

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Aug. 20, 2023 A.D.  
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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

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

(LSB 688)

### INVOCATION

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

### 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.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LUKE 2:14; JOHN 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

$\dagger$  WORD  $\dagger$

## INTROIT

Ps. 28:1-2, 6-7; (antiphon: Ps. 28:8)

**P** The LORD is the strength of his people;  
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**C** To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**P** Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

**C** Blessed be the LORD!

**for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

- P** The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- 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 the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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**    *Exodus 17:1-7*    *see page 16*    (Water from the Rock)

*After the reading:*

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

**ANTHEM**                            "The Water is Wide"    (Scottish, arr. Stephen DeCesare)  
*Kaylee Blauert, violin soloist*

**EPISTLE**                            *Romans 5:1-8*            *see page 16*                            (Peace and Joy)

*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** *John 4:1-30 see page 17 (Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman)*

**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** "As the Deer" *(by Martin Nystrom)*

A beautiful melody and words of petition. Verses 1 and 2

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
 You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

**Chorus: You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.**

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.  
 I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. **Chorus**

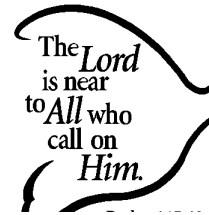
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**SERMON**

"Jesus at the Well" *(John 4:1-30)*  
*Pastor Sam Handschke*

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

## INSTALLATION OF 2023-2024 OFFICERS



## 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** O Lord, bless this congregation and church. Grant that it may be a house of prayer and we a people of prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, grant that the Church may steadfastly proclaim Your irrevocable gifts and calling, that the disobedient may receive mercy and that those who hear would become grafted onto Jesus Christ, the true vine. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, bless all honest work and occupations, and grant that we may use well the fruits of our labors. Give us generosity for those in need. Bless the tithes and offerings that accompany our sacrifice of praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, grant that the government and those who protect us might keep justice and do righteousness for Your name's sake and according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, care for those who cry to You, whether beset with grief, sorrow, pain or trouble [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Be pleased for Christ's sake to answer them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, bless all who are about to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar. Grant that these crumbs from Your table may strengthen us in faith and love, united with You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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.

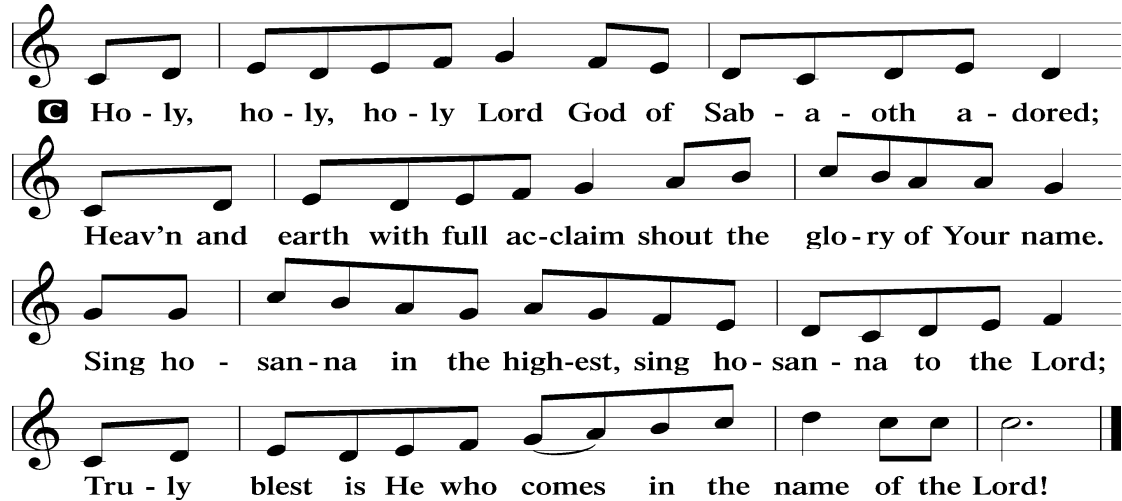
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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

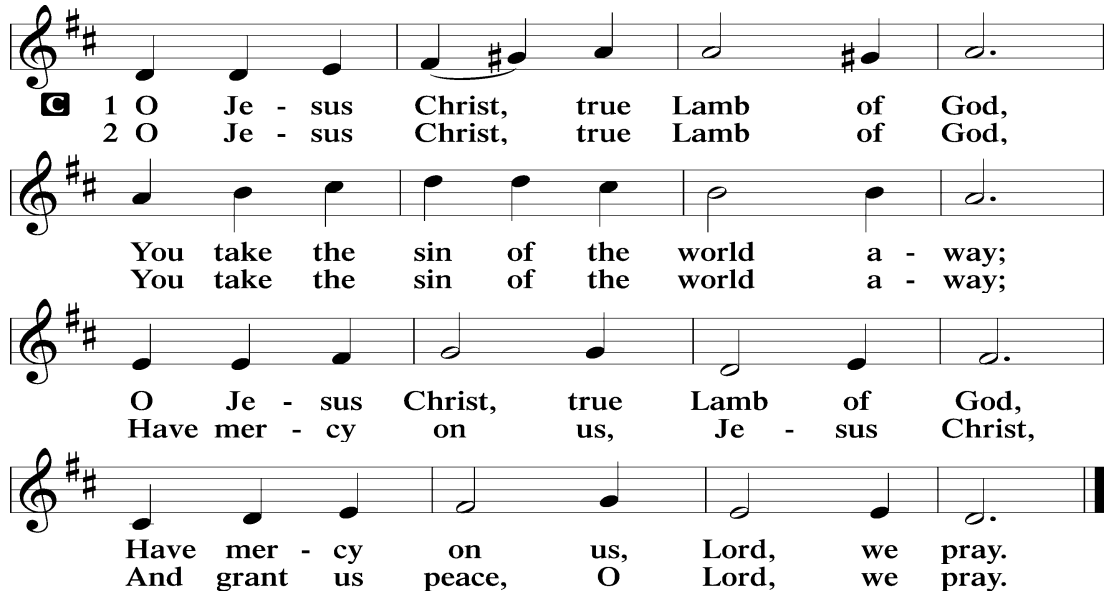
*Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25*

## 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





"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (LSB 641)

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" (LSB 632)

(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 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**     “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”     (LSB 849)

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**



**AS WE GATHER** Today, we join Jesus alongside a well in Samaria as He uses His physical thirst to make a Samaritan woman aware of her much deeper spiritual thirst. She learns about God’s great love and mercy, and she believes Jesus is the promised Messiah. We also have a need for God that nothing on earth can quench, only the Good News of God’s love and forgiveness in His Son, Jesus Christ.

So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the town and were coming to him. John 4:28-30

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 Twelfth 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 Rev. Samuel Handschke, our Senior Pastor. Rev. Urbach, our Visitation Pastor, is preaching at Emmanuel Lutheran in Gettysburg for Pastor Otten. May God bless our Pastors this morning and the preaching of God's Word.

**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.



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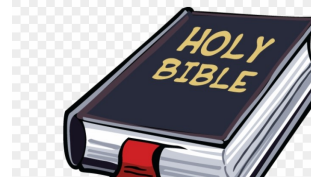
#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Wed. Aug. 9, Att. 20, Offering \$0.00; Sun., Aug. 13, Att. 242;** General Fund \$7,855.39; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$425.69; Love Fund \$125.69; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; HVAC \$50.00; Organ Fund \$500.00; Broadcasts \$60.00.

**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. 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!

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**Bible Studies** On **September 10** our Adult Bible Study will



begin its study of the **Gospel of Luke**. Class will normally meet Sunday mornings between Church Services (9:45 ish until 10:45 ish), in the St. Matthew Room, upstairs in the Christian Family Life Center. Class members will learn some things that were not taught in Sunday School.

Why is a study of the Gospel of Luke appropriate for me?

**Luke's Gospel is written for those who do not have a background in the Jewish faith.** Luke provides more detail on Old Testament laws and prophecies to help the student better understand relevant aspects of Jewish culture and Jewish faith. Matthew's and Mark's Gospels were written primarily for Jews, who already had a good background in the Old Testament Scriptures.

**The early church found that non-Jews required much more instruction/education to become believers.** They needed a Gospel to help them understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Luke wrote such a message. Our study will help you understand what Luke had to say.

**During his earthly ministry, Jesus practiced "table fellowship."** His example set the pattern for early mission activity of the church. It also set the pattern for worship in the church. How does "table fellowship" relate to worship services in the church, today? Our study of Luke will explain this relationship.

**Luke's Gospel contains many passages that are incorporated into the church's liturgy as Canticles, which are especially rich in OT themes.** Can you name them? If not, our study will identify them, review them, and show where they appear in our liturgies.

**Luke's gospel is a book of the church, written for the church, to be used by the church in its proclamation of the Gospel to both the unbaptized and the baptized.** The Holy Spirit works through the teaching of the Gospel to instill faith in the hearer. Those who receive the Gospel become part of the worshipping community.

**TUESDAY 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.**

**UNSHAKABLE**

Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard

Led by Karen Lindbloom

Held in the Young Conference room by the church office.

Starting Date: To Be Determined



**WEDNESDAY 6:00 –7:00 P.M.  
THE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT**

Led by Dennis Ryckman  
605-222-7713

Held at church

Starting Date: September 6, 2023

**The Engagement Project Class is an essential training course for everyone to know how God is leading us to make Him known in our world today.**

**Reading the Psalms**

Join us on **Thursday nights at 6:00PM** in the Living Room. Matt Reitzel will be leading the study.



Join us at the FLC Living Room on Thursday nights at 6:00 for “Reading the Psalms.” We will read through the Psalms responsively and discuss their meaning as found in the *Lutheran Study Bible* and the Concordia Publishing book *Engaging the Psalms*. Feel free to join us as your schedule allows. **First meeting Thursday, September 14.** Feel free to join us as your schedule allows, if you miss a night it doesn’t mean you are out of the loop.



**Help Wanted** The following staff openings are currently available. Apply by submitting your resume to the church office or complete an employment application. More information is on the church website:

[www.faithluth.com](http://www.faithluth.com)

- Preschool Teacher Assistant
- Daycare Cook
- Daycare Early Childhood Teacher – Part Time and Full Time

**Rally Day Meal** A “summertime” themed meal after the late service **TODAY** will consist of hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, and sides such as macaroni and cheese or a meat-free option.



The congregation is asked to bring a side dish to share.



Thank you to all who donated blood for our blood drive on August 14<sup>th</sup>. We collected 75 units. Ten more units than we expected to collect. Great turnout! Thanks again!!

**Installation of Officers** All 2023-2024 Church Officers will be installed TODAY at either service.



**Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 4pm**  
**Steamboat Park Amphitheater**  
**Pulled Pork with all the fixin's**  
**Music and food free & open to the public**  
**Faith Lutheran Church is the sponsor for this event for the whole community.** Our Board of Missions and Evangelism is spearheading the planning. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve, and take-down. All volunteers would be much appreciated. For more information or to

volunteer call Cheryl Brull at 605-280-0690 or Dean VanDeWiele at 605-295-1528.

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**Grief Share** is a support group for those who have lost a loved one. **When:** Sunday, **August 27, 2023 from 2-4 PM** with introductory session "Loss of a Spouse." The following 14 weekly sessions will begin on September 10, 2023 from 2-4 PM **Where:** Community Bible Church located at **1516 N. Harrison** in Pierre. Questions: call Scott at 605-224-3330 or Carol at 605-280-2763, GRIEF Share/CBC [cbcpierre.org](http://cbcpierre.org)

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**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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and are available the day before they are broadcast.

**August 20, 2022**

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

**10:00 AM - "The Cup"** - The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies

trying to protect him.

**10:30 AM** - Rev. Marcus Ring, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Gregory, presents a message titled "Proven." The sermon is based on Matthew 15:21-28. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Life Quotes** "Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, 'These are not Our kind of people.' Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour"*  
" – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

## Faith Lutheran Youth

**Rally Day** Rally Sunday is **today**. We will have Sunday School from 9:45-10:45 this morning. We welcome back all members, young and not so young for another year of Christian education and growth.

**Bibles & Catechisms** will be presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders next Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Midweek/Catechism and Sunday School Parent's meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm with the Teacher's meeting prior at 6:30 pm**. At least one parent or guardian of our 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students is expected to attend. The youth are not required to attend this meeting. This is an opportunity to ask questions, meet teachers, see rooms, and cover expectations for the year. Midweek/Catechism will begin Wednesday, September 6.

### ***This Week at Faith Lutheran***

**Today: Aug. 20**

8:30 am Communion  
11:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Rally Day Meal  
1:00 pm Board of Stewardship/Endow.  
5:00 pm Board of Education

5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship

**Mon: Aug. 21**

6-9 pm Pickleball  
6:30 pm Prayer Care

**Tues: Aug. 22**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm Mary/Martha Circle

**Wed: Aug. 23**

**6:30 pm S. S. & Midweek Teacher's Meeting**

**7:00 pm S.S. & Midweek Parents Mtg**

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

**Thurs: Aug. 24**

8:00 am Staff Devotions

1:30 pm Lincoln Apts. Chapel

**Sun: Aug. 27**

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Communion

4:00 pm **The Potter Family Christian Concert** and Meal at Steamboat Park

Amphitheater

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

### **Exodus 17:1-7**

#### **Water from the Rock**

**17** All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah<sup>[a]</sup> and Meribah,<sup>[b]</sup> because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

### **The Epistle Lesson**



## **Romans 5:1-8**

### **Peace with God Through Faith**

**5** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we<sup>[a]</sup> have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith<sup>[b]</sup> into this grace in which we stand, and we<sup>[c]</sup> rejoice<sup>[d]</sup> in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**6** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **The Gospel Lesson**

### **John 4:1-30**

#### **Jesus and the Woman of Samaria**

**4** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John **2** (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), **3** he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. **4** And he had to pass through Samaria. **5** So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.<sup>[a]</sup>

**7** A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) **9** The

Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. <sup>15</sup> The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is



called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.