

## November 19, 2023—25th Sunday in Pentecost

*Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope - word, water, bread, and wine - eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

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***Liturgy and hymns are in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.***

## Gathering \*Indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

\* Confession & Forgiveness **pg. 211**

\* "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **#632**

\* Greeting **pg. 213**

\* Prayer of the Day

## Word

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (page 827 OT in pew Bible)

Psalm 90:1-12 (on screen)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (page 216)

Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216**

\* Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 (page 24 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Children's Message

Message

"Lord of Light" **#688**

\* Statement of Faith: Apostles' Creed **pg. 217**

\* Prayers of the Church

\* Sharing the Peace

## Thanksgiving

\* Offering/Offering "Create in Me a Clean Heart" **#188**

\* Canticle of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**

\* Thanksgiving for the Word **pg. 220**

\* The Lord's Prayer

## Sending

Blessing

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" **#815**

Dismissal and Bell

## Remember in your prayers

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*Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.*

## upcoming events and announcements

**THANK YOU** to Maddie Elliot from Luther Crest for leading us in worship this morning.

**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP** Join us in the fellowship hall for coffee and treats. All are welcome!

**FALL FESTIVAL** at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church on TODAY from 11:00am to 1:00pm. On the menu: grilled pork chop, baked potato, candied carrots, assorted salads and desserts, rolls, pickles, coffee and milk. Adults \$15 and Children 10 and under \$10. Also a Bake Sale and Raffle.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP** at FAITH Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:00pm. Pie and fellowship after the service.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING!** We are looking for volunteers, perhaps families or friends, that would like to decorate a room at church for Christmas. Available rooms are the Fellowship Hall, Fireside Room, Gathering Room and Narthex. We have a week between Thanksgiving and the first Sunday in Advent to decorate. Decorations will be provided. Contact Nadine Heck at 320-288-8365 if you are interested.

**HELP NEEDED!** First Lutheran is in need of worship servants! If you are willing to help serve as an usher/head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or an audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

**ELEMENT** and **SR. FUSION** will not meet on Wednesday, November 22.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** upcoming classes will be held on Sundays, December 3rd and 17th from 8:30--9:30am. Students are encouraged to attend worship on the Sundays that classes do not meet.

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### Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, November 19

**Ushers:** Steve & Michelle Just family, Michael Bjorklund

**Lector:** Denise Odello                      **Nursery:** Michelle Just

**Acolyte:** Wes & Jennie Odello

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty                      **TV slides:** Taylor Anderson

### Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, November 26

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Scott Staples

**Lector:** Shana Ulrich                      **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

**Acolyte:** Dane Dybdahl & Giana Feuchtenberger

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger              **TV slides:** Sawyer Fynboh

# welcome

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### **TODAY: Sunday, Nov 19**

8:30am: Sunday school

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship

### **Monday, Nov 20**

no events scheduled

### **Tuesday, Nov 21**

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm: Newsletter Article Due

### **Wednesday, Nov 22**

No Element Classes or Sr. Fusion

### **Thursday, Nov 23**

Happy Thanksgiving--Church office closed

### **Friday, Nov 24**

no events scheduled

Church office closed

### **Saturday, Nov 25**

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

### **Sunday, Nov 26**

9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Coffee/Fellowship