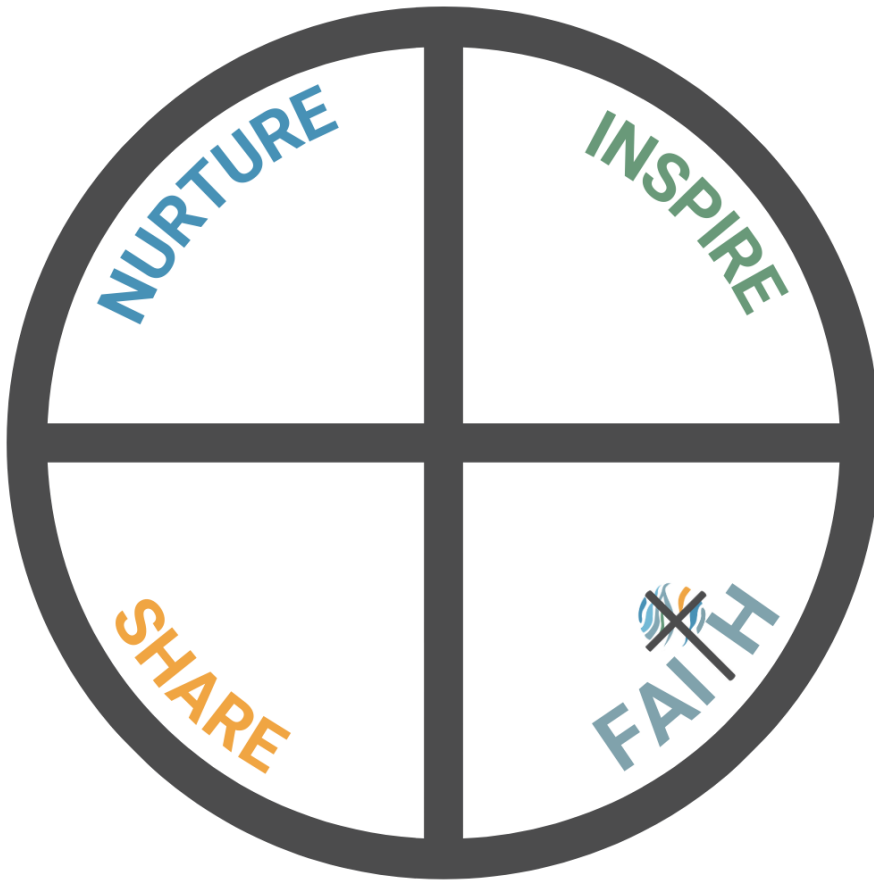


# Faith Lutheran Church

## RALLY SUNDAY



September 7, 2025

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

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*Faith Begins By Letting Go*

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**1** Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure, taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure: pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

**2** Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive so that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

**3** Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts; till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

## 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. Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Faith Chancel Choir

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## COMMISSIONING OF JOY WHITE & THE 2025-2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

**FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**PSALM (Read Responsively):** Psalm 1

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,  
<sup>2</sup> **but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**  
<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> **The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,  
<sup>6</sup> **for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**SECOND READING:** Philemon 1-21

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

**GOSPEL:** Luke 14:25-33

## SERMON

Pastor Tim Routh

1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners Free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear Inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## PRESENTATION OF 3 YEAR OLD AND 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

God of grace, receive our prayer.

### PEACE

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

## OFFERING

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our 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.**

## 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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Lift High the Cross*

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Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod, our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Do not lose heart! **Thanks be to God!**

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## *In our thoughts and prayers:*

Lila Burmeister; Bev Bahr for healing; Joe Jardin, Katherine Ragan's dad; Louise Stenberg for health concerns; Iris Johnson; Marlys Jacobson for upcoming surgery; Kim Routh, Pastor Tim's sister-in-law; Bev Valentine

## *Altar Flowers given by:*

- Deb & Larry Knudsen in honor of their grandchildren and all students going back to classes this fall!
- Barb & Mylo Gjerde in honor of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary!

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## REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & SEEDS + SPROUTS

*3yr old - 5th Grade*

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

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



## REGISTER FOR CONFIRMATION

*Grades 6th-8th*

Wednesdays at 6:35pm 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 11 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 2.



## FEAST MEALS – WEDNESDAYS at 5:15pm (Starting Sept. 10)

**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

Save the date for Saturday, October 25! Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-ups –  
more information coming soon!

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

This is a creative ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church! Throughout the year, 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!

## FREED TO SERVE

The Stewardship Committee has launched a special effort to pay down the remaining \$430,000 on our building mortgage. Every gift will help lower our monthly costs and free up resources to focus more on people - building connections, supporting families, and creating spaces where everyone can grow and belong. Together, we can make an investment that strengthens our whole community for years to come! Please make sure to mark your gift with a note that it is for the mortgage pay-down. Scan the QR to give online now!



## UPDATED SPACES AT FAITH!

We are excited to be refreshing some spaces at Faith Lutheran, including the former preschool space, Sunday School rooms and current youth room. Our vision is to create a welcoming, inviting space in all areas that will be used by people of all ages, both by Faith members and our community. We'd love your help to make this happen! You can contribute to these spaces by giving a monetary gift in person or online. Or, you can purchase from our Amazon Wish List (these items will be sent directly to church).

If you'd like to help with projects for these spaces (painting, furniture assembly, room set up, hanging items on the walls, etc.) please sign up below and we will reach out as projects arise.

Thank you for joining us as we nurture, inspire and share the love of Jesus!

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### AMAZON WISH LIST:



### HELP WITH PROJECTS:

