

**First English Lutheran Church**

**1311 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Spencer, Iowa 51301**

8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Services

Rev. Dave Simonson, Guest Pastor

Pentecost 12

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September 1, 2019

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**Prelude, Ringing of the Bell**

**Opening Hymn** - LSB # 785 "We Praise You, O God"

**Welcome; Sharing of the Peace**

**Order of Worship** – Divine Service 5 LSB pg. 213

**Invocation; Confession and Absolution;**

**Psalm 33**

P: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

<sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

**C: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts. <sup>4</sup>For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.**

P: He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

**C: He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!**

P: For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm. <sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

**C: The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. <sup>12</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!**

P: The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned, he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.

**C: The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. <sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

P: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, <sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.

**C: Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. <sup>21</sup>For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

P: Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**Kyrie** - LSB #943 "Lord, Have Mercy"

Ky-ri-e, Ky-ri-e, E-le-i-son

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**Gloria In Excelsis** – LSB #947 "All Glory Be to God on High"

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** – pg. 214

P: O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Old Testament** – Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle** – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please rise)*

**Holy Gospel** - Luke 12:32-40

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. <sup>35</sup> "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and

have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Creedal Hymn** – LSB # 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

**Sermon** – "Out of Nothing." Hebrews 11:1–16

*(please rise)*

**Prayer of the Church** – pg. 215

**Offering** *(hymn will be sung during the offering)*

**Hymn** - LSB # 782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

*(please rise)*

**Preface to Holy Communion** - page 216

**Lord's Prayer** – pg. 217 (Or inside back cover)

**Words of Institution** – pg. 217

*(please be seated)*

**Distribution of Holy Communion**

**Hymns** LSB # 549 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB # 554 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

LSB # 570 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

LBS # 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

**Post-Communion Collect** – pg. 218

**Benedicamus and Benediction** – pg. 218

**Closing Hymn** - LSB # 784 vs. 11-4 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Announcements and Postlude**

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("This is my body . . . This is my blood." Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

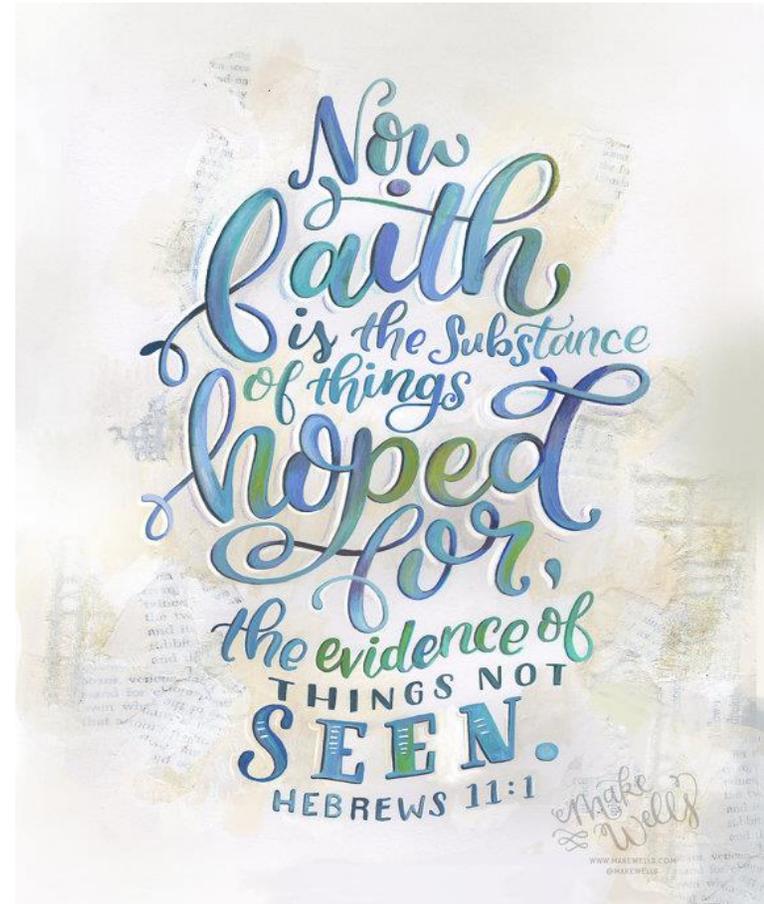
If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

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