

Our Response of Faith — November 23, 2011

Attendance: 15

Unified Budget	\$240.00
“Sheep & Shepherds” Payments.....	\$ 24.00
Total.....	\$264.00

Our Response of Faith — November 27, 2011

Attendance: 17

Unified Budget	\$300.00
Total.....	\$300.00



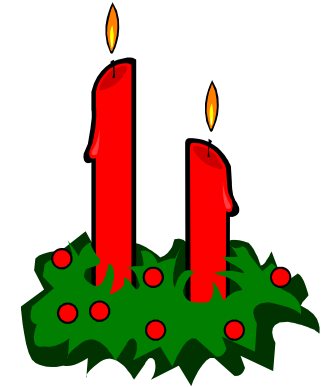
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Advent 11

DECEMBER 4, 2011 – 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 85, pg. 140
Organist: Kristen Friedrichs

Pastor: Opening Prayer

Hymn 55 — *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

Pastor: The Invocation

People: *Amen.*

Pastor: 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

People: *Who made heaven and earth.*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

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

Pastor: The Absolution

People: *Amen.*

The Scripture Reading – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." 3 "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' " 4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. 5 Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. 8 "I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

Hymn 63 — *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

The Sermon – Isaiah 40:1-5

"Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. 2 "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD's hand Double for all her sins." 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the

Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. The Church Council is scheduled to meet (elections meeting) following next Sunday's worship service.
- **Thank You:** Thank you to those who helped out with Christmas decorating here at church after last Sunday's worship service.
- **December 18 Children's Christmas Service:** The Grace-Sleepy Eye and Faith-New Ulm children will present a children's Christmas service here at Faith on Sunday, December 18, during our regular morning worship.
- **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. Items should be received at church by Friday, December 16, so that the bags can be put together that day.
- **Weather Announcements:** As a reminder, when weather becomes an issue here in the coming months, please tune in to KNUJ Radio for any potential service cancellation announcements.
- **"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".
- **November CLC Missions Newsletter:** A new November newsletter from the CLC Board of Missions is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- **CLC Financial Update:** A November 2011 CLC financial update is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

People: *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

Pastor: The Lord's Prayer

People: *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

Pastor: The Words of Institution

All: *Amen. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace, Amen.*

+ The Distribution +

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

Pastor: Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

People: *And His mercy endureth forever!*

The Benediction

People: *Amen, amen, amen.*

Hymn 70 — *Hosanna to the Living Lord*

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rough places smooth; 5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

“Comfort, Yes, Comfort My People”

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 61 — *Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People*

The Offering and Prayer

Communion Today -- Confessional Lutherans teach and believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is not only a precious means of grace, but also a statement of agreement with your fellow-communicants concerning the Bible's teachings. If you are a guest here today, before thinking of communing with us you will want to have an opportunity to compare the teachings of our church with your own beliefs. If you have questions or would like to consider communing with us in the future, please speak to the pastor to set up an appointment.

The Service of Communion

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Pastor: The Prefaces