

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Ed Clifford; Ashlyn; Georgia Stahlhut; Jeff Hess; Taunie Benvenuti; Lorna Kukelhan

**TOYS FOR TOTS & SOCKS FOR VETS** are now both underway! Check them out as you leave today.

**THE GIVING TREE** is coming soon! Do you know a family that needs help during the Christmas season? Talk to Marilou Linnemeier.

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

**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.

**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.

**CALENDAR**

Sun. Nov. 15 (Trinity 23)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Nov. 18	7:30pm Holy Communion
Thu. Nov. 19	7:30pm Bible Study (Jesus in the OT)
Sun. Nov. 22 (Last Sunday)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship (Pr. Lane Burgland preaching) 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:30am Confirmation TBD Youth Group

## 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 22 / Last Sunday

**OT:** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46

**EPISTLE:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

**HYMN:** LSB 508

**COLLECT OF THE DAY:** Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### THINKING ABOUT THE READINGS

When the crucified and risen Lord Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, *“he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats”* (Matt. 25). *“To those on his right,”* who have been crucified and raised with Him through repentance and faith in His Gospel, He will grant the blessed kingdom of His Father. Having been justified by His grace, they live unto righteousness in Him. But *“those on his left,”* who trust in themselves and despise their neighbor, will depart *“into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”* Until that day, the Lord searches for His sheep *“as a shepherd seeks out his flock”* (Ezek. 34). Through His preaching of repentance, He disciplines the proud sheep and goats, *“the fat and the strong,”* but through the preaching of forgiveness He rescues the lost, binds up the injured, strengthens the weak and feeds *“the lean sheep.”* In this way, He destroys the power of death in the children of Adam by His cross, so that *“in Christ shall all be made alive”* by His resurrection (1 Cor. 15).