

Faith Lutheran Church

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Prelude & Welcome

Confession & Absolution

We read in Psalm 32, **Blessed is the one whose sin God does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit**".

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what I have done and left undone.

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.

In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen

Hymn 754 "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

WORD with the Children

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Offering

Prayer, Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Hymn 785 "When Peace like a River"

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

The LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

~ *Psalm 121:8*

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Reader: Rita Loftness

Usher: Doug Alvstad

Sound Board: Sandy Alvstad

Musician: Annette Helder

From last Sunday: JCPenney and “Mr. Sears” – a lesson on contentment and gratitude. Contentment is not having everything but finding joy in what you have and thanking God for your “enough”!

Thank You! Last week’s Noisy Offering for Empowering Kids Perham, Minnesota was \$106.62.

Thank You everyone who helped with and donated at last Wednesday’s Blood Drive!

The **Outreach Mobile Food Pantry** comes to Evansville on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 11:30 am to 1 pm at the City Hall. People can donate food, including garden produce – please bring items by 11 am. Monetary donations are also welcome. Thank You!

Help! Do you enjoy baking? One person has been providing the treats for Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings. More volunteers are needed. If you’re willing to bake or buy items for Sunday fellowship, please sign-up on the serving counter in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

Needed! The quilters at Faith are in need of used bed sheets for the backings of their quilts – any size; flat or fitted. Please leave them in the quilt storage room. Many thanks!!!

Kids! Wear your Halloween costumes to worship next Sunday.

November 2 is All Saints Sunday.

Thanksgiving Sunday is November 23 – turkey dinner after worship. We’ll also decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another. (Walter Elliott)

Dates and Happenings:

Monday, October 20

7 pm Bible Study

Tuesday, October 21

6:30 am Men’s Bible Study

9 am Women’s Bible Study

10:30 am Pastor at Evansville Care Campus

1:30 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

Wednesday, October 22

5:45 pm Confirmation (Gr. 5-7)

6:45 pm Confirmation (Gr. 8-9)

Thursday, October 23

9:30 am Prayer and Share

1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living

Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Sunday

10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship

Prayer Requests:

Pat Timmerman

Jamie Englund

Tom Dingwall

Ron Johnson

Gary Quinn

Clem Roers

Curtis Bah

Prayer for Illumination

**Ever-present God, circle around our comings and goings.
Make us bold with persistence; calm with patience. Amen**

Psalm 121 *Eyes Wide Open*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of Heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day; nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Amen

Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

He said:

“In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.

And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary’.

For some time the judge refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And Jesus said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off?

I tell you, God will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Amen

Luke 18:1-8 *She’s Bothering Me!*