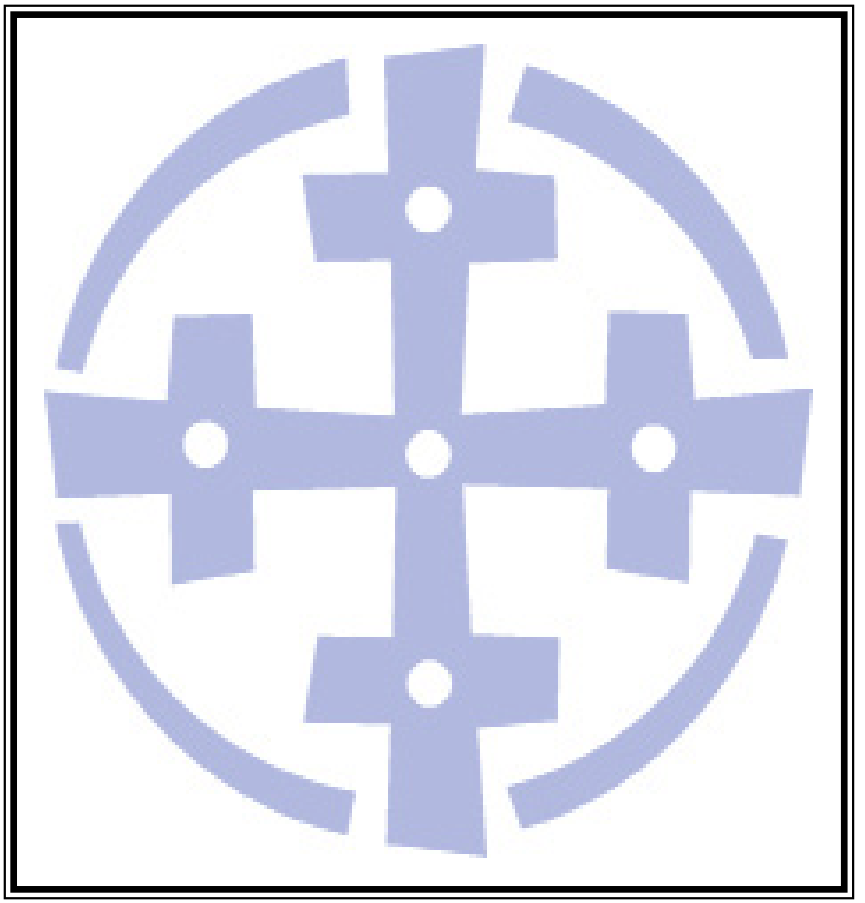
Welcome *to* Faith



Faith Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026

~Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost~

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen

OPENING HYMN Come, Ye Thankful People Come 892

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

OUR CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

Pastor: By faith we walk in the promises of God, that through faith in Jesus, we receive pardon and peace. So let us cast aside everything that hinders our walk of faith and look to God to restore and empower us through His Grace and Mercy.
People: We confess our sins to You, O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith, our future is secure in You, and by faith we can show the world Your love.

Pastor: The Grace of God is upon you for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the Grace of God: Your sins are forgiven! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

PRAISE HYMN **Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart v 1-4**

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing:
Your festal banner wave on hihgh,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

2 Bright youth and snow-crowned age,
Strong men and maidens meek,
Raise high your free, exulting song,
God's wondrous praises speak.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

3 With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, no blest birth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

4 Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

***The* FIRST LESSON** **Exodus 20:1-20**

1And God spoke all these words, saying, 2"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3"You shall have no other gods beforeme.

4"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

12"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13"You shall not murder. 14"You shall not commit adultery. 15"You shall not steal. 16"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." 18Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off 19and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die." 20Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

***The* SECOND LESSON** **Philippians 4:8-20**

8Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

10I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You

were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. [12]I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[14]Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15]And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. [16]Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17]Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18]I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. [19]And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20]To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

***The* GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 11:25-30**

[25]At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; [26]yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. [27]All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. [28]Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

AFFIRMATION of FAITH **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM **We Shall Be Thankful**

words, music and arrangement by Andrew Duncan

Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door!
Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His spirit and washed,
washed in His blood.

Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door!
Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door.

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I, in my Savior, and happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness and lost,
lost in His love.

Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door!
Jesus is merciful, we shall be thankful!
Jesus has come and opened the door.

Jesus has come and opened the door.
Jesus has come and opened the door.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SERMON HYMN **When Peace, Like a River 763 v 1-3**

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

3 He lives—-Oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

The MESSAGE Road Trip of Life- 10 Commandments of Contentment

PRAYERS *of the* CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church as it awaits the final advent of our Lord, that through it the message of salvation may be proclaimed and the gifts of God may be shared. Lord, in Your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all on our hearts at this time for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,
ALL: hear our prayer.

The LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The OFFERING

The HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your people of prayer. You have blessed our lives with Your presence and protection and with peace. Now gathering at Your Table may we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.
People: Amen.

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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."
Pastor: 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."

Pastor: As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN *for* DISTRIBUTION **Keep the Feast**

1 Joyfully we join you at your table,
Pleading not our righteousness,
By your wealth of mercy,
We are able now to feast in confidence.
Take this bread and eat.
Take this cup and drink.
Remember how he loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast.

2 Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?
Who his sandals could untie?
Who are we that he would show us favor?
Granting us this gift of life.
Take this bread and eat.
Take this cup and drink.
Remember how he loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast.

3 Happy sign of friendship and reunion
With the blessed Three in One.
Foretaste of that glorious communion,
Vision of the world to come.
Take this bread and eat.
Take this cup and drink.
Remember how he loved us;
Rejoice and keep the feast.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(Dismissal)*

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

The **CLOSING HYMN** **Like a River Glorious**

1 Like a river glorious in God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller ev'ry day;
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

2 Hidden in the hollow of his blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest;
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

3 Ev'ry joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust him fully all for us to do;
They who trust him wholly find him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

The BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace, His power, and His presence! Amen.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Share the Light: A Family Christmas Gathering. Join us at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 5, from 6:30–8:30 PM for Share the Light, a special evening to step away from the busyness of the holiday season, spend time with family, and share the Light of Christ! This free event is open to everyone and will include a hot chocolate bar, crafts, caroling, and a prayer labyrinth. It's a wonderful opportunity to slow down, enjoy the Christmas season, and celebrate the hope and light we have in Jesus. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5 We hope you'll join us for this special evening!

Faithful Youth Nights- upcoming events for middle school & high school youth starting at 6:30

- Sunday, November 22nd- Invite your family and friends for a movie night! (further details to come)

Faith Young Adults- For ages 18-40ish! Bring a friend! Upcoming events:

- Friday, December 11th- Present Wrapping at Concord Senior Center starting at 3:00 pm. Opportunity to wrap presents and share God's love for those who are cared for in senior centers. RSVP with Jen by December 9th

2027 Church Directory- It's that time of year again! We are updating our church directory, and we need your help to make sure our information is accurate and up to date. Please review your family information: A copy of the current directory is available in the narthex. Please take a moment to review your family's information and make any necessary corrections directly on the copy provided. If you are unable to come to church to check your information, please contact Amber for assistance. **New directory photos:** We will be setting aside two Sundays in December to take photos for the updated directory. Having your photo included is important because it helps us put faces to names and build warmer, more personal connections within our Faith family. We encourage everyone to participate! **New to the Faith family?** We would love to include you! Please add your family information in a blank space in the directory located in the narthex. Thank you for helping us keep our church directory current and for helping strengthen the connections that make Faith such a special church family!

Operation Christmas Child Drop Off Week – Monday begins National Drop Off Week! Individuals/groups from surrounding cities will be dropping off filled shoeboxes for Faith volunteers to receive and prepare for shipping. Drop off times are:

- **Monday November 16 - Friday November 20th**- 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- **Saturday November 21st-** 10:00-12 noon;
- **Sunday November 22nd**- 1:00pm-3:00pm; Monday
- **November 23rd**- 9:00 -11:00 am

You are encouraged to join in on this ministry on any of the dates you are available (especially the 17th; 21st and 23rd – so Paula won't be all alone!) Any questions please contact Paula Calimeris by phone: (925) 787-8426 or email: pcalimeris@yahoo.com.

Abounding in Every Good Work — 2027 Stewardship Appeal. We're starting our 2027 stewardship campaign a little earlier this year because we have an exciting ministry opportunity before us! Faith Lutheran has the chance to potentially continue a DCE ministry, but we currently face a projected funding gap that we are prayerfully working to fill. Guided by Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 9:8, "that you may abound in every good work," we invite each household to prayerfully consider two commitments for 2027: regular tithes and offerings to support Faith's ongoing ministry and an additional offering specifically to support a DCE ministry. A stewardship letter and commitment card should arrive in the mail, explaining the need and providing an opportunity to respond. Please prayerfully consider how you can participate and return your commitment card to the church on or before Sunday, November 15. Thank you for helping Faith Lutheran share the love of Jesus and serve our community!

Wednesday Advent Services and Christmas Worship- Advent is just around the corner! Join us for our Wednesday Advent Services beginning Wednesday, December 2, at 7:00 PM and continuing through December 16. We will gather for three special services throughout the Advent season. These short and meaningful services are a wonderful way to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts for Christmas between our Sunday worship services. Following our Wednesday Advent Services, we invite you to join us for our Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24, at 7:00 PM, featuring the traditional candle lighting. Then, come back the next morning for our Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. It's hard to believe we're only two weeks away from the start of Advent! We look forward to worshiping with you throughout this special season as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Epiphany Dinner- January 9, 2027 at 4:30 pm- Sign up now to attend or host! Starts at Faith! Contact Sheryl Lack, Marlane Huffaker, or Irene Desmond for details. Rides will be made available for those who do not drive after dark. **There is a sign-up sheet.**

A Friendly Note:

Our worship services are streamed live online. By participating in the service, you may appear on camera. If you prefer not to be on the live stream, please feel free to choose a seat toward the back or in an area outside the camera's view.

Thank you for understanding!

Don't forget to donate!

Scan this QR code to donate online

Upcoming Events

November 15- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
November 15- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am
November 15- Sunday Fellowship @10:15 am
November 15- Kitchen Dedication @ 10:30 am
November 15- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
November 15- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am
November 16- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm
November 16- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off @ 3:00 pm
November 16- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm
November 17- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off @ 3:00 pm
November 17- Page Turner Book Club @ 7:00 pm
November 18- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am
November 18- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am
November 18- Brown Bagger Immerse Group @ 12:00 pm
November 18- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off @ 3:00 pm
November 18- CLG Meeting @ 7:00 pm
November 19- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off @ 3:00 pm
November 20- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off @ 3:00 pm
November 21- Operation Christmas Child Drop-off 10:00 am
November 22- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
November 22- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am
November 22- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am
November 22- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
November 22- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am

Servants of Faith

This Week: November 15

Altar Guild- Naty Sigurani
Tech Projection- Russell Elkins & Barry Milstead
Acolyte- Ava Kriksciunas & Dorothy Fowler
Reader- Paula Calimeris
Welcomers- Naty Sigurani
Elders- Evan Bursey & Phil Calahane
Ushers- Jessica Grant & Naty Sigurani
Youth Donuts- Dorothy Fowler

Next Week: November 22

Altar Guild- Betty Sifferman & Kathy Wilson
Tech Projection- Kathy Wright & Todd Slattengren
Acolyte- Makaio Dilbeck & Mikayla Dilbeck
Reader- Dan Sifferman
Welcomers- Debbie Wilkins
Elders- Lance O'Connor & Phil Calahane
Ushers- Paula Calimeris & **Available**
Youth Donuts- Makaio Dilbeck & Mikayla Dilbeck

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A Word To Guests About Holy Communion

Lutherans believe and teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Lord's Supper. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically changes into Christ's body and blood, nor do we believe that the elements merely represent Christ's body and blood. Rather, we embrace the words of Jesus when He said, "Take, eat, this is my body," and "Take, drink, this is my blood." When we receive the bread and wine, we believe we are also receiving the body & blood of Christ because He said so.

We believe that Christ truly comes to us in this meal, offering His body and His blood in an outward sign of His love, His assurance of the forgiveness of our sins won for us by His death on the Cross, and the promise of His very real presence in our everyday lives.

If you are a Baptized believer in Jesus, repentant of your sins, and agree with our understanding of Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in this Sacrament. However, if you are in doubt, you may wish to consult with the Pastor or Elder beforehand. Children may receive Communion after receiving appropriate instruction from the pastor. *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar. If you have a dietary restriction to wine, grape juice is available in cups at the center of our communion trays.*

A Word To Guests About Children

Thank you for bringing your children to church! Here are some ways we'd love to serve you and your family today!

- Busy bags are in the back to help little ones learn along with the message in hands-on ways while in the pews
- Children's Chat is led by our DCE to explain the sermon in a more "kid-friendly way". All kids are welcome to come up and if they are too scared, we encourage parents to come with them.
- Kingdom Kids is a Sunday School lesson that is taught during the sermon for kids in preschool or elementary school. The kids will be dismissed with qualified volunteers after Children's Chat and brought back for communion time with the family.
- Church Grandparents are members who have been background-checked and fingerprinted and would love to sit with your family to help your children get used to being in church. Please talk to Jen if you're interested in this.

We'd love to help you in whatever way we can to make sure you keep bringing your kids to church, because what you're doing as a parent is really hard but really essential for the life of the church. Thank you!

Have questions? Talk to DCE Intern Jen Loeber

Faith Lutheran Church

Grow Christ's Life In Every Heart.

Serving at Faith

Pastor David Floyd- Pastor
Maliya Manning- Director of Footprints Preschool
Jen Loeber- Director of Christian Education Intern
Amber Nelsen- Office Administrator
Jeff MacDonald- Director of LivingFaith Praise Band
David Engelbrektson- Director of Music, Gloria Chuang- Organist/Pianist

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