



# Faith Lutheran Church & School

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**AUGUST 17, 2025**

**9:30 AM**



*Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!**

For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him. But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend. We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **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.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY**

*TO THE GLORY OF GOD*

## **ATTENDANCE CARDS**

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.

## **SERVING THIS MONTH AT FAITH**

	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
Elders	Steve Buchtrup Vinny Caracci	Glenn Jones Ron Shultheiss	Ward Irvin Tim Lambert	Steve Buchtrup Greg Sinatra	Ward Irvin Greg Schaag
Readers	Stacy Sinatra	Brennan Lambert	Ward Irvin	Jon Wareham	Ron Shultheiss
Ushers	Greg, Matthew, Jacob, Luke or Sam Czerwonka	Steve Buchtrup, Mark Patterson, Gary Schleicher	Kim Kaumeyer Greg Sinatra	TBD	TBD
Acolytes	Isaac Bradshaw Alex Bradshaw	Jeremiah Bass Ryan Cain	Scarlett Walker Andrew Linsey	Adam Cain Alex Bradshaw	Ryan Cain Eli Bradshaw

## **ALSO HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

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

## **OUR DISCIPLESHIP IN THE PAST WEEKS:**

	8/3/2025	8/10/2025	8/17/2025	8/24/2025	8/31/2025
Worship					
9:30 am	147/129	111/107			
Sunday School	29	17			
Monthly Budget	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000
Weekly Giving	\$8,930	\$9,337	\$	\$	\$
On-Line Giving	\$3,254	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Giving MTD	\$12,184	\$21,521	\$	\$	\$

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## AS WE GATHER

The verbal command “Hold on!” is one that gets our immediate attention. We know instinctively that holding on will keep us safe or secure in some way as we journey through life. The pages of Scripture call us to “hold on” to some very special things. In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer enjoins us: “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering” (Hebrews 10:23). Paul directs his coworker, Timothy, (and all of us) to “Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called” (1 Timothy 6:12) and encourages him to be “holding faith and a good conscience” (1 Timothy 1:19). Our worship together gives us the opportunity to hold on not only to our Lord Jesus Christ but also to one another as we journey on together toward our heavenly home.

### Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

♪ 1. Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;

Help us to praise; Father all-glorious,

O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2. Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;

Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,

And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

3. Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear

In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,

Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

4. To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be

Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty

May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

## INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean.**

**Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. "Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made

mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49-53

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

I'm But a Stranger Here

LSB 748

♪ 1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home; Earth is a desert drear,  
Heav'n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on ev'ry hand; Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

2. What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heav'n is my home; And time's wild wintry blast  
Soon shall be overpast; I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
3. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home; Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heav'n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand;  
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

## SERMON

PASTOR JAHR

*Thank you, Pastor Jahr, for being with us and sharing the Lord's Word!*

## 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

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(A time of silence for personal prayer.)* **hear our prayer.**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(For your convenience, we now accept gifts via Venmo or PayPal.)*

*Please Stand*

## PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.**

## 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 INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

*(Please take a moment and share the Peace of the Lord with those around you)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

- ♪ 1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
3. Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.
4. I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
5. Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
6. Now my conscience is at peace; From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
7. Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

LSB 610

- ♪ 1. Lord Jesus, think on me And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free And make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me, By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be And taste Your promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery, O be my health and life!

**4. Lord Jesus, think on me Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity Point out Your chosen way.**

**5. Lord Jesus, think on me That, when this life is past,  
I may the\_ternal brightness see And share Your joy at last.**

#### **DISMISSAL AND POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING HYMN**

Almighty Father, Bless The Word

*LSB 923*

**♫ 1. Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**

**2. We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.**

**3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### **SENDING**

Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**