

SEVENTEENTH 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 "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" (LSB 660)

INVOCATION

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

EXHORTATION

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† WORD †

INTROIT

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16; (antiphon: Ps. 116:179)

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

C **What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?**

P I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

C **Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.**

P O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

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 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

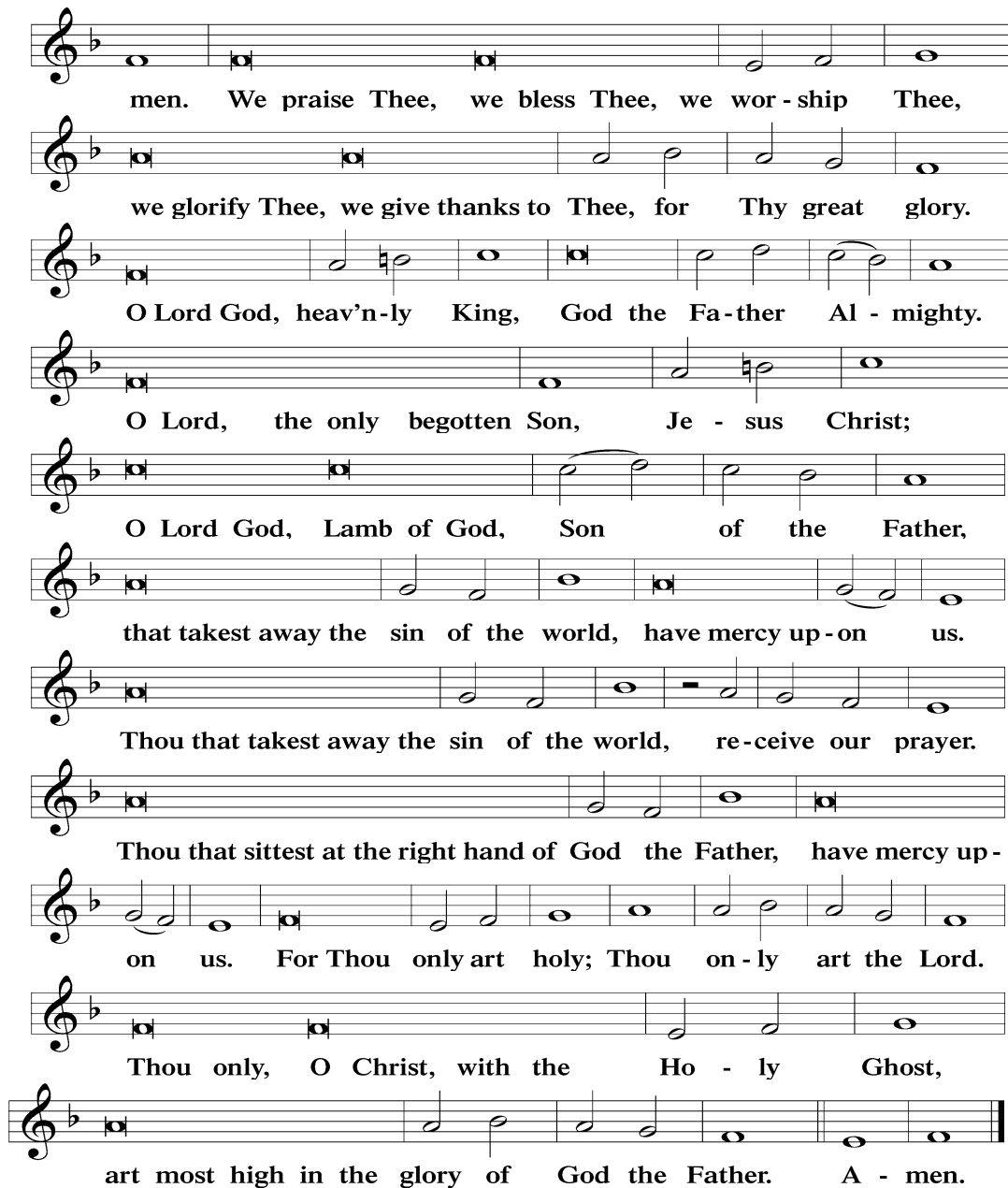


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 43:10-12* see page 17

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Chatter with the Angels" (*traditional Spiritual, arr. Anna Laura Page*)
Women's Ensemble

EPISTLE *Colossians 4:2-6* see page 17 (*Further Instructions*)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:16-20* see page 18 (*The Great Commission*)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth 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)

all people according to their needs.

P O Lord, grant that we would rejoice in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners would find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, embolden our congregation and all sister churches throughout the world to confess the truth steadfastly and to witness boldly to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, we give You humble thanks for instituting the estate of holy marriage and for the blessing of family. Grant that these gifts would be cherished and honored in our society and especially within the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying [*especially* _____]. Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remember, O Lord, those who will receive Your true body and blood from this altar. Prepare us to receive them worthily in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our bodies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we thank You for the witness of the faithful who lived and died in Christ. Grant that at the last we, too, may be joined with them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, grant that, in Christ, we may seek You while You may be found and call upon You while You are near, forsaking all wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 11 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** ✠

11:00 am

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

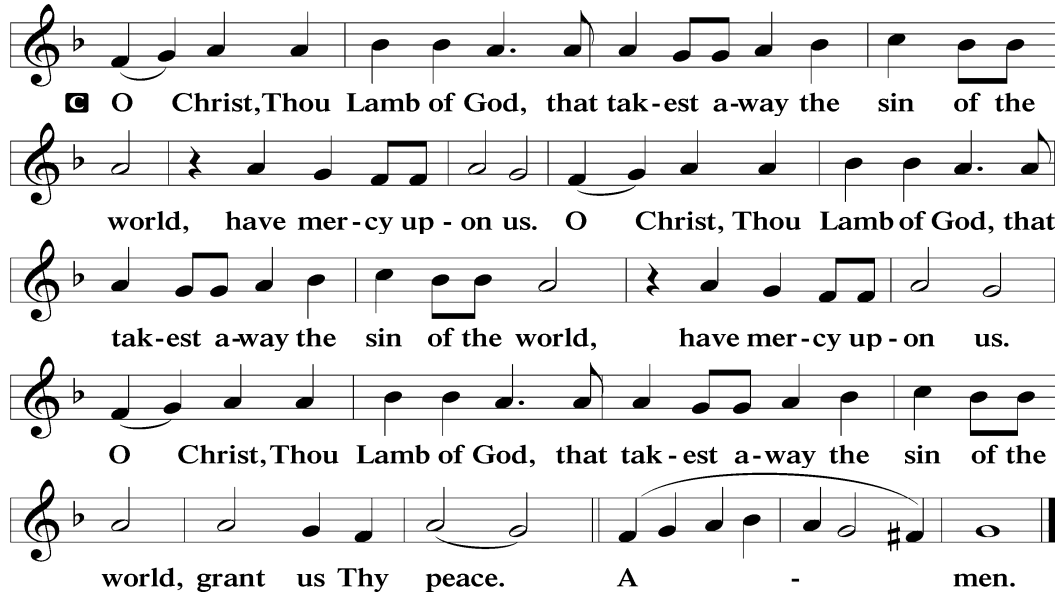
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

(Please be seated)

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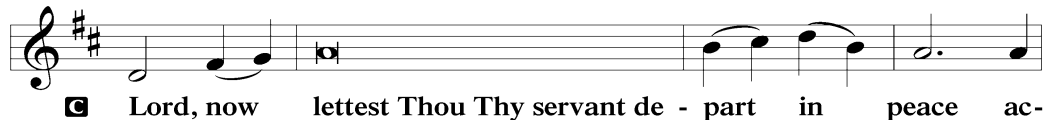
"On Galilee's High Mountain" (LSB 835)

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" (LSB 839)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



C Lord, now letttest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

(LSB 830)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER From God’s house, having been reminded of Jesus’ care and protection, we now turn our attention to the people around us. **“Let’s go witness”** One of the ways that we interact with other people is by sharing with them the message of a loving God, one who has provided for their salvation in the death and resurrection of his Son. We are witnesses to what God has done, both those events recorded in his word and the ones that we experience through God’s power in our lives. The heart of our witness is the testimony that we provide about God. We can share the ways that God has worked for us, giving encouragement to others that they can trust every aspect of life to God. Our goal is to bring them along with us on the journey, one that moves us to God and then to our neighbor.

“You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD, “and my servant whom I have chosen, that

you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God. Isaiah 43:10-12

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 Seventeenth 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.

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.

Our Broadcasts are made possible this Sunday by the family of Susan Urbach who celebrates her 70th birthday today. We thank all of Susan's family and we wish Susan a blest and healthy 70th year of life. To God be the glory!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Sept. 6, Att. 23; Offering \$500.00; **Sun., Sept. 10, Att. 237;** General Fund \$9,336.22; Sunday School Offering \$5.00; Building Fund \$260.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$210.00; Memorial Stone \$85.00; HVAC \$50.00; SD Auditor Daycare Incentive Program \$1,250.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a

SEPARATE CHECK. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

The Pierre LWML zone Fall Rally will be meeting on **Monday, September 25 starting at 6:30 PM** with a **brown bag supper**. We are changing things up a bit this year, trying a new time and event. The project for the evening will be helping Priscilla circle with their Christmas mailing for the cradle roll and Halloween cards for the confirmands. We will have a Bible study from the Quarterly and will be collecting the ingathering of health kits for Pat Huisman's Guatemala trip coming up in October. The list of the items for the health kits is:

- Toothbrush in individual packaging,
- **travel size** toothpaste,
- comb,
- washcloth,
- **travel size** bar of soap,
- nail clipper,
- **travel size** shampoo.

All items need to be in a zip lock gallon bag if you want to complete a kit. Individual items may also be donated. Drop off any donations into the box in the Narthex marked **Health Kits**. Thank you for your help. This is open to anyone in the congregation. Deadline for the items is October 22, 2023

Bible Studies TODAY our Adult Bible Study continues 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. **We will also meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 to give anyone who missed the Sunday session a chance to catch up or if Wednesday just works better for your schedule.** 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.

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

THE TRUTH PROJECT: An In-Depth Christian Worldview Experience

Led by Vona Johnson

605.280.7565

Held at Vona's Home (Call for directions)

Starting Date: September 5, 2023

The Truth Project, a Focus on the Family DVD-based small group study, is designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons discuss God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. Most importantly, it addresses the need to marry our actions to our core beliefs.

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: **Tuesday, October 3, 2023**



WEDNESDAY 6:30 P.M.

The **Hebrews** Bible study on Wednesday nights will continue on Wednesday September 13, 2023 at David and Luann Zuercher's home. The study group meets at 6:30 pm in various homes. We are using the CPH God's Word for Today series "Hebrews, The Fulfillment of Faith" written by Howard Kramin to assist us in our study.

If you would like to join us in this study please contact David Zuercher 605-222-8424.

WEDNESDAY 6:00 –7:00 P.M.

THE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Led by Dennis Ryckman

605-222-7713 Held at the 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.



2023 Christian Life Workshop “The Impact of Original Sin” Presenter is Josh Schmitt, DCE, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Yankton. **Saturday, Sept. 30** at Zion Lutheran Church, 1400 S Duluth Ave in Sioux Falls, SD. Registration: 9:30-10:00 am Workshop: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Morning offering for Mites. Freewill donation to cover lunch expenses. Contact Jan Larson if interested 605-280-0862

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Country Fair will be held **Saturday, Oct. 21** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Organized by the Faith Lutheran LWML, the annual bazaar raises funds for many worthwhile causes. **HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Make and bring items for the booths: homemade arts and crafts, baked goods, candy, homegrown produce and canned goods. Donate small items to be used in gift baskets (these items should be marked “for gift baskets” and left in the coat closet by Oct. 4). Sign up to furnish items needed to prepare the noon lunch. Volunteer to help in a booth. And be sure to attend Country Fair on October 21st! (For more information, contact Dawn Koch at 605.222.8964 or Kathleen Monfore at 605.280.5945.)

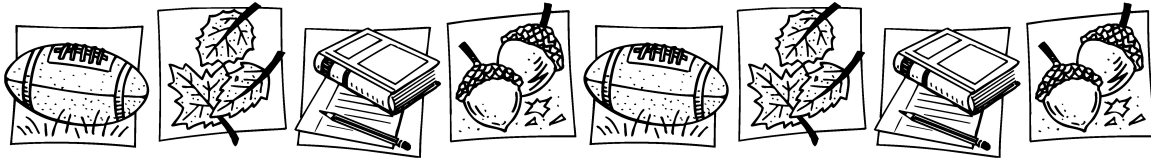
Main Street Living Did you know the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City? **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on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

Sept. 24, 2023 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “Home Free” - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

10:30 AM - Rev. Ray Greenseth, pastor at Messiah-Zion-St. Paul Lutheran Churches in Murdo-Presho-Draper, presents a message titled “God Meant it for Good.” This sermon is based on Genesis 50:15-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Life Quotes “Every human life meets us as gift and privilege, created and redeemed and called by our Lord as His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And our life-affirming witness and service is surrounded and celebrated by a magnificent multitude of like-minded saints gone before, yet to come, and the world over.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 24

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
 11:00 am Communion
 6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Mon: Sept. 25

6:00 pm Church Council
 6:00-9:00 pm LWML Zone Rally

Tues: Sept. 26

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 9:30 am *Truth Project*

Wed: Sept. 27

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism
 6:00 pm *Luke* Bible Study
 6:00 pm **Engagement Project**

6:30 pm *Hebrews* (in homes)

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

Thurs: Sept. 28

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 5:30-7:30 pm MOPS
 6:00 pm *Reading the Psalms*

Sun: Oct. 1

8:30 am Communion
 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Luke* Study
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Board of Parish Fellowship
 6:00 pm Board of Elders
 6:30 pm *1, 2, 3 John* Bible Study

Faith Lutheran Youth

Midweek/Catechism classes continue Wednesdays, at 6:00 pm. This is for ALL our 2nd-8th graders.

Middle and High School Bible Study

What: Bible Study for middle/high school youth on the book of *Acts*.

Why: To provide a gospel focused community for teens from all walks of life and to help them to grow in their relationship with God and encouragement of one another.

Where: The Church House - **639 N. Euclid**

When: Mondays at 7:30pm

Invite your friends and bring your Bible to come learn what God has to say through the book of Acts!

Contact Cassandra Ryckman (605-222-4895) or Peter Iverson (605-645-0951) if you are interested or have any questions. Look forward to having you attend!

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

On The Lighter Side: Puns for fun

Q: What is the definition of a good farmer?

A: A man outstanding in his field!

Q: What kind of flower is on your face?

A: Tulips!

Old Testament *Isaiah 43:10-12*

¹⁰ "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. ¹¹ I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior. ¹² I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God.

Epistle *Colossians 4:2-6*

Further Instructions

² Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— ⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 28:16-20*

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV