

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.

Hymn 75 — *Ye Son of Men, Oh, Hearken*

The Offering

Prayer + The Lord's Prayer + Benediction

All: Amen, amen, amen!

Hymn 66 — *Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

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Announcements

- **Today** — Congregation members who are available are invited to stay after the service this morning to help with church Christmas decorating.
- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship (communion) services begin at 9 a.m. Worship (communion) here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m.
- **Christmas Bags Sign-Up:** A sign-up sheet is posted here at church for those willing to help contribute to “Christmas Bags” for participants in this year’s December 18 Children’s Christmas service.
- **“Sheep & Shepherds” Sign-up Sheet:** Retired CLC Pastor Dale Redlin, has recently authored a devotional book entitled “Sheep & Shepherds” (a sample-book is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary). The book is currently available at a special price of \$12 per book. If you are interested in purchasing this book through a church order, please indicate that by means of the sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Checks should be made payable to “Faith Lutheran”.
- **CLC News:** The Rev. Vance Fossum, W. Columbia SC, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. The congregation has now called the Rev. Delwyn Maas, Phoenix AZ.

Our Response of Faith — November 20, 2011

Attendance: 19

Unified Budget.....	\$246.00
Total.....	\$246.00

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Advent

NOVEMBER 27, 2011 – 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 24, pg. 128

Organist: Bonnie Cornish

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 702 — *As Angels Joyed with One Accord*

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost.

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

People: *And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

People: *Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, Is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Hallelujah!*

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

People: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us pray together:

People: Almighty God, merciful Father, I am sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. But I am sorry for my transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto me. Forgive me for Jesus' sake, renew me by Your Spirit, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven you all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[All Sing]: God, we praise You! God, we bless You!

God, we name You sovereign Lord!

Mighty King whom angels worship,

*Father by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n
and earth draw near Your throne*

Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Prayer for the Day

People: *Amen.*

1st Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pastor: Alleluia, Alleluia. *Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3)* Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2nd Scripture Reading – Mark 13:32-37

People: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord!*

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 "It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming -- in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning -- 36 "lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 "And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Pastor: Here ends the New Testament reading.

People: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*

The Apostles' Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 12

Hymn 72 — Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

The Sermon – Isaiah 64:1-10

Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence -- 2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil -- To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned -- In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. 6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. 9 Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look -- we all are Your people! 10 Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

"God Comes Forth and Shows Himself"