



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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Proper 27 (12 November 2017)

Amos 5:18–24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13

The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming

The Day of the Lord is “darkness, and not light” (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their “burnt offerings and grain offerings,” nor will He look upon their “peace offerings” (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets “justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream” (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the “lamps” of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the “oil” of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us “to the dealers” (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus we wait upon the Lord, and we “encourage one another with these words” (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes “with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,” and “we will always be with the Lord” (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

Stewardship Verse - Psalm 91:1-2

***He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”***

Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Class starts at 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.

Choir! Our choir will practice Sunday morning at 8:45. Come and join us!

We practice after Bible Study on Wednesdays ~ 10:45 am. / 7:00 pm

LWML Christmas gifts for seminarian & family Please help with our support of our seminarian & family by donating money, a gift card or another gift. Please adhere to a firm Nov. 30 deadline.

Board of Directors' Meeting This Sunday, Nov. 12 after service, 11:30 am. Please consider serving on the board for the two year term. Contact Paul Martin if you are interested.

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting & Fellowship Potluck - Sunday, Nov. 19

Annual Elections and Budget Meeting. Please bring a dish to pass and plan to join the fellowship. At the voters' meeting November. 19, positions to be voted on will be **President, Secretary, Evangelism, Director of Education & 1 Elder**. Please let us know if you'd like to be added to the ballot. The board is allowing people to be nominated at the meeting as well.

The annual LWML Christmas Party is Mon. Dec. 4, at Queen's Pizza, starting at 6:30. Barbara Green, founder of HEP, Homeless Empowerment Project, will be our speaker and guest of honor. Our gifts will go to HEP this year. They are in need of canned goods, toilet paper, paper towels, and toiletries. Please don't wrap them, as there will be a table to display them, and Barb will then take them back to HEP for the residence. All women of Faith Lutheran are invited. There will be a sign up sheet in the overflow area. Everyone orders off the menu, and pays for their own meal. Please bring an unsigned Christmas card. There will be games, songs, and lots of Christmas cheer!

Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 pm, November 22. Give Thanks to God!

Help, Help we are looking for a LARGE Double Door refrigerator, freezer on bottom.

Help, Help, Help we are looking for a patio umbrella with or without a stand. Thank you.

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 –

Pray for those recovering – Glenda Shinabarger, Chuck Jaki, Andy Sorenson, Kyle MacLean, Steve Pano, Peter Kolb, Dorothy Laabs, Maggie McLaughlin, Ruth Rauch, Cindy Crutchfield, Eric Rauch

Undergoing Treatment: Jeff Beck, Jeff Bellhorn, Bob Weinkauff, Cindy Crutchfield

Awaiting Surgery:

Pray for grieving families – Jonsson (Son Jon), Premo (Sylvia),

Pray for special requests – James Watters, Bellhorn Family, Dorothy Laabs, Jennifer Prewitt,

Prayers for the effects of Hurricane Harvey / Irma / Maria. Pray for Christians in the Middle East and African conflicts and those refugees fleeing Syria

Celebrations – Glenda Shinabarger is recovering nicely, Shari Martin came through surgery fine, Whitney Kiehn is expecting a girl in February, Mark & Tina Sunday welcomed two more

grandchildren into the family, John & Janette Corlito are first time grandparents, Doris Watters is engaged to Steve Pano, Glenn & Edith Marshall sold their home in Wyoming and are now full time Floridians & Faith Members

SERVING THE LORD-2017			
Date	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov
GREETERS	Glenda Shinabarger	Glenda Shinabarger	Glenda Shinabarger
USHERS	George/Ann Klemaier	George/Ann Klemaier	George/Ann Klemaier
HOST - HOSTESS	Flo Bellhorn	Mark/Tina Sunday	VOTERS' MEETING POTLUCK
ALTAR CARE	Wilma Lehto, Linda Richardson	Wilma Lehto, Linda Richardson	Wilma Lehto, Linda Richardson
COMM. / ELDER	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap	Carl Belknap
READER	Anne Siatkowski	Micah Prewitt	Jen-Nett MacLean

<i>Happy November Birthday</i>	<i>Happy November Birthday</i>
<i>10th John Wood</i>	<i>17th Robert Ossian</i>
<i>12th Dale Koster</i>	<i>27th Elda Thomas</i>
<i>13th Janine McKenna</i>	<i>28th Wilma Lehto</i>
<i>16th Casey Forsong</i>	<i>29th Linda Richardson</i>
<i>16th Johanna Punch</i>	<i>30th Dawn Matthias</i>
	<i>(No Anniversaries in November)</i>

From the Churches

Lutheran Worship for Shutins If you have to miss Sunday worship, Lutheran Worship for Shutins 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

Pastor's Corner

“Soldiers also asked [John the Baptist], “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

(Luke 3:14)

This weekend our nation remembers its Veterans and the sacrifices they made in service to our country. Military service takes a toll on men and women long after they retire from active duty. Recent studies by the Veterans Administration show that suicide rates amongst veterans are 41-61 percent higher than the general population. Certainly each veteran is unique in their response to their time in the military, but they share similar burdens of conscience and mental stress. It may surprise you that Martin Luther had some thoughts on this topic.

Some soldiers have doubts. Others have so completely given themselves up for lost that they no longer even ask questions about God and throw both their souls and their consciences to the winds.

The very fact that the sword has been instituted by God to punish the evil, protect the good, and preserve peace [Rom. 13:1–4; 1 Pet. 2:13–14] is powerful and sufficient proof that war and killing along with all the things that accompany wartime and martial law have been instituted by God. What else is war but the punishment of wrong and evil? Why does anyone go to war, except because he desires peace and obedience?

Now slaying and robbing do not seem to be works of love. A simple man therefore does not think it is a Christian thing to do. In truth, however, even this is a work of love... When I think of how it protects the good and keeps and preserves wife and child, house and farm, property, and honor and peace, then I see how precious and godly this work is... For if the sword were not on guard to preserve peace, everything in the world would be ruined because of lack of peace. (Excerpts from Luther's essay: *Whether Soldiers, Too, Can be Saved*)

One of the gifts of the Reformation is the understanding that every vocation, not just the religious orders, when used properly, serves God and one's neighbor—this includes military service. It's not the vocation, but the person filling it, that honors God. Just as John the Baptist told the soldiers who came to him to serve honorably and not to abuse their power, so each of us are to do likewise.

More than serving honorably, though, the soldier must understand that their job, to bear the sword on behalf of the state, is ordained by God. (Romans 13:4) Many of the faithful—Abraham, Moses, David, to name a few—bore the sword and were beloved by God. When one understands that honorable service is God pleasing, the conscience can then be unburdened, the soul can find relief and peace in the forgiveness found through faith in Christ Jesus.

This Veterans Day let's pray for those who have served. Pray that if they haven't come to faith in Christ that the Holy Spirit would touch their hearts with the saving Word of the Gospel. Pray for those who do believe, that they would trust that Jesus has forgiven them any past wrongs that continue to weigh on them, and that their hope would lie in His arms—arms powerful enough to heal them in their brokenness. Finally, give thanks to God that there are men and women willing to serve and to risk all for their neighbors' peace and welfare; may this always be true, and may He continue to guard and protect them with His great love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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~~~~~ Alice Springs Chicken ~~~~~

...What You'll Need:

- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1/4 cup diced lean ham or Canadian bacon
- 4 (6-ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 (10-3/4-ounce) can low sodium reduced-fat cream of chicken soup
- 3/4 cup reduced-fat milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 cup shredded reduced-fat mozzarella cheese

What To Do:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a 9- x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil; saute mushrooms and ham 5 to 7 minutes, or until they begin to brown.

Sprinkle chicken on both sides with garlic powder and pepper; place in baking dish. Spoon mushroom mixture evenly over chicken.

In a medium bowl, whisk soup, milk, thyme, and onion powder. Spoon over mushroom layer. Sprinkle with cheese.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink in center.

A Little Humor

My sister-in-law was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day: Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

“What did Jesus do on this day?” she asked. There was no response, so she gave her students a hint: “It starts with the letter R.”

One boy blurted, “Recycle!”