

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"To Your Temple, Lord I Come" (LSB 981; LW 207)
See yellow insert

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

EXHORTATION

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" (LSB 946)

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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\dagger **WORD** \dagger

INTROIT

Ps. 103:15-19 (antiphon: Ps. 103:8)

- P** The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- C** As for man, his days are like grass;

He flourishes like a flower of the field;

P For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

C **But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,**

P to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

C **The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.**

C **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.**

P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning, grant that we may so hear them read, mark, learn, and inwardly
digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting
life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 55:10–13* (God's powerful Word for all)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Bless His Holy Name" (Johann Gramann, arr. Mark Shepperd)
Laura Streich, vocalist
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 8:12–17* (Life through the Spirit)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23* (The parable of the sower)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "Praise and Thanksgiving" (LSB 789)

SERMON "A Seedy Situation" (St. Matthew 13:1-9m 18-23)
Pastor Brad Urbach

POST SERMON HYMN "On What Has Now Been Sown" (LSB 921)

THE CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
11:00 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Father of mercy, our sins have merited thorns and briars and yield only trouble and strife. Forgive our transgressions and discipline us against temptation, that we may rejoice in Your name and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, You send forth Your Word as abundantly as rains upon the earth. Grant that we would never take Your generosity for granted, but would seek the help and refreshment of Your Word in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of life, continue to sow Your Word through the fields of the earth. Bless pastors and missionaries as they proclaim Your truth. Prepare the hearts of all who hear to believe and yield abundant fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, bless parents with faithfulness as they plant Your Word into their children, that they may grow steadfast among the cares and troubles of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Creator of heaven and earth, by Your Word You send forth rain and snow to make the world bring forth and sprout. Give seed to the sower and bread to the eater. Provide us seasonable weather and bountiful harvest, that we may enjoy daily bread and praise Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, look with mercy upon those who suffer from illness of body or mind. [*Be especially with _____.*] Give them healing. Comfort them with Your presence. Grant them patience to endure suffering, and assure them at all times that they are Your dear children and that the glory of Christ awaits them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P God of all grace, You have made us Your holy children and freed us from bondage to the flesh. Sustain us in repentance and faith, that we may receive Christ's body and blood for life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your Spirit calls us by the Gospel to the new life of faith. We praise You and acknowledge You as our Lord. Deliver us from the devil's temptations, that we may live under You and serve You in righteousness, innocence and blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ **8:30 am Service**

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

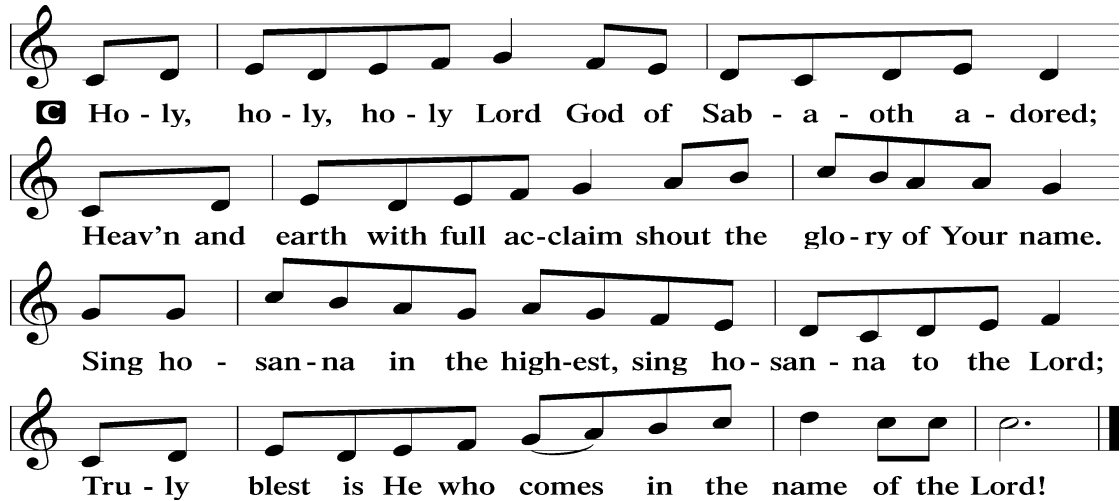
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



"Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB 618)

"O Living Bread from Heaven" (LSB 642)

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P 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.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

(LSB 923)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER Though you may be familiar with Jesus’ parable of the sower, you may be surprised to hear that you do not really know it yet! That’s because on the one hand, the Word of God does not change. Yet on the other hand, we need to keep hearing it again and again, because our circumstances are constantly changing. The parable of the sower tells of this mystery. The seed is God’s Word, God’s work of planting repentance and faith in ears who hear. We may think of the various kinds of soil Jesus mentions to be various sorts of people.

Actually, however, He is describing each individual in their changing circumstances. There are times when we are “good soil,” that is, we understand God’s Word and take comfort in it. There are other times, however, when we either cannot or will not hear it. Sometimes we become hard paths, rocky or distracted by worries or fears. For this reason, God never ceases planting, speaking, and growing faith in the heart, and we return repeatedly to continue hearing, reading, learning, and receiving God’s Word because He never gives up on you.

He told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow." *Matthew 13:3*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.
"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Seventh Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Reverend Brad Urbach. Pastor Urbach is our part-time Visitation Pastor. Pastor Handschke will preach next Sunday and is returning early this week from a family vacation. The Urbachs are off early this week for a bucket list trip to Alaska and pastor Urbach will preach again August 6. May God grant our pastors and their families safe travels.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jul. 5, Att. 20, Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Jul. 9, Att. 246;** General Fund \$12,258.52; Sunday School \$1.35; Building Fund \$115.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$600.00; HVAC \$300.00; Bus Upkeep Fund \$1,150.00; Corder Family Fund \$235.00; Endowment Fund (Generations) \$102.75.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we

deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the form of a **check**. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

Forever Young This Thursday, July 20, we will once again meet for a potluck meal at noon. All retired, semi-retired and those 55 and older members are welcomed. Bring a friend or visiting family members. Beverage will be provided.



Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 4pm

Steamboat Park Amphitheater

Pulled Pork with all the fixin's

Music and food free & open to the public

Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

There are 2 station changes for KDLT viewers. **May 7 and May 28th** will air on FOX due to broadcast pre-emptions.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Flight Plan" - A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

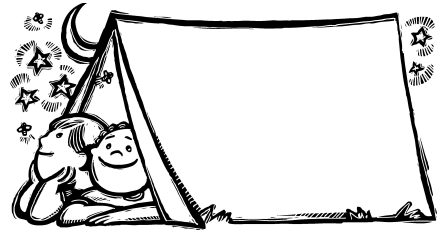
10:30 AM - Rev. Jeremy Yeadon, pastor at St. John's-Zion Lutheran Churches in Groton-Andover, SD presents a message titled "How Deep Will It Go?" This sermon is based on Matt. 18:1-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Waiting is difficult; in Christ, we have the now and not yet. But as we learn and relearn to wait on Him, we find joy in His good work and patient craftsmanship

in our lives. Though under construction, God works through us to bless the world. May you find great joy in fruit-bearing as you faithfully wait on HIM.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Circuit Bible Camp Students who have **finished** grades 4-8 are invited to attend Circuit Bible Camp. Camp runs **July 24-26** and we will be tubing the Niobrara. Our theme is “**Shine like Stars**”. We will swim, play, and eat delicious camp food. Cost: \$60, Faith will scholarship \$30 for each of our member students who wish to attend. Registration forms are on the oak table in the Narthex. Please sign up early. Let the office know so we can get the scholarship monies sorted out.



Please be at the church by 8:00 am July 24th to load up and get ready to travel to the camp site.



Vacation Bible School “God’s Living Water-Covered in Jesus’ Grace” is our theme for this year’s VBS. The dates for VBS are **August 6-10**. From 5-6 pm there will be a meal for all participants. Then

from 6-8 pm will be our VBS learning activities.



Our Broadcasts

Our Sonrise radio broadcast and our Cable broadcast are sponsored this week by Pat Huisman in loving memory of her husband Veryl.

There are many occasions to sponsor our broadcasts, births, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, adoptions, etc. Any joyous occasion, the remembrance of loved ones or to the Glory of God.

Our Sonrise radio broadcast may be sponsored for \$30.00. The radio broadcast may be found each Sunday morning at 6:40 on KCCR. Our Cable Broadcast may be sponsored for \$35.00. This covers the weekly fee. The cable broadcast is on channel 8 Wednesday evening at 7:00. You may sponsor both the Cable Broadcast and Sonrise for \$60.00. The sign-up is on the traveling bulletin board in the Narthex.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jul. 16

8:30 am Communion
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.
5:00 pm Board of Education
5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
7:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Jul. 17

6-9 pm Pickelball
6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Jul. 18

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Jul. 19

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jul. 20

8:00 am Staff Devotions
12:00 pm Forever Young

Sun: Jul. 23

8:30 am Worship
11:00 am Communion

