

Faith Lutheran Church

RALLY SUNDAY



September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

God is Here Today

ACS 993



Dios es - tá a - quí, tan
God is here to - day; as

cier-to co-mo el ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan
cer - tain as the air I breathe, as

cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan
cer - tain as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as

cier-to co-mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace by Chris Tomlin

Faith Chancel Choir

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

PSALM (Read Responsively): Psalm 103:8-13

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - in³ed morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

PRESENTATION OF 3 YEAR OLD AND 4TH GRADE BIBLES

APOSTLE'S CREED

Together we confess our faith...I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



OFFERING

To give online, scan the QR Code:

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

There is gluten free bread and grape juice available – just let your communion server know when you get up there!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452



- 1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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In our thoughts and prayers:

Gloria Schultz, Roger & Bev Valentine, Ron & Esther Lunz, Peggy Morrison, Michael "Mic" Mickelson, Phyllis Jacobson, Joyce Paulson, Loni Bultman, Judy Wohlin, Laurie Brothen, mother of Joy White; Rondi Adams, daughter Jill Moore & grandson Noah; Darlene Lind

Altar Flowers given by:

- Lynda & Terry Manselle in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary!
- Barb & Mylo Gjerde in honor of their 64th wedding anniversary!

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY AT FAITH!! SIGN UP TODAY!

Our picture dates are: Wednesday-Friday, November 4-6 from 2:00-8:40pm and Saturday, November 7 from 10:00am-4:00pm.

How to sign up for a picture time: To sign up online, you can scan the QR code, go to our website faithspicer.org and click on the link at the top of the page or go to: schedule.ucdir.com - on this page you will be asked for the following:



- **Church Code:** MN691
- **Church Password:** MNmembers691

Once you are logged in, you will be able to choose from any of the timeslots available. If you have a family of five or more or would like to do multiple generations (grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc.), please sign up for two consecutive time slots. Please note: The online registration is only available Monday-Friday and will be shut off for the weekends.

On Sunday mornings we will have a table with a paper sign-up in which you can sign up for a timeslot. You can also call the church office and we can get you signed up! 320-796-2522. If we don't see your name on the list of appointments, we will reach out by phone to invite you to participate.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory! You will also have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to families and friends (our date is early enough for Christmas cards as well!)

You can also submit your own personal family photo to be included in the directory (the cost for this option is \$15). Please send this picture to the church office (office@faithspicer.org). This picture should be in portrait orientation, if possible.

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & SEEDS + SPROUTS

3yr old - 5th Grade (must be potty-trained)

Sunday School: Sundays, 10:00-11:00am

Seeds + Sprouts: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm



REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION

Grades 6th-8th

Wednesdays at 6:30pm following the Feast Meal
at 5:15pm and Feast Worship at 6:00pm.



REGISTER FOR FAITH'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Join Pastor Tim on Saturday, October 10 from 9:00am -12:00pm
for Faith's First Communion Class to learn all about communion!
For any age (parents, if you feel like your child is ready to learn
about communion and participate, all are welcome!). Parents
AND children should attend. Kids will participate in Communion
on Sunday, November 1.



FEAST MEALS – WEDNESDAYS at 5:15pm (Starting Sept. 16)

COST: The cost is \$7 per person, family maximum of \$28, kids
5 yrs. and under are FREE. Buy a prepaid punch card (\$63)
and receive one meal FREE (punch cards stay at church so no
need to keep track of it!) There are always peanut butter & jelly
sandwiches available for the kids.



SIGNING UP: You can sign up by scanning the QR code, at the
Welcome Center or go to faithspicer.org (click on "Sign Up" tab).
We ask that you try to sign up by noon on Monday the week
of the meal. This way we can get an accurate count for each
meal. We also need volunteers to help serve and clean up
after the meal. Sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code.



THE GREAT LUTEFISK REUNION IS COMING!!

Save the date for **Saturday, October 24!** Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-ups, we'll
have more information coming soon!