkubators youth nights incorporate all the learning of confirmation, but also some games and activities so that it is open for some upper-elementary-aged kids that are up for the challenge and our high school youth to still be involved. **Our next event will be on Sunday, December 15, from 4:30-6:00**. Spread the word and bring a friend!

Men's Breakfast

Come and connect with other men as we share our faith and enjoy some good food on **Saturday, December 7**. At 8:00, we hang out in the kitchen, helping to cook, drink coffee, and visit. At 9:00, we sit down for some conversation and discussion on a specific topic.

Youth Service Projects

Our youth are willing and able to help with service projects in your home! They helped with the *God's Work, Our Hands* clean up as well as washing windows for a member. If you would like to have them help at your home, contact one of our Youth Ministry Team leaders (Marilyn Dichsen, Adam Krohe, and Barb Davenport). They are often available after worship, but may be able to schedule another time as well. If your project falls over a mealtime (or anytime in between), they may appreciate some snacks and drinks.

Holiday Food Basket Needs – Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

The Food Center will be assembling over 300 holiday baskets, so your donations truly make a difference – Thank You! **We will be collecting donations up till Christmas.**

Sweet Potatoes	Chicken Broth	Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Potatoes	Canned Corn	Pumpkin Pie Mix
Gravy Mix (pkg or can)	Canned Green Beans	Evaporated Milk
Egg Noodles	Mushroom Soup	Cereal
	Stuffing Mix	Flour & Sugar

Please put your donations in the cloth baskets in the Ministry Center/Coat Room.

Lutheran Disaster Response – Hurricane Helene

If you would like to make a donation to help those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, there are donation forms available in the gathering area on the counter by the coffee sales. Make your check out to “Faith Lutheran” with *Hurricane Relief* in the memo line.