FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

"The Lutheran Church of Westchester"

The Reformation is celebrated
October 25, 2026



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We welcome all sinners; offering a solution to that sin.
(Hint: It is Jesus!)
We are L.C.M.S - A Confessional, Liturgical, and Sacramental Church Body.

Welcome to Faith - We are glad you joined us!

Reverend David L. Prentice Jr., Pastor
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Coming Week(s) in Worship / Special Events at Faith

(Where Pastor may be as well)

10/19-10/21 - Pastor is at the East Region Conference in Racine Wisconsin. Pastor is the Chair for this year's conference and is preaching at the opening service.

11/01 - Celebrating All Saints Day
9:00 am - Divine Service - Word and Sacrament (Eucharist)
10:20 am - (or so)

Adult Bible Study after the service
Children's Bible time and Catechesis after the service

Welcome! We are pleased that you have come to worship with us today and we pray that you have been blessed by God and His Word. As a visitor, please ask for a "Welcome to Faith" pamphlet.

** Prayer Ministry at Faith Lutheran **

(Please note) - You may ask for a prayer before we begin worship at anytime, or even ask an usher to relay to Pastor…
**** NOTE **** I understand privacy is a concern for all, so prayers will only be listed here or announced with the OK from those in need. We want to pray as a family of Faith whenever possible, we really care.

Prayers for the world we live in and for His Church

- For good and wise government (Always)
- First Responders (Police and Fire) & Armed Forces, especially with the ongoing conflict (Always)
- For Faith, asking the Holy Spirit to guide us. (Always)

Ongoing prayers

- Mrs. Becker - more testing and various doctor appointments, waiting on all results and plans moving forward.

Prayers for health, grieving, recovery and hope.

- Darlene Krieeger (Pat's sister) - recovering from a fall and subsequent hip surgery.

How we handle our prayer requests - Please note, you can tell Pastor in person, call the church number, or email Pastor your requests.
01) Prayers begin under "health, grieving, recovery, and hope", and after two weeks, they drop to "ongoing prayers".
02) After two weeks in "ongoing prayers", they will be dropped off, UNLESS you tend (resubmit) the requests.

Birthdays and Anniversary's -
Ruth Beierwaltes - 25th

Memorials Received in Loving Memory - none

**** Faith worship / service notes ****
Next week's Bible passages: (Sunday Service)
For All Saints: Revelation 7:2-12, Psalm 149, 1 John 3:1-3, and Matthew 5:1-12.

Theme for today: The Law leaves us speechless, for it condemns us and holds us accountable to God. By the Law, every sin is unmasked, every sinner is declared guilty. In Christ, by His blood, we receive faith. This faith justifies us apart from the works of the Law. Thanks be to God that Christ gives us His Gospel. By it, sin is forgiven and sinners declared innocent. This is our freedom in Christ proclaimed throughout every nation, tribe, language, and people

Upcoming Service Settings -
On "All Saints", we move to setting 3, and will probably stay until we begin Advent (where we tone it down a bit).
Special dates for people or celebrations in the church upcoming
10/25 - Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe, faithful women.
10/26 - Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt, hymn writers.
10/28 - St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles.

A possible change to how we handle Holy Communion -
Pastor would like you to ponder the following:

01) Turning all the time sideways to serve the elements, as you arrive to the front, is "hard on the knees".
02) Perhaps we can try this: As we come forward in "family units", or whatever you deem OK, one group moves to the pulpit side, another group moves to the lectern side. Pastor(s) will then come across and distribute to all. In essence, we are doubling up.
03) Pastor(s) will keep the elements on the altar.

The Common Cup is coming back - But to start, it will appear on Special "Holy" Days, such as next week, All Saints. Please tell Pastor if you would like to partake of it. Yes, yes, the individual cups will always stay.

Thanksgiving Service - The plan is to have a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 25. This will allow for you to prepare and enjoy Thanksgiving Day with friends and family, but still, the night before, have an opportunity to "give thanks" in worship.

Faith's Comcast Connection appears to be down - We are checking in to it, we did see a line that appeared damaged or cut coming into the building.