WHEN THIS LIFE IS OVER

Biblical Answers to Questions We All Have About Death, Heaven and Eternity

AM I READY?

OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1

Zechariah 12:10–13:1
Titus 3:1–8
All Saints Day Weekend

REAL
QUESTIONS
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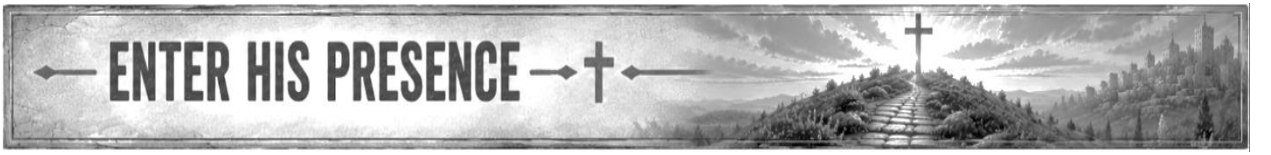


This is always a special day in the Church. As we gather for worship, we share these pews with people whose hearts may be carrying very different things. Some are grieving the recent death of someone they love. Others carry a loss that happened years ago but still feels remarkably fresh. Some remember a loved one who was called home to the Lord many years ago. Others are remembering someone who died only weeks or months ago.

So perhaps the better question for us today is not simply, **"How are we feeling?"** but **"What are we doing with our grief, our memories, our hope?"**

Grief is not something Christians need to hide. Jesus Himself grieved. He wept at the tomb of His friend Lazarus. He mourned over Jerusalem and the people who rejected Him. He knew the sorrow of living in a world broken by sin and death.

And yet, as Christians, we grieve differently because we have a hope that the world cannot give. We do not pretend that death does not hurt. We do not deny the emptiness left behind. But neither do we grieve as those who have no hope.

Today we remember the saints who have gone before us in the faith. We call them "saints" not because they were perfect, nor because they somehow earned their place with God. They were sinners, just as we are, who were washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, forgiven by the blood of Christ, and given the gift of faith. Their sainthood—and ours—is entirely the free gift of God's grace in Jesus. That is why **All Saints' Day,** ultimately is not just about those who have died. **It is also about Jesus, who died and rose again for them—and for us.**

At the cross, Jesus bore our sin. In His resurrection, He conquered death. In Holy Baptism, He joined us to His death and resurrection. In the Holy Supper, He continues to give us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthens us in the faith until the day He returns or calls us home.

Today we remember those who have died in Christ, giving thanks for the faith God gave them and the salvation Christ accomplished for them. We may shed tears, but we also rejoice. We may feel the ache of separation, but we cling to the promise that this separation is not forever.

For the Christian, death is not the end. **The grave is not our final home.** The day is coming when Christ will return, the dead will be raised, and all who belong to Him will live with Him forever in the new creation. Until that day, we remain together as the Body of Christ—those who are still here and those who have gone before us in the faith—united in the same Lord, the same faith, the same Baptism, and the same sure and certain hope.

So today we remember. We grieve. We give thanks. We rejoice.

And above all, **we look to Jesus.** For **"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord".** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And because He lives, those who belong to Him will live also.

That is our hope. That is our comfort. That is our confidence.

And that is why, even through our tears, we can say: Thanks be to God!

The Lord's Table

Our Lord graciously shares with us His precious body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves according to these truths of the Christian faith:

✞ I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.

✞ I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.

✞ I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

The inner ring of the Communion tray has grape juice for those unable to take wine.

✞ Holy Communion Worship Divine Service Three ✞

Opening Prayer

Commemoration of the Saints

Opening Hymn *For All the Saints (v. 1-3,7,8)* *LSB 677*
(*please stand*)

Invocation & Confession
P: *In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

P: *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

P: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
C: who made heaven and earth.

P: *I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.

Pause for a time of Silent Confession and Reflection

P: *O almighty God, merciful Father,*
C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: *Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
C: Amen.

✞ Hearing His Word ✞

Introit *Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

P: *These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*
C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P: *In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;*
C: in your righteousness deliver me.

P: *For you are my rock and my fortress;*
C: and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

P: *Into your hand I commit my spirit;*
C: you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: *These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*
C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Gloria Patri

Kyrie

This Is the Feast

Salutation And Collect Of The Day

P*: The Lord be with you.*

P: *Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

First Reading *Zechariah 12:10-13:1*

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves: the clan of the house of David and their wives, the clan of the house of Nathan and their wives, the clan of the house of Levi and their wives, the clan of Shimei and their wives, and all the rest of the clans and their wives. "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *Titus 3:1-8*

Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

L: *This is the Word of the Lord*.
C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

Sharing God's Peace

Alleluia

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-17

P*: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.*

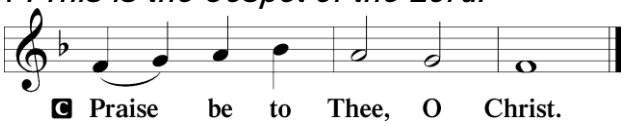
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

P*: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose Kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(please be seated)

Hymn Of Praise *Because He Lives (Gina on Saturday/Vicki on Sunday)*
By: Matt Maher

Sermon *When This Life Is Over: Am I Ready?*
All Saints' Day

Gathering Of The Offerings
(*please stand*)

Offertory Hymn *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* LSB 805

Prayers Of The Church

✞ Gathering at His Table ✞

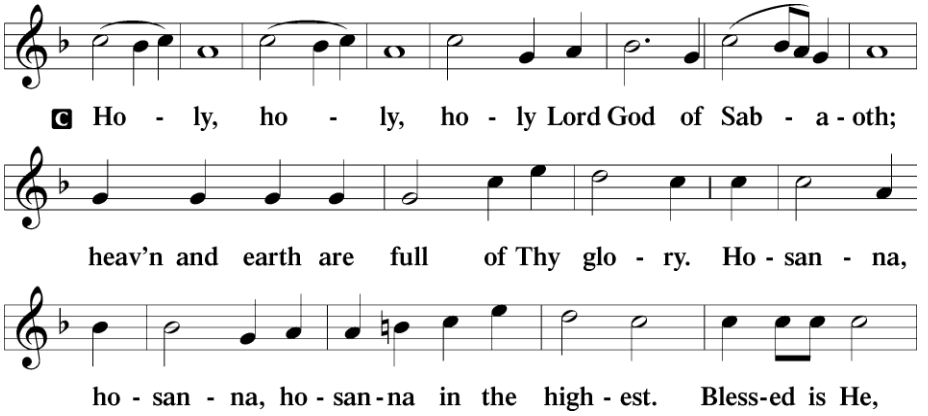
P: *The Lord be with you.*

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

P: *It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

Sanctus



The 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; 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.

The Words Of Our Lord

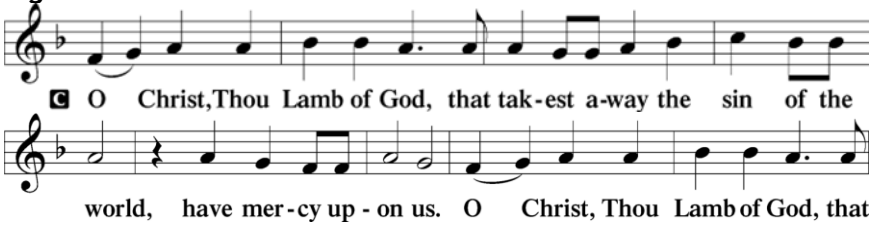
P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "*Take, eat; this is My ✞ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.*"*

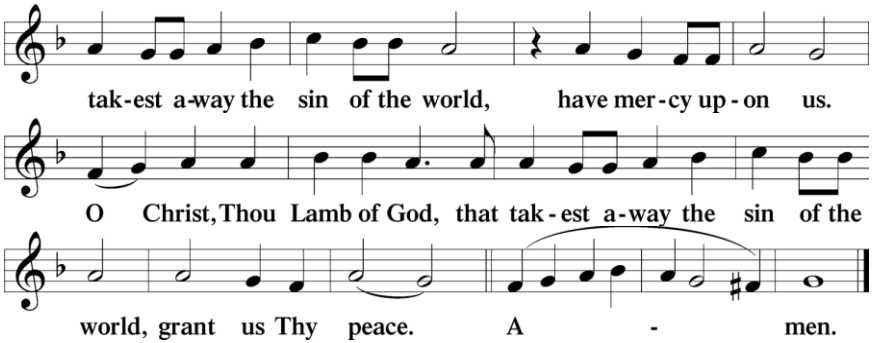
*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "*Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✞ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.*"*

Pax Domini

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

Agnus Dei





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Distribution

Distribution Hymn *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* *LSB 940*
What Wonderous Love Is This *LSB 543*

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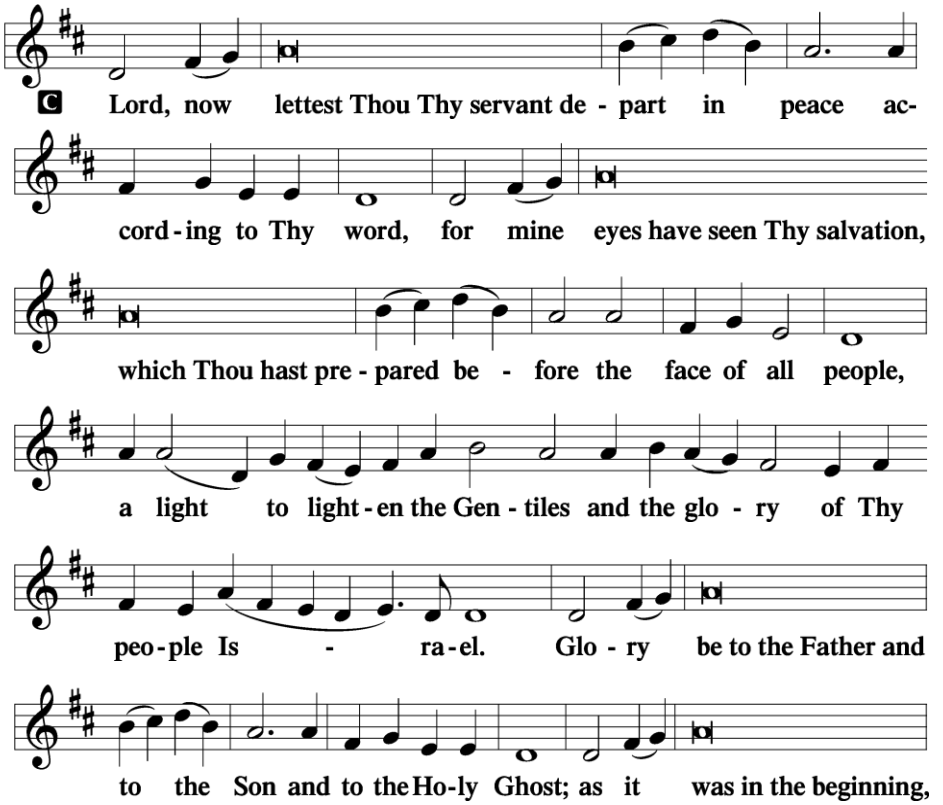
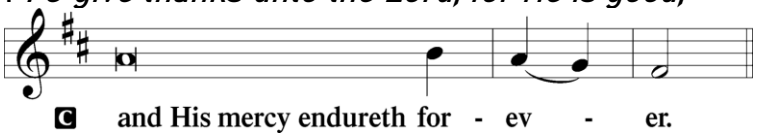
Nunc Dimittis



Thanksgiving

P*: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,*



Post-Communion Collect

P: *Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

P: *The Lord be with you.*

P: *Bless we the Lord.*

Benediction

P: *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✞ give you peace.*

(please be seated)

Announcements

Closing Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1,2,5,6)* *LSB 733*

Prayers of the Church

- ✞ Almighty Lord, Jesus Christ, You gave to us the gift of the Church on earth in order that Your Word might spread from Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria and even to the end of the earth, and throughout the ages. We give You great thanks for the Church Militant here on earth and all those saints who still carry Your Word to the people. And today, especially, we give you thanks for the Church Triumphant, those bold saints of old who have died in the faith and even now are with You in the joys of paradise. Let us live our lives today, in front of this great cloud of witnesses, so as to grow and expand Your kingdom until You come, and until Your will is done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
- ✞ Father God, we bring You our prayers and petitions for all those we know and love who are in need of Your healing, comfort and peace. Hear us now as lift up their names in the silence of our hearts.
- ✞ Father God, You command us to be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which You have established. We lift up to You O God, all those who are in authority over us, especially this day, those who hold positions of authority in the government of our city, county, state, and federal government. We pray for them individually and collectively as they serve in the positions to which they have been elected. Guard them and their families as they serve You, by serving us. Hear also our prayers O God for those who will be elected in the coming days, let them be people led by godly intentions, with high moral standards, and be people of character and great faith.
- ✞ Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in worship at First United Methodist Church of Homosassa and her leader, Rev. Ernie Post. Send Your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of Your faithful as they seek a closer walk with You O Lord, Jesus.
- ✞ Father God, today we lift up to Your throne of grace, prayers for those learning at the Forest Ridge Elementary & Seven Rivers School. Bless the students, the

teachers, the staff and the parents at these two schools with wisdom, discernment, and joy in You O Lord our God.

In Our Prayers

For healing and restoration: David Hein, Dave Hanny, Judy Deuchler, Lisa Holzwart, Richard Emmereth, Sharon Beyer, Joe & Joe, Doug Deuchler, Hope Peter, Amanda Holthaus, Carolyn Arias, Deb Schmidt, Laurie Hinton, Mackenzie & her daughter, Louie Lott, Bob Holthaus, Dean Moore, Amy, Muriel Hanny, Cindy Rockwell, Henry Striegl, Lois Schick, Jerry Marquette.

For those who worship at home: Carol Clayton, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Phyllis Jodis, Lois Schick, Dean & Deb Schmidt, Ann Williams, Phyllis Washburn

Prayer & Care: No one was created to walk through life alone. Whether you're celebrating a blessing, facing a difficult season or carrying a burden too heavy to bear by yourself, your church family is here for you. At Faith Lutheran Church, we are committed to praying with you, encouraging you and bearing one another's burdens as the family of Christ.

If you have a prayer request, we'd be honored to pray with you. Requests may be submitted using the yellow prayer cards in the pews, online at faithlecanto.org/prayer, or by emailing prayer@faithlecanto.org. Prayer requests may be shared with the congregation or kept confidential—whatever is most comfortable for you.

Pastor Galligar and our Elders are also available to visit those who are homebound, hospitalized, recovering from illness or facing difficult circumstances. Whether you need prayer, encouragement or simply someone to walk alongside you, we are here to serve you with Christ's love and care.

To request a visit or speak with someone, please contact Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820 or the church office at (352) 527-3325. Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday| 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Fragrance-Free Seating & Hearing Assistance: A fragrance-free seating area is available for those with sensitivities. Hearing assistance devices are also available - please see an usher before worship.

BIBLE STUDY: What Will Eternity Be Like? And other questions will be answered this week in our bible study as we follow the sermon series and the biblical texts that are addressed each week in the messages. We will also address the questions anyone has in a more direct and in-depth way, during these interactive and informative sessions. We will continue to meet Sundays after 9:30am worship, and Monday evenings at 5:00pm with dinner.

PRAYER, PRAISE AND PLENTY OF PIE: Thanksgiving Evening Worship, Wednesday, November 25th at 5:00 PM, followed by fellowship and pie in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a service of prayer and praise in the sanctuary, and then for an evening of fellowship with great pies donated by members and friends in the Fellowship Hall.

Help Us Raise the Flag! Did you know Faith Lutheran does not have a flagpole? Plans are underway to add one to our beautiful campus, enhancing its appearance for members, visitors and our community. During worship November 7 & 8, we'll share a special video introducing the project, including with those worshiping online. A project information sheet and special giving envelope will also be available. We invite you to prayerfully consider supporting this project as we continue to beautify our church campus and share God's love with our community.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF FAITH? – Faith welcomes everyone to worship with us. There is a, "place for you". For those with a desire to become a member of Faith, we have a simple process. If you would like to become a member of Faith Lutheran Church, connect with Pastor Galligar to schedule a FAITH CHAT. Together we will walk through the doctrine and practices of our church & Martin Luther's Small Catechism. We will answer any other questions you might have. Pastor is always available following worship, or can be easily contacted at pastor.galligar@faithlecanto.com or 812-350-7820 (cell).

WE ARE A NATION IN NEED OF PRAYER As we have gone to the polls to vote this season, and as the polls will close tomorrow, our responsibility is to pray for our nation, and for those who will become the elected representatives of our country, state, county, and local governments. We exist in a time of seeming ongoing crisis, and yet our everlasting God prevails in all things. Gather with us in the sanctuary this Monday evening, November 6th at 6:15 PM for a time of prayer and praise as we lift our hearts to the Lord, and pray for His mercy and grace upon our country, and our elections.

LIFE TOGETHER AT FAITH

Gathered in Worship
31 Last Saturday
94 Last Sunday
125 Total Worship last weekend
10 Children's Sunday School
34 Bible Study

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Giving at Faith			
Week	*Giving*	*Plan*	*Over/Under*
40	8,013	7,000	1,013
41	6,894	6,000	894
42	3,512	5,000	(1,488)
43	2,676	4,000	(1,324)

Celebrating Together - *Happy Birthday!*	
November 2nd	Jane Boerger
November 3rd	Marlene Nordquist
November 5th	Carolyn Arias

Celebrating Together - *Happy Anniversary with Love*	
November 6th	Carlisle and Sharon Cook

Flowers Given Today
June Isselhardt In loving memory of Son David Wilkey

Are We Ready for Eternity?

What Does the Bible Tell Us?

Jesus is coming again one day. We don't know when, so we should always be ready. We can be ready by trusting Jesus, loving Him and following Him every day.

"Be ready, because the Son of Man will come at a time when you do not expect Him."
Matthew 24:44

How Can I Be Ready?

Circle **THREE** ways you can be ready for Jesus this week:

PRAY

LOVE

BE KIND

READ THE BIBLE

OBEY

HELP OTHERS

TELL THE TRUTH

GO TO CHURCH

Can you think of another way?

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Family Faith Challenge

Talk together this week about one time when we can be ready for Jesus by choosing what is right instead of what is easy.

Pray Together

Jesus, thank You for loving us and preparing a special place for us in heaven. Help us trust You, love others and be ready to follow You each day. Amen.

This Week's Events

November 2nd through November 8th		
Monday	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Bible Study- Papa J's
	5:00 PM	When This Life Is Over Bible Study- FH
	6:15 PM	Prayer for the Election - Sanctuary
Tuesday	7:30 AM	Trustee Work Morning
	2:00 PM	Bell Choir- Sanctuary
Thursday	10:00 AM	Ladies Bible Study– FH
	1:00 PM	Ukulele Group - Narthex
	6:00 PM	Confirmation Class - Narthex
Friday	1:00 PM	Euchre & Games - FH
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship - Sanctuary (fellowship time to follow)
	11:00 AM	When This Life is Over Bible Study - FH

Men of Faith: Breakfast. Fellowship. God's Word. Bible study: Isaiah 39 – Envoys from Babylon Jeremiah 25 - 70 Years of Captivity Predicted. Contact: Alan Benner (515) 240-7905.

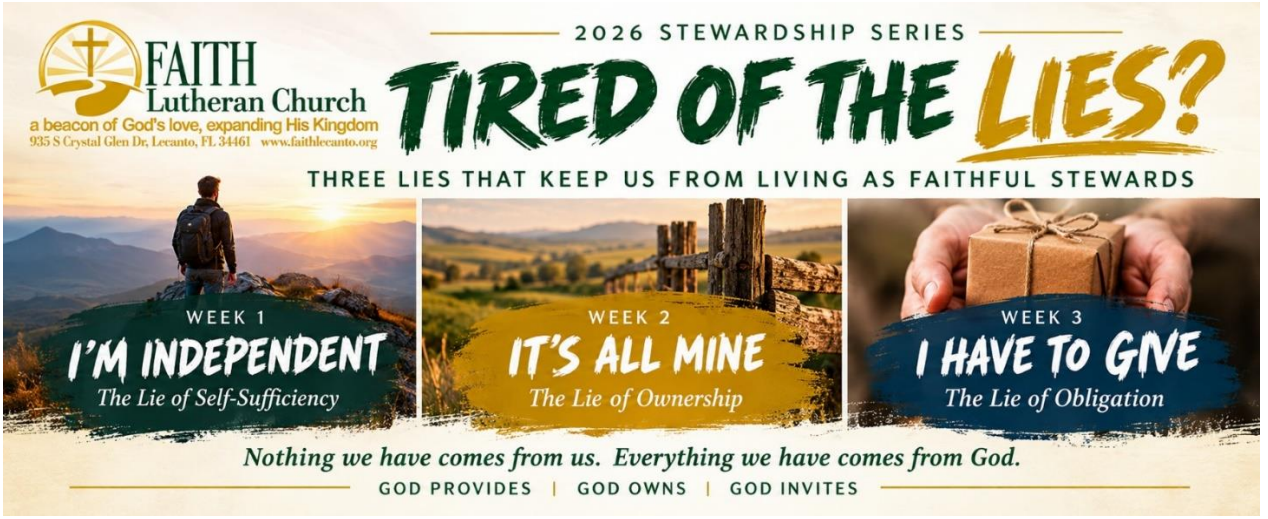
Ladies of Faith: Meeting will be held November 9th at 5:00 PM. All women from our church are invited to attend. Our speaker this month is Kathryn Sipper from The Path, an organization that does great work for Citrus County and is one of our regular charities. It promises to be an informative meeting We hope to see you there.

Bell Choir Practice: Open to all who desire to make a joyful noise with the bells in the sanctuary. 2:00 PM Tuesdays, contact Walt Lukitsch for more information.

Ukulele Group Practice: Open to all who desire to make a joyful noise in the sanctuary with the ukulele, open to all skill levels. We have extra ukuleles for you. Contact Joy Wilson with questions.

Growing in God's Word

In this life, so often, we find it challenging to discern between the truth and the lies that we hear everywhere. What is true, what is not true? And maybe more importantly, what is right, and what is wrong? So many times, lies that are repeated often enough, take on the form of truth, and we forget that the foundation they were built on was false from the beginning. Our upcoming series will look at three common lies, or misconceptions in the church that we all have struggled with for years. Join us each week in worship as we study God's Word, and the truth behind what we have heard. It may surprise you.



Opportunities To Serve: There are many ways to serve here at Faith Lutheran—whether welcoming others, supporting worship, caring for our church, serving behind the scenes or lifting others up in prayer. Current opportunities include: *Ushers • Trustees • Elders • Prayer Team • Sound Room Team • Children's Ministries • Offering Counters • Finance Team • Office Volunteers*

If you feel called to serve, we invite you to take the next step. Speak with Pastor Galligar or a member of the Church Council to learn more about where your gifts can be used.