

faith

Worship, News & Notes

July 4, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the many servants who have worked and volunteered to make this service possible.

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6th Sunday After Pentecost

July 4, 2021

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Today's Readers

8:30 – Karen Cowart

11:00 – Jim Scervo

Psalm for the Day – Psalm 123

Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary

NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!-Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399 Direct TV—channel 37 Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

Call to Worship - Announcements - Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Stand

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**
P For the LORD has chosen Zion;
C **he has desired it for his dwelling place:**
P "This is my resting place forever;
C **here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**
P I will abundantly bless her provisions;
C **I will satisfy her poor with bread.**
P Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
C **and her saints will shout for joy."**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 2:1–5

¹ He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you."
²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

A¹To you I lift up my eyes,

C **O you who are enthroned in the heavens!**

A²Behold, as the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maidservant

to the hand of her mistress,

C **so our eyes look to the LORD our God,
till he has mercy upon us.**

A³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,

C **for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

A⁴Our soul has had more than enough

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

C **of the contempt of the proud.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

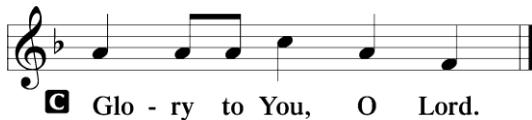
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

728 How Firm a Foundation

Sermon

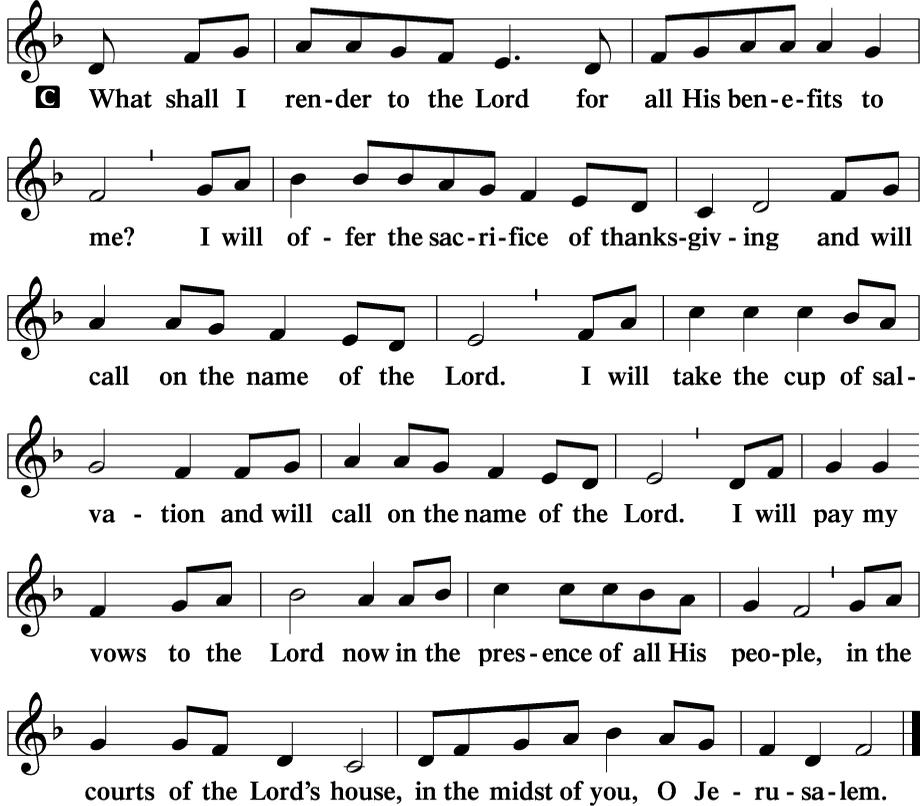
Offering

When we give, we are to do so in secret.
"But when you give to the needy,
do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
so that your giving may be in secret.
Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you" (Matt. 6:3-4).

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death,

even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Sit

712 Seek Ye First

28 Battle Hymn of the Republic (White Song Book)

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

965 God Bless Our Native Land**Acknowledgments**

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Pastor Moyer & family will be out of town next weekend. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact your elder or the church office. Thank you. Rev. Jon Reusch will be our guest pastor on July 11.

Birthdays

4 Paige Christiansen
 6 Ian Hartsell
 7 Riley Smith
 10 Sharon Vogel

Anniversaries

Larry & Connie House
 7-8-1967
 Eric & Kim Russell
 7-9-1993

**Stephen Ministry**

Recognizing God's presence. In his book *Christian Caregiving a Way of Life*, Kenneth Haugh makes a thought-provoking comparison. As we wonder through an art museum, we are awed by the beautiful works of art. At a zoo we see the dramatic differences between the species and imagine how they live in the wild. Strolling the fields of Gettysburg, we can try to visualize what the battlefield was like 150 years ago. But in each of these cases if we are led through the experience by a trained tour guide the event is greatly enhanced.



When hard feelings are being expressed by a loved one, they are looking for help and understanding. Christian Caregiving is not about fulfilling our needs, but the needs of others, the one seeking help while expressing those hard feelings. Just as the tour guide has been properly trained, so are you. You know that God is always with us. He is with you in that moment too. When you hear harsh feelings being expressed, before responding, take a breath. Consider the Love of Christ. Let your responses be filled with empathy, care, support and love knowing that God is with you – in that moment, and always.

During communion we do have available non-alcoholic Sacrament (white grape juice) in center of tray.
Large Print Services are available. Ask Elder on duty.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday	Summer Sunday School for ALL Ages	9:45am
Tuesday	AA AA & ALANON	12:00pm 8:00pm
Wednesday	Women's Bible Study	9:30am



Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis, Doris Maxwell, Vince Rhodes, Mike Genson, John Dickson, Virginia McDonnell, Megan Mars, Larry Adler, Mike Stanley & Sandy Searcy (recuperating at home).

As well as our family, friends & neighbors—John Carlton, Vic Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, John Koke, Marvin Petsch, Madeline McGrath, Laurie Karaska, Tim Nolan, Rev. Rich Tino, Gregg Steigerwalt, Margie Erfourth, Doug Storts, Trevor Young, Erik Currado, John Allmacher, Linda Klein, Pat Hanish, Marilyn Pleiness, Rev. Jon Reusch, Krista Valko (niece of Joe & Linda Hadley – heart issues), Rick Prueter (surgery & complications), Jan Oleszczak (bunco buddy of Yvonne Pirozek & Linda Brown – ovarian cancer), Julie Campbell (cousin of John & Linda Zabik), Mike Kethman (Debbie Tino's brother - cancer), Aleen, Jackie, George & MaryAnn.



Flowers gracing the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by **Sharma Ennis** in celebration of Independence Day! God bless our native land!

VBS is Coming Up July 26 – 30 from 6:30 – 7:30pm – Come join the fun & fellowship at “**Super Fruit – The Fruit of the Spirit**”. We could use some help this year. If you'd like to volunteer your time and have a great time in the process, please contact Laura Hornbacher. To register for VBS, go to: www.faithhighland.com/vbs and fill in the registration form. Thanks!



	<u>Thru April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$90,982.00	\$19,295.00	\$110,277.00
Expenses	\$77,702.56	\$29,398.39	\$107,100.95
Surplus/Deficit (-)	\$13,279.44	(-\$10,103.39)	\$ 3,176.05
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$92,084.00	\$23,021.00	\$115,105.00
Last Sunday	<u>Offerings</u> \$ 3,398.00	<u>Expenses</u> \$ 5,230.00	<u>Difference</u> (-\$ 1,832.00)

Want to contribute electronically? Visit faithhighland.com/give to get started.

We are excited to announce that we are finally able to start building the Pavilion. Next week we will dig all the post holes and get them inspected. The following week we will start installing the posts. If anyone would like to help during the building process, please call Steve Tino at 248-459-2446. We can figure out how you might be able to help in certain areas. Thank you in advance. Steve Tino



Summer Sunday School

continues today between services in the fellowship hall. ALL age groups are welcome to join in.

Outreach News

The Outreach Committee is doing another project with St. Paul's in Pontiac. We are collecting school supplies for a backpack project. There is a display by the upstairs coat rack with all the information including a list of what they are collecting. You may take a copy of the list with you. The list is also in the July newsletter.

This collection project is going to be on display from July 4 to August 1.



The NEW Luke Project 52 – Flint - The goal for the new Luke Project 52 in Flint is to be operational in September. They could use your help in purchasing some items that are needed to get started. They have created an Amazon Wish List which can be viewed at <https://a.co/cmbbdcl>. If you choose to make a purchase, please elect to have the items shipped directly to them. Thank you for your consideration.

Planning to Attend the Men's B-n-B on July 17th? – Please email Pastor or the church office so that meal planning can be done. **The deadline to sign up for the B-n-B is July 15th.** Thanks so much!



FLY Car Wash Coming Up !!! – Our FLY Youth Group will be having a car wash to raise money for their next Youth Gathering. The car wash will take place **Saturday, July 17th from 11:00am – 2:00pm.** Stop by the church and have your car washed and help out the youth. Cost is a donation of your choice.



Have a Fantastic 4th !!!