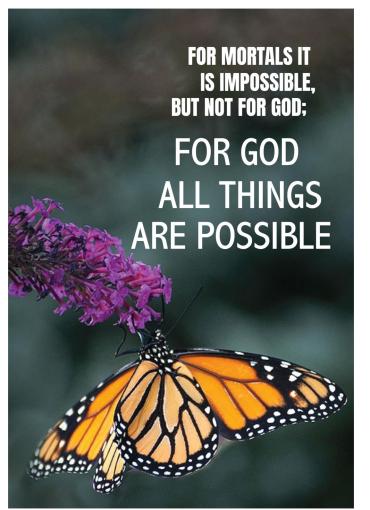
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 28

Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA

October 13, 2024



Welcome

And thank you for worshipping with us today.

If you are a visitor, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know.

After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to prepare for worship, please:

- keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation. **silence** all electronic devices.
- **refrain from talking** during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

Our Mission

As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.

Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by: maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage; creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives; engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism; working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

Prelude

Troubled Water

Margaret Bonds

Carol Davis, piano

Confession and Forgiveness

We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the 🕂 Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

We kneel or stand.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

We stand.





Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: LIEBSER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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.**

Kyrie





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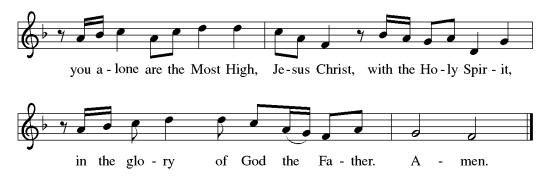
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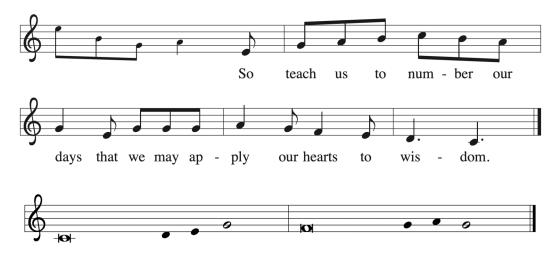
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Prayer of the Day

First Reading Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Turn from injustice to the poor

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. The word of the Lord *or* Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



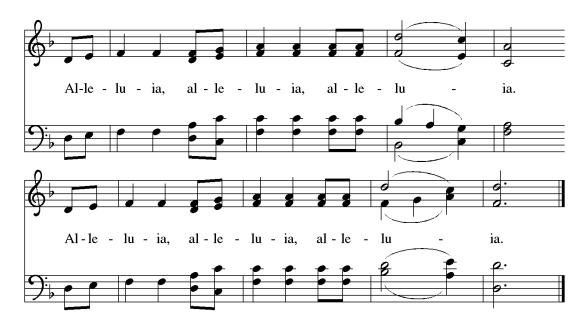
¹²So teach us to num-¹ ber our days

that we may apply our ¹ hearts to wisdom.

- ¹³Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry? Be gracious | to your servants. R
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love ¹ in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad ¹ all our days.
- ¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you af-¹ flicted us and as many years as we suf-¹ fered adversity.
- ¹⁶Show your ser-¹ vants your works,
 - and your splendor $^{\rm I}$ to their children.
- ¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God ¹ be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros-¹ per our handiwork. R

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-16 *Approach the throne of grace with boldness* ¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**. *We stand to welcome the reading of the Gospel*. **Gospel Acclamation**



(cantor) Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven (Repeat alleluia.) **Gospel** Mark 10:17-31 Teaching on wealth and reward

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

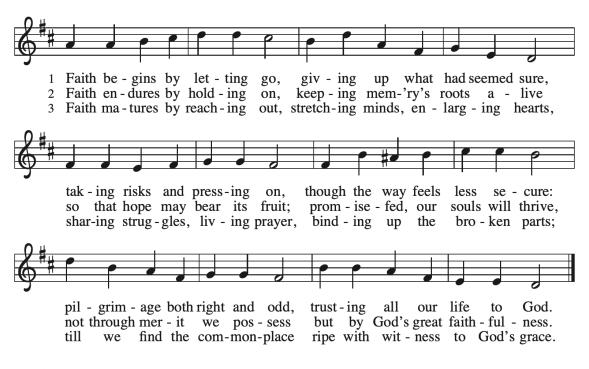
The gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

We sing the acclamation and then we sit.

Message Rob Coulston Campus Ministry

We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day ACS 1004 Faith Begins by Letting Go



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Apostles 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. **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.*

Welcome and Announcements

(11:00) Choral Offering

When Morning Gilds the Skies setting by John A. BehnkeParish ChoirWhen morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries, "May Jesus Christ be praised!" When
evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: "May Jesus Christ be praised!When
evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call: "May Jesus Christ be praised!" God's holy
house of prayer hath none that can compare with "Jesus Christ be praised!"No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than "Jesus Christ be praised!" There to the
eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard" "May Jesus Christ be praised!"Let all of humankind, in this your concord find: "May Jesus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth
around ring joyous with the sound: "May Jesus Christ be praised!"Sing, suns and stars of space, sing all who see his face, sing, "Jesus Christ, be praised!" God's
whole creation o'er, today and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!We stand.

Offering Song ACS 1006 By Grace We Have Been Saved



Text: Jonathan Rundman, b. 1971

Music: BY GRACE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977, and Jonathan Rundman Text © 2006 Jonathan Rundman and Salt Lady Music (ASCAP), admin. Augsburg Fortress Music © 2006 Nathan Houge and Lutefist (ASCAP), and Jonathan Rundman and Salt Lady Music, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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.** It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

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. 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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

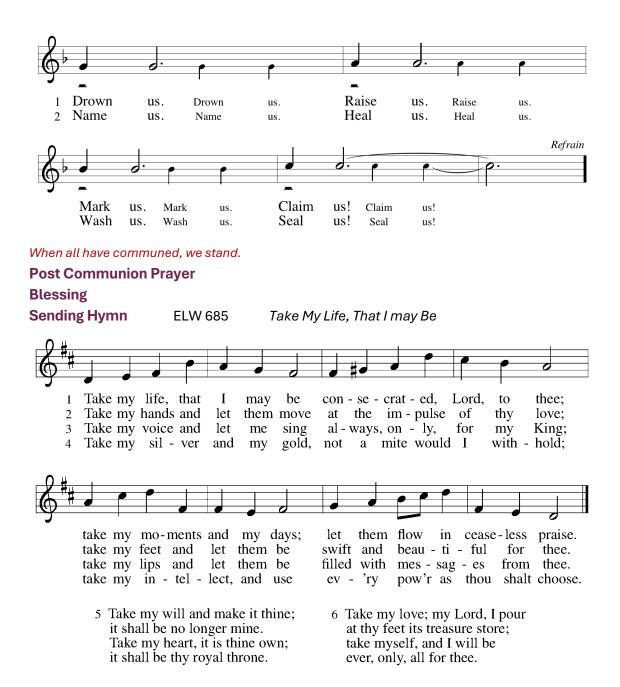
In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Music during Communion

Lamb of God



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Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in C attributed to George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)

Thank you to the Congregation and Council Update!

Thanks to all who attended the Ice Cream Social held after the Sunday September 29 service! About 40 people attended and enjoyed the sandwiches and the ice cream and toppings brought and prepared by the Parish Life and the Outreach Committees. Over \$800 was collected for God's Pantry in the offering which will be presented to a God's pantry representative at the next Outreach Committee meeting. How significant that amount is considering that **\$1 can provide 6 meals** for food insecure families in Central and Eastern Kentucky! Thank you to the congregation for your generosity and support of God's Pantry at the Social and in addition for bringing food items regularly to our church which we pass on.

Following the Social, members of our Church Council provided an update on 3 current topics: our mission statement, the gift policy requests and status, and our finance/stewardship status.

Members present were asked to vote on their preference for proposed Mission Statements. Twenty people participated with 12 votes for the completely new mission statement: "Sharing Christ's Love in community with all people through ministries of worship, learning, service, and fellowship." Seven people voted for a modification/addition to our current mission statement which is "As followers of Jesus Christ we embrace, reflect, and proclaim God's love so that we can be a voice of hope for all who are seeking it." Our current mission statement received only one vote. The entire congregation will be asked to decide which of the above 2 mission statements they would like to adopt at the Annual Congregation, and it appears that our Church will adopt a new mission statement in the coming year!

In response to a church members generous gift of over \$100,000 all the committees were asked to submit requests for ways to use some/all of these funds. **Over 20 ideas were submitted to the Council, totaling over \$200,000** (twice the amount of our gift)! In response, the Council asked for ELCA synod guidance, and a zoom meeting was held with Pastor Karl Biermann (representing the I-K Synod). Following this, a subcommittee from our congregation was created with the task to draft a Gift Policy which our church can use to decide not only how to fairly distribute THIS money, but make decisions when gifts of this nature are given in the future. Once this Gift Policy is approved by the Council, it will be made available via the Messenger for the Congregation to review. Recommendations of how the current gift money can be used will come from a Gift Policy Committee (made up of diverse members from our congregation) and shared with the Congregation. Gifts of this amount and larger will be required to be reviewed and approved by a majority of the Congregation at a Congregational Meeting. We hope to have a Gift Policy approved at the next Council meeting.

Finally, we reviewed where our church stands in the year-to-date income/expenses. Suggestions for this year's Stewardship Campaign were solicited and some excellent ideas were discussed. A summary of the finances for each month can be found in every month's issue of the Messenger, but an updated copy of the August report is attached for your review. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or member of the Council and let me know what we can do support you and our church!

Thanks to all once again, for your trust and support!

Blessings,

Bob Henry, Council President

Aug 2024								
	Total Income - <u>Month</u>	Total Expense - <u>Month</u>	Actual Total come Less Actual Total Expense	Total Income - <u>YTD</u>	Total Expense - <u>YTD</u>	Actual Total come Less Actual Total Expense		
Budget Forecast	\$24,935.83	\$34,780.21		\$199,486.64	\$278,241.68			
Actual	\$32,493.65	\$33,650.58	(\$1,156.93)	\$234,357.44	\$267,275.77	(\$32,918.33)		
Variance	\$7,557.82	(\$1,129.63)	(\$1,156.93)	\$34,870.80	(\$10,965.91)	(\$32,918.33)		
%	130.3%	96.8%		117.5%	96.1%			
MEMO ONLY: "Snapshot"	Month of Aug	Aug YTD 2024						
Budgeted Expense	\$34,780.21	\$278,241.68						
Actual Income	\$32,493.65	\$234,357.44						
Variance	(\$2,286.56)	(\$43,884.24)						
%	93.43%	84.23%						
MEMO ONLY: Pledged vs. Unpledged Income Contributions	Month of January	Month of February	Month of March	Month of April	Month of May	Month of June	Month of July	Month of Aug
Pledged Offering	\$21,359.57	\$20,198.35	\$30,303.52	\$15,262.29	\$24,629.29	\$17,349.17	\$21,044.76	\$27,842.39
Non Pledged Offering	\$9,525.00	\$2,945.00	\$6,845.00	\$2,630.00	\$4,360.00	\$5,000.00	\$3,040.00	\$3,015.00
Total	\$30.884.57	\$23.143.35	\$37.148.52	\$17.892.29	\$28.989.29	\$22.349.17	\$24.084.76	\$30.857.39



Please join us for two upcoming Harstad events with pianist Dominic Cheli: **No-vember 2, 2pm** - Children's Program *From Beethoven to Star Wars*. **November 3, 3pm** - Solo Concert *Dedications to the Human Spirit*. Admission is FREE. Ticket reservations and more information can be found in Faith News and on the HFAS website at harstadarts.com



There will be a reception celebrating the artists included in the Eclectic Expressions Showcase today from 3-6pm in the Narthex. This is a great opportunity to meet the four Lexington artists and view their work. We hope you can join us!

CROP WALK: SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024

Gathering Begins at 3:00PM

The Lexington Crop Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 13 from 3-4:30 pm. Faith Church will not be sponsoring a team this year, so if you would like to participate, register as an individual online at: <u>events.crophungerwalk.org</u>. Participants will gather at the Second Presbyterian Church at 3pm located at 460 E. Main Street, Lexington. The 3-mile walk begins at 3:30pm around Bell Court and the East End of Lexington. The goal of the walk is to Help End Hunger at home and around the world. The majority of funds raised go to support global relief, most recently responding to Hurricane Helene in disaster relief and emergency supplies. For more information, go to cwsglobal.org. For more information contact Bob Henry at <u>rgerth1155@gmail.com</u>.



Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting this NAACP event on October 17. The forum will begin at 7:00 PM, with doors opening at 6:30 PM. You can find the registration link here: <u>https://mobilize.us/s/</u> <u>qPKVP5</u>.

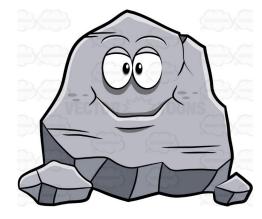
At the forum, each candidate will have 5 minutes to introduce themselves and explain their motivations for pursuing the Supreme Court seat. This will be followed by a moderated Q&A session, and we are honored that Professor Joshua A. Douglas will moderate our discussion. Please note that all candidates will receive a general summary of the questions in the coming weeks.

We are also privileged that Chief Justice Laurance B. VanMeter will open the forum by sharing his experiences as the sitting chief justice and providing an overview of the Supreme Court's role in our commonwealth.

A reception will follow the forum, providing an opportunity for further discussion and networking.

Thank you for your support and participation. We look forward to seeing you at the event!





Built on a Rock

"Weathering the Storms of Life" (and the Sunny Days too!)

November 1 November 2 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

A Spiritually, Powerful Women's Retreat

Led by PASTOR VICKI GARBER

For a time of Bible Study, Prayer, Reflection, Fellowship and Peace

St. John Lutheran Church

4937 ST. RD. 48

Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

RSVP TO: Mary Ann Pettit By October 28

mpettit1228@gmail.com or 513-680-3212

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!

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WOMEN'S RETREAT with PASTOR VICKI GARBER

November 1-2, 2024

We are blessed to host to a second Women's Retreat at St. John Lutheran Church in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, led by Pastor Vicki Garber. Her past retreats have been awesome, and this too will spiritually nourish our bodies, minds, and spirits. Come for all or any portion of this event that you can attend.

Cost – FREE

Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1. Snacks will be provided. Continental Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 2. A noontime meal will be provided, and a freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Schedule:

Overnight Accommodations are available at:

Doubletree by Hilton - 51 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN #812-539-8888

Comfort Inn & Suites – 1610 Flossie Drive, Lawrenceburg, IN #812-539-3600

If you have any questions, you may call Mary Ann at 513-680-3212 or email her at <u>mpettit1228@gmail.com</u>. Please RSVP by October 28.

Thank You From Rob Coulston

The St. Augustine's community is so glad to be joining Faith Lutheran today. Since 1959, the Chapel has been a spiritual haven for students, faculty, and staff amid the business of college life: a place to pray, sing, build community, and grow closer to God. Thank you so much for your hospitality today, and your ongoing support.

Info Session for BUILD

There will be a house meeting / info session for BUILD / justice ministry this Sunday (10/13) after the 11:00 service. Lunch will be provided.

	Serving Today
Assisting Minister	(8:30) Jennifer Polnisch (11:00) Judy Page
Organist/Pianist Cantor Ushers	Kathy Egner Ole Wendroth (8:30) Chris & LaDawn Reynolds (11:00) Ellie Burnside & Jim McGrath
Greeter	(8:30) Jim & Judy Knauss (11:00) Gisela Atkerson
Sacristan	(8:30) Diana Shappley (11:00) Sharon Fegley
Counters	Carol Buchanan & Teri Applegate
Livestream Operator	Jonathan Delap
Ministers	All Members of Faith
Pastor	The Reverend Dana Lockhart
Pastor Emeritus	The Reverend Ron Luckey
Parish Administrator	Amanda Nord
Director of Music	Kathy Egner
Youth Assistant	Paige Barricklow
Faith Learning Center Director	Courtney Herald
Sexton	Neil McComb

Worship Servants for Next Sunday (October 20)

	8:30	11:00
Assisting Minister	Ray Hughes	Ray Hughes
Cantor	Sue Anne Lau	Sue Anne Lau
Ushers	Charlie Hamilton &	Victoria & Bea Lockhart
	Richard Michel	
Greeter	Diana Shappley	David Templar
Sacristan	Diana Shappley	Sharon Fegley
Counters	Elaine Billington & Judy Page	
Livestream Operator		Helen Born



THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday, October 13		Thursday, October 17			
8:30am	In-Person Worship	7:15am	Men's Group (First Watch)		
10:00am	New Members Class	6:00pm	NAACP Event		
11:00am	In-Person/Livestream	Sa	turday, October 19		
	Worship	10:00am	Visuals Team		
12:00pm	12:00pm BUILD		Sunday, October 20		
12:00pm	Young Adult Lunch	8:30am	In-Person Worship		
3:00pm	Artists Reception	10:00am	New Members Class		
5:00pm	FLY Halloween Movie Night	11:00am	In-Person/Livestream Worship		
Monday, October 14		12:00pm	Confirmation		
6:00pm	Personnel Committee	3:00pm	FLY Pumpkin Patch		
6:15pm	AA	5:45pm	Sanctuary Reserved		
Tuesday, October 15					
7:00pm	Grace Notes				
Wednesday, October 16					
4:30pm	Children's Choir				
6:00pm	AA (Faith House)				
7:00pm	Parish Choir				

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