

New beginnings. New life.



JUNE 29, 2025

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ. **Welcome to Faith:** We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a guest or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Gauger after the worship service.

Communion: We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.

To the Parents of Young Children: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me & do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery. Both bathrooms have a changing table. There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. We are glad you are here with your children!

Pastor - Vacant

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Announcements

Sharing the Peace



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

Invocation

Pastor People	In the name of the Father and of the $+$ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
Pastor	If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People	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

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People 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

Pastor 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 +I+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People	Amen.
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Kyrie

Pastor	In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor	For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.

Pastor	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.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor	For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
People	Lord, have mercy.
Pastor	Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People	Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:9b-21

Behold, the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the

twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Reader	This is the Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

 $^1 For$ freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

ReaderThis is the Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand



Holy Gospel

Luke 9: 51-62

PastorThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.PeopleGlory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

PastorThis is the Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

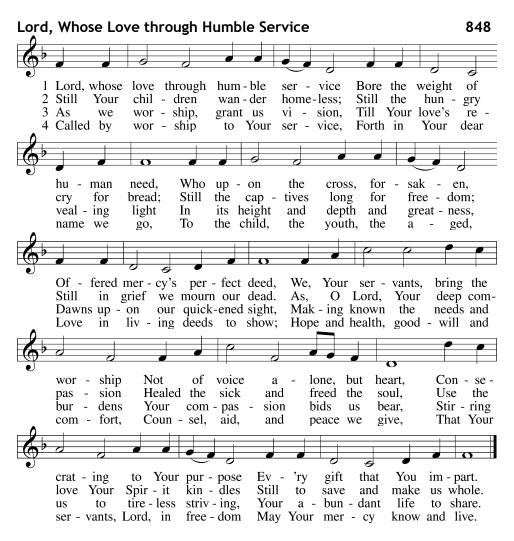
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

l acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

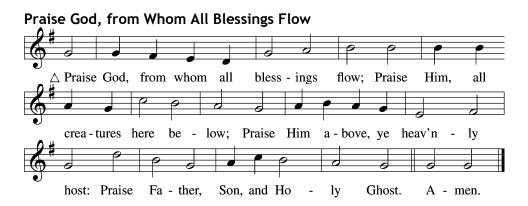
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Sermon: "Freed to Serve Others in Love"

Offering

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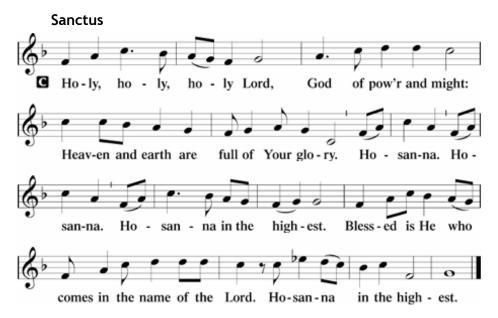


Prayer of the Church

+ Service of the Sacrament +

Pastor	The Lord be with you.
People	And with thy spirit.
Pastor	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Pastor	Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
People	It is meet and right so to do.
Preface	

Pastor It is truly meet, 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Pastor Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

> In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

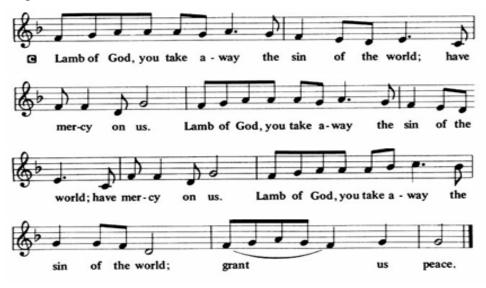
Lord's Prayer

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

Pastor	The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People	Amen.

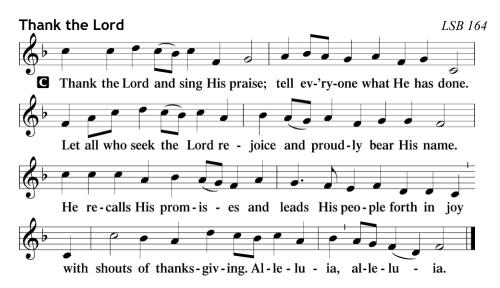
Agnus Dei



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Thanksgiving

Pastor	O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
People	and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

Benediction

- People Amen.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds Θ Θ 1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love; 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers; 3 We share our mu - tual Our bur - dens bear, woes, mu - tual 4 When here our path - ways We suf - fer bit - ter pain; part, 5 From sor-row, toil, and And sin we shall be free pain, 0 The fel-low-ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a bove. Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares. flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing And of - ten for each oth - er tear. Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a gain. And per-fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Silent Prayer



Dates to Remember

Sun. Jul	6	Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
Sun. Ju	l 6	Installation Ceremony for Pastor Daniel 3 PM
<u>Birthdays</u> Sat. Jι	ıl 5	Brian Sowinski & Riley Spicer

Faith Servant Schedule

Date	June 29, 2025	July 6, 2025	July 13, 2025
Acolyte	Hudson Blackburn	Korbyn Corum	Piper Maxwell
Screens	Piper Maxwell	Jamey Maxwell	Peter Klein
Reader	Jamey Maxwell	Dave Trimble	Justin Lange
Ushers	Richard Wright Mike Wright	Mike Wright Kevin Buck	Steve Sparenberg Richard Wright
Music	Roberta Sparenberg	Angie Corum	Roberta Sparenberg
Elder	Jamey Maxwell	Jamey Maxwell	Jamey Maxwell
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See David Daniel installed as our new Pastor July 6th at 3:00 PM here at Faith Lutheran Church.

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