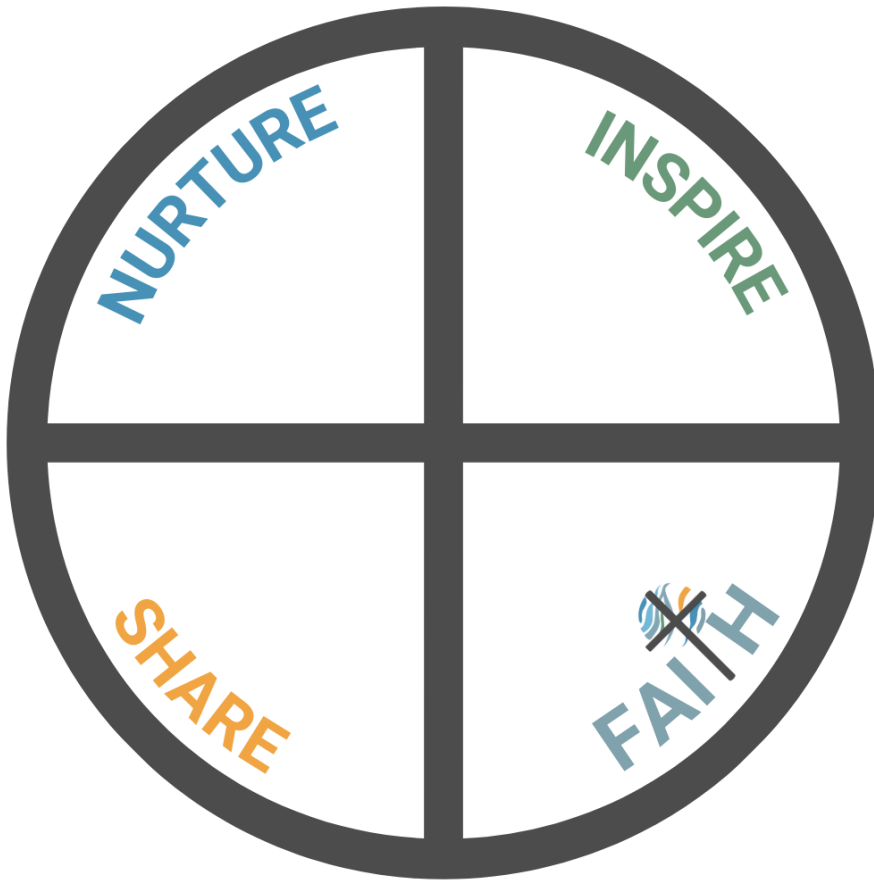


# Faith Lutheran Church

## RALLY SUNDAY



September 8, 2024

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*-- Silence is kept for reflection. --*

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Earth and All Stars!*

ELW 731, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Refrain:** God has done marvelous things. I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! Sing to the Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! Sing to the Lord a new song!

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new 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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Faith Chancel Choir

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## COMMISSIONING OF THE 2024-2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

**PSALM (Read Responsively):** Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup> Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup> **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**

**SECOND READING:** James 2:1-10, 14-17  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
SERMON**

Pastor Tim Routh

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

W&P 113

Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**PRESENTATION OF 3YR OLD AND 3<sup>RD</sup>/4<sup>TH</sup> 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 your always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*To give online, scan the QR Code:*



## OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

## 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**    *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*    ELW 886 vs. 1, 3, 4, 6

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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*In our thoughts and prayers:*

- ~ Lila Burmeister
- ~ Dave Eliason
- ~ Kellie Prentice
- ~ Barb & Mylo Gjerde
- ~ All of our kids, youth, young adults, teachers, and school staff as they start up a new school year

*Altar Flowers given by:*

- ~ Sherri & Mike Klaers to celebrate back to school and fall!!

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL & SEEDS + SPROUTS

*3yr old - 5th Grade*

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

Seeds + Sprouts: Wednesdays, 6:35-7:30pm



## CONFIRMATION

*Grades 6th-8th*

Wednesdays at 6:35pm following the Feast Meal

at 5:15pm and Feast Worship at 6:00pm.



## TIME AND TALENTS FORM

Have you taken the time to fill out our membership update form yet? Part of the form is a Time and Talents section that helps us gear up for fall volunteer opportunities!



## FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Join Pastor Tim on Saturday, October 12 from 9:00am -12:00pm for Faith's First Communion Class to learn all about communion and even make your own communion bread! 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 3.



## FEAST MEALS – WEDNESDAYS at 5:15pm (Starting Sept. 11)

**COST:** The cost is \$7 per person, family maximum of \$28, kids 5 yrs. and under are FREE. Cash or check only. 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 kiddos.



**SIGNING UP:** You can sign up by scanning the QR code, at the Welcome Center or go to [faithspicer.org](http://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 LUTEFISK OPENER IS COMING

Join us: October 26, 2024 from 4:00 - 7:00pm with doors opening at 3:45. We will be serving Lutefisk, Meatballs, Lefse, Sanbakels, Krumkake and many other treats. Keep the tradition alive - plan to bring your entire family and your neighbors as well!! This is a community event that helps fund many important ministries here at Faith.

Volunteers: sign-up online or at the Welcome Center.

Tickets: purchase your tickets online (faithspicer.org), by calling the church office, or at the Welcome Center – please note, no physical tickets will be given out. When you buy a ticket, your name will be added to our list and that will get you in the door.

*Adults (ages 13+): \$20 (\$22 at the door), Youth (7-12 years old): \$15, Kids 6 and under: Free*

## HOW HAVE YOU SEEN GOD THIS SUMMER?

We want you –yes YOU, to exercise your creativity and fill our display case with imagery/visual art that speaks to how you encounter God at work in the world, how you feel God's divine presence or places that feel steeped in the Holy Spirit to you. Submissions can be any medium: photography, painting, woodwork, textiles, beadwork, needlepoint, the sky is the limit (literally). Submissions can be dropped off at the Welcome Center. **Taking submissions NOW – October 1.**

## SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: FREEZER MEALS MINISTRY PROGRAM

This is a creative ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church! Every few months, a group gets together to make 4 different delicious meals. Participants get to take home one of each of these meals for their families to enjoy back home, and extra meals are made to be given out for Faith visitation and support visits. These wonderful meals help spread God's love through food! October date for this event coming soon!

## STAFFING UPDATE

Starting mid-September, Tina, our Office Administrator, will be going down to 4 days a week. She will still be in the office Monday - Thursday, so you won't notice too much of a change! She will be starting a 2-year internship with her church in Atwater to complete her training to become a Deacon in the ELCA.

## WELCOME JULIE KNUTSON & CAMRYN LUND TO THE FAITH STAFF!!

We are so excited to share that **Julie is our new Education Coordinator** and will be working with Pastor Tim and the Education Committee to help make sure our education programs here at Faith continue to thrive! **Camryn will be our new Green Lake Lutheran Ministries' Ministry Associate** (similar to Rae this past year)!!