**Worship Plan for Sunday, November 17, 2024** **\* 26th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Introduction to the day**

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ’s coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

**GOSPEL MESSAGE: Holy Presence**

In Jesus’ day the temple in Jerusalem loomed large, both as a central physical structure in the city and as a powerful symbol of God’s presence among the people. It was a major part of Jewish religious life of the time, and the location where it stood remains important for many people today. The disciples would certainly have found it unsettling to listen to Jesus forecast the temple’s destruction. Would it really fall? How could such an important place ever be lost?

We often look to buildings, institutions, and societal structures for stability. But even our surest foundations can fail, and often do. Jesus reminds us that though stability comes and goes, we are not alone amid the changes. When the world comes apart at the seams, when we don’t know what will happen next, God accompanies us through it all. Though wars continue, though death is near, Jesus responds, “Do not be alarmed.” We are not alone! Through all the endings and beginnings of our shared human life, God goes with us.

When God gathers us around the font for baptism, we are reminded of how Divine Presence has been with people throughout the ages. The words often shared as water is poured into the font recall scenes from the great flood, the deliverance of the Israelites at the Red Sea, and John baptizing Jesus. God has shown up, again and again! These promises of God’s presence are still for us, every day that we live. Whenever we find ourselves interacting with water, we have the chance to be reminded that God has claimed us as beloved, and still carries us through life’s hard moments. How might you remember your baptism today? Where is God’s presence most important for you?

**Processional**

**AM: Welcome**

Good morning! It's wonderful to see all of you this morning! Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church, where grace and love abound and the Holy Spirit uplifts and inspires us. A special welcome to those joining us on line, to those of you who are here for the first time. Today our lay preacher is Roderick Sinclair. Exciting things are happening here during our search for a permanent pastor, and everyone is encouraged to participate fully, whether you are a first-time visitor, or have been around for a while.

**AM: Announcements**

Please note there has been a change in the schedule this month for Pr. Ken's Bible Study due to Thanksgiving. Bible Study will be held on Zoom at 7:00 this Thursday, the 21st. To join in, contact Pr. Ken at hopegiver@aol.

There will be an Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, the 24th at 7:00pm. This "Evening of Gratitude" (a special service of music and messages) is being hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 29725 Bradley Rd. Menifee 92586.

The altar flowers were provided by Kay Thomas in honor of Jim's birthday and his death.

It’s that time of year again! The Giving Tree will be up from Nov. 25th – Dec. 22nd! All gift cards will be donated to the Menifee Valley Community Cupboard again this year for Christmas!

New Assistive Listening Devices are now available for those who need/want extra help hearing the worship service. See the Sound Tech at the back table or an Usher for help.

For the month of November, we are collecting Thanksgiving side dishes, grocery bags, and empty egg cartons for the Community Cupboard. Please place donations in the wire basket in the foyer.

For more information and a complete monthly calendar, contact the church office.

**LP: Silence**

Let us take a moment of silence to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

**LP: Gathering**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**LP: Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**AM: Please turn to hymn 521**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**Gathering Song:*O Day of Rest and Gladness* (ELW 521, v. 1, 2, 4-Requested)**

**LP: Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**LP: Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**LP: Word**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**Lector: First Reading:** Daniel 12:1-3

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. 2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AM: Psalmody: 16**

### 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

### 2 ****All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.****

### 3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

### 4 ****I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.****

### 5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

### 6 ****My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.****

### 7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

### 8 ****I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.****

### 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

### 10 ****For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.****

### 11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

### Amen.

**Lector: Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

11 Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” 13 and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. 19 Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand for the Gospel***

**Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 216)**

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal Life. Alleluia.**

**LP: Gospel:** Mark 13:1-8

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” 2 Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.” 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**AM: Please turn to hymn number 396**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**Hymn of the Day: *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)**

**AM: APOSTLE'S CREED**

We continue as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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.**

**ASSISTANT MINISTER AND LAY PREACHER: Prayers of Intercession**

LP: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

LP: Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

AM: Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

LP: You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

AM: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit, especially Kiki; Lynn Bennett; Arnette Calkins; Vicki Crow; Reba Dyer; Ruth Ditsch; Yvonne Fields; Doris Hays; Sarge Hunter; Patricia Lee; Pat Loughboro; Patsy Loughboro; Donna McCain; Jean Miles; Sandra Miller; Thordis Moe; Carol Morris; Michael Myers; Esther Neumen; Marilyn Rieti; Dee Seel; Amy Sinclair; Joyce Stromberg; Diana Ward; the homebound; the emergency responders; and those grieving and anticipating surgery or tests. At this time, we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

LP: Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

AM: We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face. Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your neverending love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

LP: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**P: Offering**

Once again, we highlight another way our offerings, talents and time are used for ministry here at Faith Lutheran. The Fellowship Team plans “Fellowship” for our church family and guests. This includes fun events such as the recent BBQ picnic (with over 40 people), Bingo (usually 30 players), and Game days. During the summer, weekly Ice Cream socials are held and attendance at a local Storm baseball game is planned. The Team would like to resume hosting the occasional movie day. Additionally, these volunteers are the people who plan the Soup Suppers after Lenten and Advent worship services. This indeed busy group, headed by Judy Brosz, welcomes any ideas or suggestions as well as volunteers to help plan and coordinate activities. Come join the fun – bring a friend!!

**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**Please turn to hymn 774**

***Please feel free to either listen to our musical offering or sing along.***

**Musical Offering: *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774, vs. 1, 3-Requested)**

**Great Thanksgiving:** Pr. Ken Puccio

**Dialogue (ELW p. 107)**

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 (ELW p. 108)**

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 108)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 108)**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord’s Prayer (ELW p. 112)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

**INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION**

As you are comfortable, you are invited to come forward to receive communion. All of God’s children are welcome to Christ’s table. Gather at the altar rail to receive the communion elements or if you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may commune yourself once you’ve received the communion elements. Please commune the bread first, turn over the vessel and then carefully open the grape juice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. Please deposit empty cups in the provided baskets on your way back to your seat. If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

**Invitation to Communion**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**During Distribution:*Now the Silence* (ELW 460)**

***Just As I Am, without One Plea* (ELW 592)**

***Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life* (ELW 472)**

**Communion**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**LP: Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

**AM: Please turn to hymn number 547**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

**Sending Song:*Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)**

**AM: Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**AM: Invitation**

The Church Council Members invite guests and visitors to come and meet us in the narthex as you exit so that we can meet and welcome you. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and conversation.

**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

Tuesday, the 19th: 4 Plus 1 Group meets at 10:00; the Fellowship Team meets at 2:00

Wednesday, the 20th: Finance meets at 1:00; Menifee Reads! Book Club begins at 7:00

Thursday, the 21st: Snip 'N Stitch begins at 9:00; WELCA Bible Study begins at 6:00; Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible Study begins at 7:00 (hopegiver@aol.com)

Friday, the 22nd: Al-Anon meets at 10:30; the Transition Team meets at 1:00

Sunday, the 24th: Worship begins at 9:30 led by Pr. Shane

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