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MAY 25, 2025

9:30 AM



Psalm 85

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY

In Honor of Barb Czerwonka's Living Parents, who Model Grace and Humility

In Honor of Stephen Wareham's Graduation by Jon & Karrie Wareham

In Honor of Nicolas Sinatra's Graduation by Greg & Stacy Sinatra

At the beginning of the service all are asked to sign the attendance card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate during the collection. So that we may better serve you and send you more information, guests, please print your address and telephone number on this card.

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THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Elder on Duty	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
9:30 am Worship	Vinny Caracci Steve Buchtrup	Ward Irvin Greg Sinatra	Bill Smith Tim Lambert	Vinny Caracci Steve Buchtrup
Readers	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
9:30 am	David Barnett	Greg Schaag	Ron Shultheiss	Laura Calfee

WE BELIEVE GOD'S WORD... ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion Christ gives His true body and blood under the form of bread and wine for the assurance of the forgiveness of sins. We believe Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament, and as we come in faith to receive it, we receive Him. The Bible teaches that those who eat without recognizing the Lord's body, eat and drink judgment on themselves (*1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). Those baptized and believing Christians who share our confession of faith are welcome guests at the Altar. The Pastor would be glad to answer any questions relating to our faith or practice. Anyone not confirmed or communing is welcome to come and receive a blessing.

Also Happening This Week

Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Create in Me - Ladies' Crafts

Our Discipleship in the past weeks:

Worship	5/4/2025	5/11/2025	5/18/2025	5/25/2025
9:30 am	128/124	163/152	138/124	
Sunday School	32	40	10	
Monthly Budget	\$51,100	\$51,100	\$51,100	\$51,100
Weekly Giving	\$8,569	\$10,091	\$8,967	
On-Line Giving	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Giving MTD	\$8,569	\$18,660	\$27,627	

AS WE GATHER

It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there. In the meantime, there's no time to lose. "Ask," Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). You see, even now He is with us. What would you like to ask Him?

OPENING HYMN

Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966

♩ 1. Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.

Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

2. The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.

For this bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand— Our thanks we pay.

3. May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.

4. Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.

5. And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Salvation's song!

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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.
Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 152

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

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

♪ Lord, have mercy.

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. **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **♪ Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Power, riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

♪ And also with you.

Let us pray.... (*The collect is prayed.*)

Amen.

FIRST READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its

radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

✠ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

✠ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

- ♪ 1. Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation.
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
3. We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
4. He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
5. All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

SERMON

"God's Great Book"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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THE 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you! Amen.**

*Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you.
We examine ourselves before partaking our Lord's Supper.*

Earth and all Stars

LSB 817

- ♪ 1. Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!
2. Hail, wind, and rain, loud blowing snowstorms, sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees, loud rustling leaves, sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!
3. 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!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!
4. Engines and steel, loud pounding hammers, sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, loud building workers, sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!
5. 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!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!
6. 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!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!
7. Children of God, Dying and rising, sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 166

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

♫ **1. God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night. When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.**

**2. So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!**

SENDING

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

What's Ahead at Faith!

May 26: Church and School Offices Closed on Monday

June 8 (Pentecost): Pastor Jeff Jordan, RiverCliff, Circuit Visitor

June 15: Pastor Mark Buckert, Preaching

June 22: Pastor Mark Buckert, Preaching

June 29: Pastor Greg Walton, Preaching

Summer Bible Study... "Paul's Companions" (Partners in Acts)....June 1

Sundays, 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., Cafeteria. Join us for a look at the fellow believers and servants of the Lord Jesus, working with the Apostle Paul, to share the Gospel.

Pastoral Calls for Faith Members Nicholas Sinatra and Stephen Wareham! We rejoice that God has blessed the Church with two new pastoral servants from Faith...

Nicholas Sinatra, son of Greg and Stacy Sinatra, has received a Divine Call into the Office of the Public Ministry to serve at Saint John Lutheran Church (305 Angie St, Sanborn, IA, 51248-1036), Iowa District West. Nicholas and his wife Joselyn will be with us in worship on June 8th! Stephen Wareham, son of Jon and Karrie Wareham, has also received a Divine Call into the Office of the Public Ministry to serve at Messiah Lutheran Church (500 Baytree Road, Valdosta, Georgia 31602), Florida - Georgia District. We are also pleased to welcome Stephen here at Faith on June 8th, before he begins his pastoral Call.

We celebrate with these two young men, members of Faith and graduates of Faith Lutheran School, that God has placed them into His Church to serve as pastors. And we look forward to greeting them, congratulating them, and praying the Lord's rich blessings on their ministries.