



Faith Lutheran Church

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<http://faithdunedin.org/worship-and-sermon/> <http://faithdunedin.org/announcements/>

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sunday at 10:15 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday at 9:15 am

BIBLE STUDY: Sunday at 9:15 am and Wednesday at 9:30 am

CHOIR PRACTICE: Sunday at 8:45 am; and Wednesday at 10:45 am / 7:00 pm

The Mission of Faith

Faithful to God's Word through Christ, We aspire to love, care, and serve all people.

The Vision of Faith

Faith Lutheran exists to bring the salvation of Jesus Christ to people and send them to Heaven for all eternity.

FAITH WEEKLY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, Proper 23 (15 October 2017)

Isaiah 25:6–9, Philippians 4:4–13, Matthew 22:1–14

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *“will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth”* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *“let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation”* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *“for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine”* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *“wedding feast”* of the Son of God, *“and everything is ready”* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *“both good and bad,”* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *“wedding garment”* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,”* and *“rejoice in the Lord always”* (Phil. 4:4–6).

Stewardship Verse - Psalm 118:1

***Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!***

Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Class continues with the study of John. Starting time is 9:30 am.

Sunday School *meets* this week, start time is 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Class will meet at 9:15 am.

Special Voters' Meeting – October 15th after worship – vote to approve our new members.

October Fest – October 29th, The BOD will provide Bratwurst, members of the congregation will bring German food to share (potluck). Entertainment will be provided. ~Thank you, Rita McWhorter

Help, Help the church is looking for a LARGE Double Door refrigerator, freezer on bottom.

Washer / Dryer for Sale Amana washer and “gas” dryer. Best offer, donation to church.

Donation sites to help hurricane victims:

You can donate to Synod’s Disaster response here. - <https://www.lcms.org/disaster-response>

Samaritan’s Purse - <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

LCMS World Relief and Human Care, through LCMS Disaster Response, is supporting Puerto Rico. See the flyer in the church foyer.

Love, Care & Serve !

*Names will be kept on the printed prayer list for 30 days unless otherwise requested

Pray for the church – that she may be faithful in her mission to share the Gospel.

That God will bless us with the means to take care of His House.

Pray for the hospitalized –

Pray for those in care facilities – Sylvia Premo

Pray for those recovering – Steve Pano, Peter Kolb, Dorothy Laabs, Linda Harris, Maggie McLaughlin, Carmel Beck, Pat Clifford, Ruth Rauch, Cindy Crutchfield, Eric Rauch

Undergoing Treatment: Paul Martin, Janice Tyma, Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Paul Blackburn, Anne Koster, Bob Weinkauff, Cindy Crutchfield

Awaiting Surgery: Shari Martin,

Pray for grieving families – Uliano (Evelyn’s Mother, Muriel Roach), Crutchfield (Son)

Pray for special requests – James Watters, Bellhorn Family, Dorothy Laabs, Jennifer Prewitt, Prayers for the families of the shooting victims in Last Vegas and prayers for the wounded, Pray for those recovering from the effects of Hurricane Harvey / Irma / Maria. Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria

SERVING THE LORD -2017			
Date	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct
GREETERS	Carol Lentz	Carol Lentz	Carol Lentz
USHERS	George/Ann Klemaier	George/Ann Klemaier	George/Ann Klemaier
HOST - HOSTESS	Mark/Tina Sunday	Dorothy Kuntz/Janice Tyma	Octoberfest / Reformation
ALTAR CARE	Svana Jonsson, Tina Sunday	Svana Jonsson, Tina Sunday	Svana Jonsson, Tina Sunday
COMM. / ELDER	Mark Sunday	Mark Sunday	Mark Sunday
READER	Micah Prewitt	Jen-Nett MacLean	Susan Laeder

<p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>October 13 Dorothy Laabs</p> <p>October 15 Elijah Belknap</p> <p>October 15 Michael Denniston</p> <p>October 18 Martha Sorenson</p> <p>October 21 Maggie McLaughlin</p> <p>October 22 Gabrielle Belknap</p> <p>October 26 Warren Anderson</p>	<p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>October 26 Emily Sorenson</p> <p>October 29 Anne Siatkowski</p> <p>Happy Anniversary!</p> <p>Eric Lackey& Mary Keller October 20</p>
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From the Churches

Lutheran Worship for Shut-ins If you have to miss Sunday worship, Lutheran Worship for Shut-ins is available on the TCT Network Sunday mornings at 11:30. It is channel 377 on Direct TV. Or, go online at Lutheran Worship Service for Shut-ins <http://www.worshipforshutins.org/#!ways-to-watch/csp0>. Or Google Lutheran Worship for Shut-ins.

Another source for Christian living and learning is

ON THIS WEBSITE: <http://kfu.org/on-demand/live-stream/> Click on streaming play

Thank you! On behalf of the staff, volunteers, and especially the families we serve, thank you for your generous donation on September 26. The Kimberly Home, Pregnancy Resource Center.

Thrivent Financial representatives Jon Stricker and Mike Joeckel will be teaching a class called “Suddenly Single” in late October. This class is focused on helping congregational members organizing their affairs and teaching the “do’s and don’ts” in the event of their or their spouses passing. Mike is one of Thrivent Financial’s top Estate Planning representatives in the state. The class will be taught October 26th at 6:30pm at Bethel Lutheran on McMullen Booth road in Clearwater. Finger food and beverage will be provided and class takes place in the Fellowship Hall. Please email jonathan.stricker@thrivent.com or call 727-403-6627 for RSVPs.

Pastor’s Corner

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

(Romans 1:16, 17)

Are you angry with God? You wouldn’t be the first person to hold such a sentiment, not the least of whom was Martin Luther. He wrote:

I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God, and said, “As if, indeed, it is not enough, that miserable sinners eternally lost through original sin, are crushed by every kind of calamity by the law of the Decalogue, without having God add pain to pain by the Gospel and also by the Gospel threatening us with his righteousness and wrath!” (*Preface to Latin Works*, LW 34:366; WA 54:185-86)

Luther, like so many people, feared Judgment Day. He was uncertain of his salvation because he had not been taught the true freedom of the Gospel. For him the Gospel was simply a new set of laws that replaced the moral law of the Old Testament. When he heard Jesus speak of Judgment Day saying, “Depart from Me, you cursed into the everlasting fire...for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink...” (Ma. 25:41, 42) he believed that you must therefore feed every hungry person, or give water to all who thirst. Noble goals, certainly, but impossible ones.

The Christian, no matter how charitable, cannot hope to feed every hungry person he or she encounters without themselves becoming destitute. The Christian life, as described in both Old and New Testaments, is impossible for a person to live—the standard is too high. It demands that one live a holy life. It is easy to see how people could become angry. “It’s not enough that we are punished in this life for sin; but now I am to be eternally damned for my inability to keep your impossible standards?” Such thoughts led Luther to despair of salvation until the Holy Spirit opened to him the truth of the Gospel.

God is not unjust. God has given us everything. He created the world for Adam and Eve, and us, even before we existed. Adam and Eve were given all they needed to live abundant lives; lives at peace with God. They were righteous and holy, not because of anything they did, but because that was how God made them. They could, and did, relinquish this righteousness, but even then God did not abandon them in their fallen state.

God had a plan to rescue humanity from its sin, a plan carried out with the death of his Son, Jesus Christ, on Calvary.

With the death of Christ, God once again steps into human history, and re-creates humanity. For those who by faith accept that He is God are saved by His grace alone. There is nothing the sinner can do to earn their salvation—the hard part was done by Christ on your behalf. God, in his great mercy and desire to see you live, now brings the message of the Gospel to you through His Word—a Word that creates faith. It is faith alone that saves. Nothing else, not one single good deed, is required. So why does God welcome those who fed the hungry and gave water to the thirsty into heaven?

Jesus recognizes good works as a sign of a person's faith. If you have faith, then out of your great thankfulness and love for God, you will serve your neighbor with acts of mercy. This was a life changing revelation for Luther. It meant that God, far from being wrathful and unjust, was loving and merciful. It meant that His grace is available to all, through faith, which comes from the hearing of his Word. God did it all for Luther, and for each of you, that you may rejoice always, loving God, and loving your neighbors. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Sorenson

~~~~~Mediterranean Chicken~~~~~

...What You'll Need:

- 1 chicken (2-1/2 to 3 pounds), cut into 8 pieces
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) stewed tomatoes, coarsely chopped
- 1 potato, cubed
- 1 carrot sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 teaspoons turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin (or to taste)
- 1/4 cup packed raisins
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

What To Do:

- ...Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- ...Place the chicken in a 9"x13" baking pan and bake for 30 minutes, basting with the pan juices.
- ...Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, combine all other ingredients and cook for 20 minutes over medium heat, stirring occasionally.
- ...Place the partially cooked chicken in the Dutch oven, cover, reduce the heat to low, and simmer for 30 minutes, or until the chicken is fork-tender and no pink remains.

A Little Humor

Fund Raisers

Indulge your sweet tooth! Everything purchased at the annual bake sale will go directly into the church's new plumbing system.

For next week's men's clothing drive, we are requesting you drop your pants in the foyer.

Would all the anonymous group members in the congregation raise their hands concerning the 12-step fund-raiser?