#### Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

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Worship:	375 (25,	<b>Communion</b> : 195 (15, 180)		
Bible Study	: 74 (5, 4	4, 4, 10, 11) Youth Study: 21		
Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Class, church		
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Bread of Life Women's Bible Study, school		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church		
	9:00 a.m.	Worship		
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School		
	10:10 p.m.	Church Band, school basement		
	7:00 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, church		
Monday	7:00 a.m.	His Word—My Life Class, Crossroads Café		
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Bible Study, school commons		
Tuesday	2:00 p.m.	Bible Class, church basement		
	8:00 p.m.	Choir		
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class		
	5:30 p.m.	Bible History Class		
	7:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship		
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day Worship		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, church		
	9:00 a.m.	Worship		
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School		
	10:10 p.m.	Church Band, school basement		
	7:00 p.m.	His Word—My Life Class, church		

**Voters Meeting** Last week Jade Witt was elected chairman of the congregation. Todd Leiberg was elected as an Elder. Mike Zittlow was elected to the School Board. The voters also authorized the purchase of a floor scrubbing machine with funds from outside the general fund.

- **Tuesday Bible Class** will continue a study of the Formula of Concord Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. at church. This week we look at Article Eight: *The Descent into Hell*. Join us before you pick up your school children!
- Adult Christ Light Class will study *Moses' Flight Into Midian*. We meet in the basement after worship on Thursday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
- Naomi Circle, our group for widows and their friends, will meet on Tuesday, November 20 at 10:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café.
- **His Word—My Life** will begin a study of Ecclesiastes this week. Join us as we compare live with God to life under the sun. We meet Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at church and Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Crossroads Café.

Advent Necessities is the theme of our special midweek advent worship. Each year we take the time and make the effort to prepare special midweek services during this important season. We invite all of you to join us and bring a friend to worship the Lord. We will worship on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. beginning on Dec. 6. Soup and Sandwich meals will be served at noon and at 6:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight Mark Saturday, December 1 at 4:00 p.m. on your calendar! This is when Advent by Candlelight will be held at the school. You won't want to miss this opportunity to prepare your heart for the Advent season. Please make your reservations by signing up in the church basement or contacting Linda Bruegge by Nov. 25. All women in the congregation are invited to attend. Please sign up your guests also.

**MLHS Hot Lunch** We will serve hot lunch on Nov. 27. We need workers and donations of homemade bread, cupcakes, bars, shredded cheese, sliced cheese, and butter. If you have any questions contact Denise Laabs.

**Food Collection** We will collect food for people in our area. Please bring your donation to the church basement by Sunday, December 1.

Christmas for Kids will be Saturday, December 22, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We are in need of a coordinator, teachers, and helpers for crafts. Expect only two short meetings prior to, and being there to help during the event. Please consider donating any time and talents you have to help spread the word of God this Holiday Season. Contact Mr. Humann or a School Board member if you are able to help by November 30.

Winterfest Celebrates 25 years! To celebrate 25 years of God's blessings on FVL's music programs, there will be a performance by an alumni band and choir at Winterfest 2008 January 27. A practice will be held sometime on Saturday, January 26. If you'd like to be a part of re-living FVL history, please phone or email the following information to either Jim Neujahr, band or Dan Vogel, choir. Information requested: Name, email address, telephone number, instrument played / voice sung.

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## **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Endtime: Saints Triumphant** Nov. 15/19, 2007

#### Peace Through Jesus

Lord, speak to me of your love and forgiveness as I worship that I may grow in faith and serve you in my life. Amen.

#### THURSDAY

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 394, 207, 256:3,4

#### **Psalm Prayer**

Lord God, unite our voices with the praise of all creation, that we may worthily magnify your excellent greatness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lessons are on the back cover **Psalm:** Psalm 150 (p. 122) **Sermon:** <u>2 Thes 2:13-3:5</u> **Be Confident In The Lord** He did the choosing He keeps his own strong *In Memoriam* (insert)

After sermon, replaces song of praise

**SUNDAY** Service: Common (p. 15) Hymns: 394, 207, 551, 256:3,4

# **Musical Offering:** Band **Postlude:** Stephanie Beyer

#### **Prayer of the Day** Almighty God and Savior, you have set

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Endtime: Saints Triumphant

The resurrection from the dead for all believers is a source of great hope and joy.

#### First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah describes the great resurrection of all believers as an endless time when God's people will suffer none of the ravages of sin. "Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create. for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years: he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,"

says the Lord.

# Psalm of the Day: Psalm 150 (page 122)

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

Our faithful God preserves us in the one true faith that we may enjoy the blessings of the resurrection.

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

## **Gospel:** Luke 20:27-38

To Sadducees who rejected the resurrection, Jesus gives a picture of eternal life. God is the God of the living. We will one day live with him.

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."



**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.