PARADOX OF GLORY

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inviting all people to faith . . . Come and Worship - Go and Work

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To God be the Glory!
Prelude
Opening Song - “All Creatures”
Welcome
Prayer
Opening Song - “Glory To God, Forever”

*Invocation:
We meet in the strong name of our God.
We praise you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Litany:
I will extol the LORD at all times;
His praise will always be on my lips.
I will glory in the LORD;
Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
Glorify the LORD with me;
Let us exalt his name together.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
He delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant;
Their faces are never covered with shame.
This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
He saved him out of all his troubles.
Taste and see that the LORD is good;
Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

*Prayer of the Day
Lord God, your glory is revealed in the beauty of heaven and earth. You are infinite in power. You are worthy of our praise. Yet, you are willing to come down to where we are and reveal your love to us. Holy Spirit empower us to see divine glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Give us faith to trust Him forever. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

First Lesson - 1 Chronicles 16:8-11, 25-34
Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING!

Whether you are from across town or out-of-state, your presence is a blessing to us. When the Friendship Pad is passed down the row, please fill it out so we may connect with you. Thank you for joining us today!

*Gospel - John 17:1-21

Children’s Message

Song - “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Sermon - “Paradox of Glory”

Offertory Song - “Above All” (Offering will be received at this time)

*Offertory Response - “Give Thanks”

*Offertory Prayer:

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Confession of Faith

Prayers of the Church

*Sharing of the Peace

*Lord’s Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song - “Nothing But The Blood”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand if you are able.
First Lesson - 1 Chronicles 16:8-11, 25-34

8 Give praise to the L ORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 9 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. 10 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the L ORD rejoice. 11 Look to the L ORD and his strength; seek his face always.

25 For great is the L ORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the L ORD made the heavens. 27 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. 28 Ascribe to the L ORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the L ORD glory and strength. 29 Ascribe to the L ORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the L ORD in the splendor of his holiness. 30 Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. 31 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, “The L ORD reigns!” 32 Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! 33 Let the trees of the forest sing, let them sing for joy before the L ORD, for he comes to judge the earth. 34 Give thanks to the L ORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

1 Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Gospel - John 17:1-21

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. 6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for
those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

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**Pastor’s Ponderings . . .**

1. What makes something glorious?
2. Who are the heroes of our time? Who are the people our society adores? Why?
3. How does Jesus turn this world’s values upside down?
4. How does Jesus redefine glory?
5. When we follow Jesus in faith, how can we bring glory to our Father in heaven?
6. What does Jesus ask the Father for on our behalf?
7. How do you understand eternity?

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**Calling our Discipleship Pastor**

Please pray daily for our Call Committee and for the candidate God knows will accept the call to serve at Faith Lutheran and St. John’s Lutheran.

If you have the name of a pastor you’d like to be considered, please share his/her name with the Call Committee.

**Committee members are:** Karen Brandt, Bill Nitzel, Kris Behrens, Jolynne Eilts, Greg Lear, Darrel Heckathorn, Beth Brockshus, Laura Heikens, Ashley Vreeman, Sophie Behrens, and Kyle Rouse - Chairperson.
Get out your best potluck recipe!

We will have potluck meals on Advent Wednesdays in December!

December 5, 12 and 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Advent worship service will be at 6:30 p.m.

Food & Clothing Collections

In the spirit of the holidays and giving to those in need, the Mission Team would like to encourage members to bring non-perishable food items to the church that will replenish the food pantry at Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO).

In addition, we will collect hats and mittens for the Hat & Mitten Tree, with donations going to the Head-start Program through UDMO.

Items are to be collected now through the entire month of December.

Thank you for your generosity!

WORK DAY AT THE CHURCH

Tuesday November 27
AND Thursday November 29

Starting at 8:30 a.m.

Work on the new offices and storage area constructing flooring, walls, insulating and having fun doing it.

We invite all who would like to lend a hand whether you are crafty with a saw or are able to hold something in place to be fastened.

Many hands make light work.

If you have any questions feel free to contact anyone on the Properties Team or you can call Paul Behrens at 712-240-6000.

Hope to see you there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 25  Brooke Erdman
November 26  Rich Stueven
November 27  Leo Wigen
November 28  Diane Jamtgaard
November 30  Bernard Fairchild
November 26  Colton Vreeman

Happy Anniversary!

November 26
Eldren and Janell Holstad

November 28
Jonathan and Shanda Hummel

November 30
Ken and Betty Ricklefs
Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal Schedule

Sunday School Hour | Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Today | December 2 | December 9

Saturday Rehearsals | 10:00 a.m. to noon
December 1 | December 8

Saturday Rehearsal and Christmas Party
December 15 | 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Carol and the Belles
9:00 a.m. | Sunday, December 16

Item of the Month: Dark Colored Hand Towels
The hand towels are part of the baby care kits. Please place them in the yellow Mission Box by the front door.

Mission Work Day will be Tuesday, Nov. 27!
We invite you to join us on from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
At noon, we will have a potluck lunch.
We will be working on quilts, care kits, and other items.
Please join us!

BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 8th
10:00 a.m. | Southpark Mall

Breads! Pies! Christmas Goodies!
Cookies! Cakes!

Proceeds to go to Faith Lutheran’s Wrapped In Love mission project.
Mission Trip Planning
Sunday, December 2 | 10:30 A.M.

Is it on your heart to travel outside the US and share God’s love?

What does it look like to answer Jesus’ first century call to “go” in today’s world?

Christ calls us to be his hands and feet. Please join Eric and Cindy Tigges for an initial planning meeting after church on December 2. Once we have a team in place the planning meetings will begin soon after the team forms.

For more information, please contact Eric or Cindy Tigges at 712-580-4335 or email them at ectigges@hotmail.com

Friday Fellowship at Northshire

This Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., the residents of Northshire look forward to fellowship time with Eric Patten.

Each Friday in November, Faith Lutheran is asked to provide an individual or group to present a topic. The topic might include bringing a pet, sharing about a trip, or sharing a talent (musical, hobbies, etc.).

If you would like to spend a half hour sharing a topic or hobby on a Friday, or have questions, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316.

Lifetouch 8x10 photographs are in!

If your photograph was taken while Lifetouch was here in October, and you chose to receive only the 8x10, your picture is here!

Just a reminder - EVERYONE (whether you had a new picture taken/submitted or chose to roll over the picture taken last year) will be getting a new picture directory.

Please check with the church office to get your picture!

Prayer Shawl Ministry (Loopy Ladies) will meet Thursday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. We welcome anyone who can knit or crochet to join us!

To find out how to be a part of this ministry or if you have any questions, please contact Carla Vanderberg at 712-260-6051.
Faith Youth are invited to
Ingham/Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp
Outreach Night - December 2!

Sunday, December 2nd - 6th-8th Grades - Cost is $3 (covers pizza meal)
4:15 p.m. meet at Faith, carpool to Camp - 8:30 p.m. Parent pick-up at Faith
Faith Youth are encouraged to RSVP Eric Patten (712-229-1340) by 2:00 p.m.
We are in need of a few more drivers. If you can drive this Sunday, or any Outreach Night in the future, please contact Eric by cell phone or email cymdirector@faithlutheranspencer.com

Thank you for generously supporting Faith in 2018!
As we enter the final quarter of 2018,
our church needs $7,537.94 per week to complete our ministry goals.

GENERAL OFFERING
AND ATTENDANCE 2018
BUDGET $352,455

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Christmas Poinsettias

Name __________________________________________________________

Phone _________________________________________________________

In memory of ___________________________________________________

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In honor of _____________________________________________________

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6-inch plant/Green foil - $15.00/plant: ____________________________

8-inch plant/Red foil - $27.00/plant: ______________________________

10-inch plant/Gold foil - $40.00/plant: _____________________________

Total number of plants __________________

Total $ _____________________________

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church and earmark them “Christmas Poinsettias!” All plants will have the pots wrapped in foil. Turn in your order form with payment to the red box on the Welcome Center Desk.
Thank you to today’s
Worship Leader: Del Brockshus
Instrumentalist: Denise Laaveg, Kevin Skadeland, Jared Hansen, Conner Essick
Vocalists: Karen Brandt, Jolynne Eilts, Troy Rosendahl
Scripture Reader: Carol Heazlett
Children’s Message: Alice Nielsen and Bo
Vocalists: Karen Brandt, Jolynne Eilts, Troy Rosendahl
Prayers of the Church: Darrel Heckathorn
Nursery: Carissa Doran
Altar Prep: Pam Harris, Colleen Rouse
Camera: Cheryl Stueven
Computer: Del Christman
Sound: Kristine Christianson
Lead Tech: Lori Krei
Fellowship Hosts: Steve and Lora Johnson, Stan and Jodene Jongma
Set up: Lora Johnson
Greeters/Ushers: Larry and LaVonne Clark, Denise Lovitt, Shanna Kooker
Offering Counters: Barb Solberg, Greg Lear, Mark Vreeman

Next Sunday, December 2
Worship Leader: Karen Brandt
Instrumentalist: Denise Laaveg, Kevin Skadeland, Jared Hansen
Vocalists: Lauren Rouse, Ellie Spieker, Molly Crew, Abbey Crew
Scripture Reader: Kent Heazlett
Candle Lighting & Prayer: Rod, Cryss, Emily and Anna Quanbeck
Children’s Message: Dodo and Emu
Prayers of the Church: Barb Solberg
Nursery: Leah Heikens
Altar Prep: Shirley Nelson, Alice Nielsen
Communion Servers: Lisa Buchan, Laura Heikens, Cindy Essick, Larry Peterson
Prayer Intercessors: Darrel and Nancy Heckathorn, Courtney Schwartz, Dennis Larson
Camera: Doug Schwartz
Computer: Kay Iversen
Sound: Cheryl Stueven
Lead Tech: Lori Krei
Fellowship Hosts: Paul and Kris Behrens, Brandon and Mallory Anderson
Set up: Kris Behrens
Greeters/Ushers: Eric, Cindy, Conner and Reid Tigges, Al and Carla Vanderberg
Offering Counters: Kay Iversen, Jolynne Eilts, Lori Krei
**THIS WEEK AT FAITH**

**Today - Sunday, November 25**
- 8:00 a.m. Worship Vocalist & Musician Rehearsal
- 8:15 a.m. Prayer Time - All are welcome!
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 27**
- 8:30 a.m. Properties Work Day
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mission Work Day
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting

**Wednesday, November 28**
- 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Christian Counseling (Make appointments at 515-238-9010)
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. LifeKids
- 5:30 - 6:20 p.m. WoW! Tater Tot Hot-dish Meal
- 6:30 p.m. WoW! Worship Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
- High School Youth Group
- Worship scheduling meeting

**Thursday, November 29**
- 8:30 a.m. Coffee Group - All are welcome!
- Properties Work Day
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry meeting

**Friday, November 30**
- 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Friday Fellowship at Northshire with Eric Patten

**Saturday, December 1**
- 7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Prep meeting

**Sunday, December 2**
- 8:00 a.m. Worship Vocalist & Musician Rehearsal
- 8:15 a.m. Prayer Time - All are welcome!
- 9:00 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. - noon Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 4:15 p.m. Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp Outreach Night
- 6:00 p.m. Stu Christians Journey Team