

# faith

*Worship, News & Notes*

*September 5, 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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**15th Sunday After Pentecost**

September 5, 2021

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Today's Readers

8:30 – Karen Cowart

11:00 – Nancy Lombardo

**Psalm for the Day – Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7**

### 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

*You are encouraged to 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*

### 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

*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.**

**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.*

**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.**

**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: Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8**

**P** The LORD is the strength of his people;

**C** he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**P** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

**C** lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

**C** when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

**P** Blessed be the LORD!

**C** For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**C** my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**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** The LORD is the strength of his people;

**C** he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

## Kyrie

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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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 mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35:4–7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf  
unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing  
for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of  
water."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 146

**A** <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**C Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

**A** <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**A** <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes,

**C in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

**A** <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

**C on that very day his plans perish.**

**A** <sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**C whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**A** <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,

**C who keeps faith forever;**

**A** <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed,

**C who gives food to the hungry.**

**A** The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**C The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**

**A** <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

**C but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**A** <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,

**C your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

## Epistle: James 2:1–10, 14–18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag

you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

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**C** 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 7:31–37

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on

him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**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*

**853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

## Sermon

## Offering

We should give to God in a spirit of joyfulness.

"... God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 159

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

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## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

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**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

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**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

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who**

trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Pax Domini**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

**528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

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**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.

### Benediction

**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** A - men.

### 844 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

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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
Monday	Labor Day	
Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
	Office Closed Today	
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, John Dickson, Virginia McDonnell, Megan Mars, Mike Stanley, Sandy Searcy, John Zabik, Dennis Goers & Carl Grunwald.

**As well as our family, friends & neighbors**—John Carlton, Vic Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, 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, Rick Prueter, Jan Oleszczak, Julie Campbell, Mike Kethman, David Doe, Lisa Grunwald (daughter-in-law of Carl & Carolyn – brain surgery), Sue Moore (neighbor & friend of Janet Kramb – hospice), Pam Jaeger (sister-in-law of Dan & Linda Brown – surgery), Susan Barrons (friend of Stan & Geri Nelson – breast cancer), Bill Brese (Joe & Linda Hadley - cancer & surgery), Ann Bond (cancer – wife of Dan Brown's friend), Aleen, Jackie, George, MaryAnn & Harley.

**The church office will be closed** on Monday & Tuesday, September 6 & 7 in observance of Labor Day.



	<u>Thru June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$127,614.10	\$16,340.00	\$143,954.10
Expenses	\$128,565.16	\$18,977.94	\$147,543.10
Surplus/Deficit (-)	(-\$ 951.06)	(-\$ 2,637.94)	(-\$ 3,589.00)
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$115,105.00	\$23,021.00	\$138,126.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Sunday	\$ 1,683.00	\$ 5,230.00	(-\$ 3,547.00)

Want to contribute electronically? Visit [faithhighland.com/give](http://faithhighland.com/give) to get started.

**Ladies Wednesday Bible Study** – “MARK” – Come join us for this laid-back Bible Study - no homework – no reading (if you choose) – just friends searching the scriptures together. Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00am.



**Stephen Ministry** - Why do we need an organized program of care givers - Stephen Ministers? We have many needs for care in our congregation: people experiencing the stressful challenges of divorce, grief, serious or terminal health issues, job loss or relocation, empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness. Often people with needs suffer silently without a level of care they really need. With one pastor for our congregation of

so many families and hundreds of individual members, plus their extended family, you can see why it would be impossible for Pastor Moyer to meet every single need of every single person. Often, he is not even aware of troubles! The help of our Elders and our many, many individual volunteers are a tremendous blessing, but Stephen Ministry expands the care Faith can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care to those who most need it. And, the more Stephen Ministers we have in our program, the more people we can care for in this organized approach. Please pray for our Stephen Ministry program at Faith, for our Stephen Ministers, for our care receivers – past, current and future, and for those who are considering becoming a Stephen Minister.

### **Birthdays**

6 Rachel Ayers  
10 Mike Genson  
10 Lois Greene  
11 Tim Claus

### **Anniversaries**

Dan & Linda Brown  
9-08-1984  
Neil & Laura Hornbacher  
9-10-2011



HAPPY  
**90th**  
BIRTHDAY

**A Very SPECIAL Happy Birthday** to **Loise Greene** who turns 90 on September 10. God bless you, Loise, on your special day!!! If you would like to send Loise a birthday card, her address is:  
**Lois Greene, Victor Manor, 1305 Ford Rd., White Lake, MI 48383-2544**

**Men – Mark Your Calendars** for the next Men's B-n-B on **Saturday, September 18 at 11:00am.** RSVP to Pastor by Thursday, September 16. Thank you.



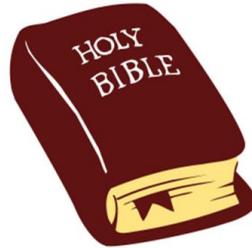
**Men's B-n-B**

# Faith Lutheran Church

Join us for Sunday School this fall!

Sunday 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Confirmation Class  
(6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
Youth Bible Study  
(9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Adult Bible Study



Starting NEXT SUNDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
Listen & Learn about Our Faith & Our Lord.



**Why trust the Bible?** - Christians stake their beliefs, worship practices, even their lives on the words of this thousands of years old collection of anthologies and letters. But why? There are lots of other ancient texts; what makes this one stand out? This fall in Sunday morning Bible study we will be taking a look at what the Bible is (and isn't) and why we believe "This is the Word of the Lord." **Join us from 9:45-10:45 in the Sanctuary.**

**Disaster response** - The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is already assessing how to address the needs of impacted communities after Hurricane Ida and the Haitian earthquake. You can find out how to donate or volunteer at <https://www.lcms-lert.org/>

