

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; our nation and leaders

THE VOTERS' MEETING for the church budget and elder / council elections is TODAY at 9:00am.

THE YOUTH GROUP meets tonight at 6:30pm. Bring a friend!

OFFERING ENVELOPES: do you no longer want them? Do you wish to start or continue receiving them? There are many options for giving and keeping records of giving. Talk to Linda LeFever or call the church office!

SNOWBIRDS—please check with the office to ensure we have your most up-to-date winter contact information.

ADVENT SUPPERS & SERVICES begin Wednesday, December 2. This year, suppers will begin at 6:00pm with the service at 7:00pm.

THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH LIBRARY is up and running! Take a look just outside Pr. Mullet's office for books, tracts, DVDs, and more to borrow and learn.

TOYS FOR TOTS, SOCKS FOR VETS, & THE GIVING TREE are all coming soon (or already underway)! Check the newsletter for details.

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 8 (Trinity 22)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting 9:00am Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group
Wed. Nov. 11	7:30pm Worship
Thu. Nov. 12	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Nov. 15 (Trinity 23)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation

INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY DEVOTIONS

These suggestions can help you and your family stay connected to the church year and focus on what we hear, sing, and pray together on Sunday. Each week looks forward to the next Sunday. Pick three days this week to do a short devotion. Each day you might do this:

1. Read one reading and the “Thinking About.” How do the readings fit together? What themes do you see?
2. Sing or read the hymn. Ask Pr. Mullet to borrow a hymnal. You should be able to find it on YouTube if it’s unfamiliar!
3. Pray the Collect of the Day and the Lord’s Prayer.

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS: November 15 / Trinity 23

OT: Proverbs 8:11-22

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:17-21

HYMN: LSB 714

COLLECT OF THE DAY: O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked “*in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice*” (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom “*is better than jewels*” and “*better than gold, even fine gold.*” When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our “*end is destruction*” (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered “*to God the things that are God’s*” (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true “*riches and honor are with [Him],*” because “*enduring wealth and righteousness*” (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which “*we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*” He “*will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.*”