

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

(LSB 804)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C 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.
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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

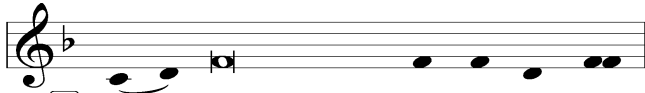
✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT

Ps 86:11-15; (antiphon: Ps. 86:6)

- P** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.
- C** **Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.**
- P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
- C** **For great is your steadfast love toward me;
You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**
- P** O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,
And they do not set you before them.
- C** **But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**
- 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** Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

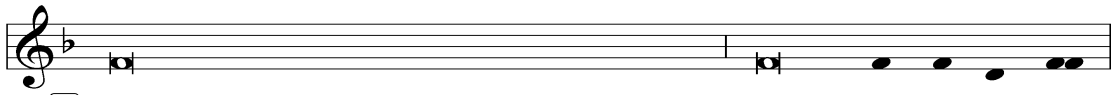
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



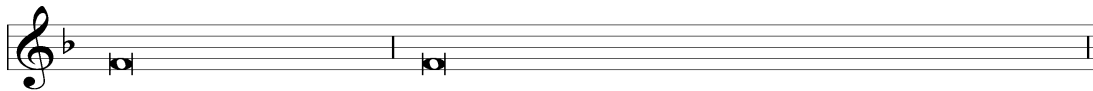
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



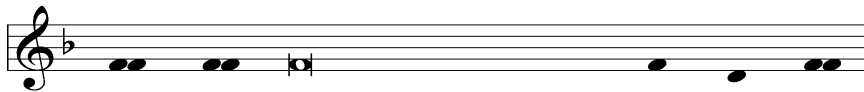
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



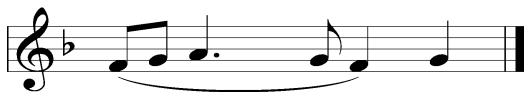
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that ever mindful of Your final judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 44:6–8

(No one compares to God.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" (J.S. Bach, arr. Jeremy Corcoran)
Katherine Schmidt & Andrew Wulf, flutes

EPISTLE *Romans 8:18–27* (The Holy Spirit intercedes as we wait for the end of this troubled world.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below the second staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. A common time signature (C) is placed at the beginning of the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43* (The parable of the wheat and weeds)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

(LSB 663)

SERMON

"Entangled Roots"

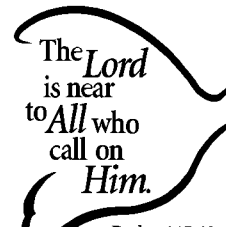
(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED	8:30	<i>Apostles'</i>	<i>Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book</i>
	11:00	<i>Nicene</i>	<i>Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book</i>

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Redeemer and Lord of hosts, the future is in Your hands. Remove all fear from us, and keep us mindful that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of heaven and earth, we give thanks that Your Son, Jesus Christ, died to redeem the world and restore creation. Until new life supplants the groanings of this age, lead us to steward Your creation well, not in waste but in wise and diligent use with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, pour out the blessing of Your Holy Spirit on the delegates who will assemble in convention this week. Give wisdom to those who propose, deliberate and decide for the work and welfare of our Synod. Guard all who speak and all who listen. Give us courage to do with integrity what we promise. Bless our plans and actions, and grant success. Only let our manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We give You thanks for all who serve as instruments of Your compassion, those who care for the elderly at home, and those who work in retirement and nursing facilities. Grant that we also may serve as Your hands, feet and voices to give comfort and company to the lonely. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Be patient with those who do not repent or believe. Send Your Holy Spirit to bring them into saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Guide the leaders of all nations that they would work for peace and justice in the face of conflict and discord. By, or despite, their efforts, protect the weak and defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We commend to You all who endure the bondage of decay through infirmity and weakness [*especially* _____]. Deliver them according to Your will, and strengthen and preserve their faith, that they may rejoice that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve us in hope for what we do not see. Grant that we would receive Your Holy Supper with hearts free from pride, presumption or any other sin that would profane His precious body and blood. May we rejoice in His bodily presence for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have called us according to Your purpose. You cause all things to work together for our good. Keep us safe until that day when You gather us with the saints into Your 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.**

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 8:30 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 pastors**, 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** ✠
11:00 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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 pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You tak
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major. The first staff has lyrics: "world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You tak". The second staff has lyrics: "sin of the world; grant us peace." To the right of the first staff is an illustration of a chalice and a plate with a host.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (LSB 761)
- "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (LSB 650)

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
 with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is in G major and consists of four staves. The lyrics are written below the notes.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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

“On What Has Now Been Sown”

(LSB 921)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**



AS WE GATHER God’s plans are far beyond our understanding. Even His divine existence sends our minds reeling. No wonder that Jesus’ disciples, and we who follow them, cannot figure out why He lets His and our spiritual enemies live with us. But because we have been given faith by the Holy Spirit, and although we cannot understand God’s plans, in the death and resurrection of Christ, our Lord, we trust His divine wisdom. We have the firstfruits of the Spirit and know that the Spirit intercedes for us. Thus, even in the groans of our prayers, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. In sure hope, we wait for the day when we shall “shine like the sun” in our Father’s kingdom.

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. *Matthew 13:43*

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Eighth 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 today is Reverend Sam Handschke. Pastor Urbach, our Visitation Pastor, is enjoying a trip to Alaska.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

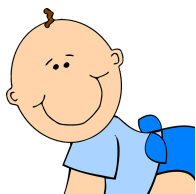
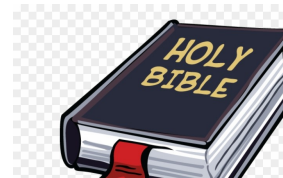
Wed., Jul. 12, Att. ??, Offering \$400.00; Sun., Jul. 16, Att. 218; General Fund \$8,944.04; Building Fund \$240.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$50.00; 642 Rent \$340.00; HVAC \$1,000.00 (in memory of Veryl Huisman); HVAC \$50.00; Organ Fund \$50.00; Insurance Refund \$986.69; Bus Use \$8,130; Bus Expenses \$165.00; Van Use \$900.00; Endowment Fund (Foundations) \$40.00, (Generations) \$100.00, (Music) \$200.00.

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. Please make the checks out to **Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund**. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the **check** form. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



Bach Fest This Friday, July 28th at 7:00 pm, a concert featuring the music of J. S. Bach performed by local musicians will be held at Faith Lutheran. A free-will donation will be collected. All proceeds will go to support the music program at Faith.

Fall and Winter Bible Studies If you are planning on leading a Bible study this Fall and/or Winter please let us know all the details by August 18 so we can include this information in the September newsletter. Titles, days, dates, times and a synopsis of what the study includes would be very helpful.



Faith Lutheran Parish Thank you so much again for all your generosity and kindness for women & children in our community. Your donation of diapers and wipes to Birthright is so very appreciated! For all your years of dedication for clean & dry little bottoms! Thank You! Birthright of Pierre



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.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "Amazing Grace" - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

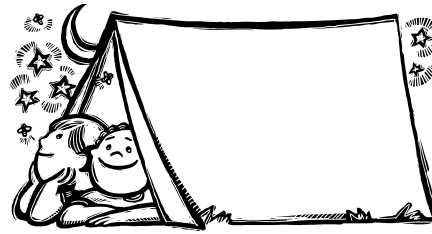
10:30 AM - Rev. Kevin Moore, pastor at Messiah-Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Redfield-Doland, SD presents a message titled "Patience, Trust, and Weeds." This sermon is based on Matthew 13:24-30. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Jesus, who is all Man and all God, becomes one of us in order that all of us might become one with Him. Finally, a sigh of relief, a cry of joy, even, a shout of thanksgiving! God is on the throne. Amen." *Rev. Dr. John Nunes, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – 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 tomorrow 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.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jul. 23

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

2:00 pm Friendship Tea in Gym

Mon: Jul. 24

8:00 am Circuit Bible Campers leave for Niobrara

6:00 pm Church Council

6-9 pm Pickleball

Tues: Jul. 25

Circuit Bible Camp at Niobrara

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women’s Bible Study

Wed: Jul. 26

Circuit Bible Campers return

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jul. 27

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Fri: Jul. 28

7:00 pm Bach Fest

Sat: Jul. 29

1-3 pm Jensen Baby Shower in Gym

Sun: Jul. 30

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Communion