

THE FOURTEENTH 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 Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (LSB 802)

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

Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: Ps 30:11a, 12b

P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

C O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C Sing praises to the LORD, you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

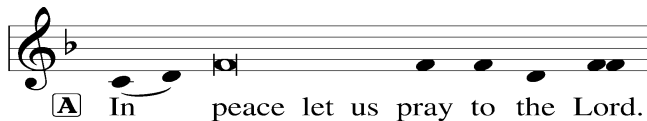
P For his anger is but a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd.

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.

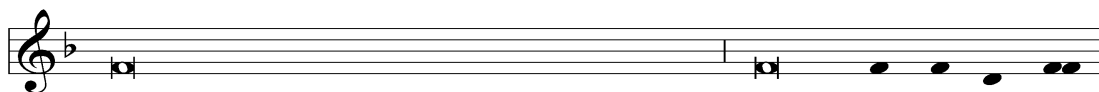
P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

KYRIE





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.



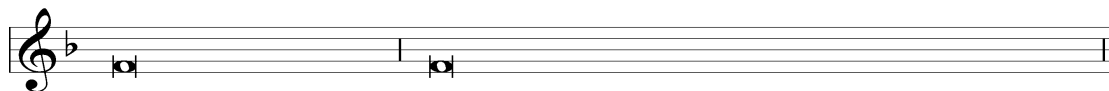
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



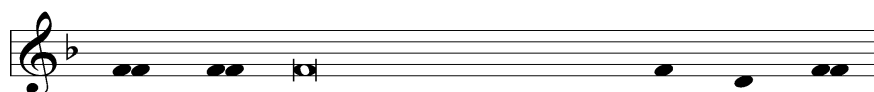
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



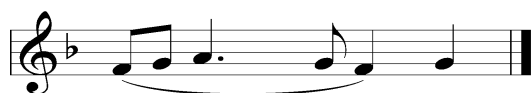
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C Lord, have mer - cy.

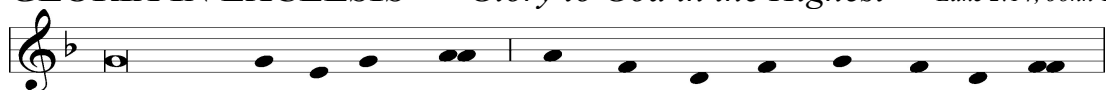


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “Glory to God in the Highest” *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



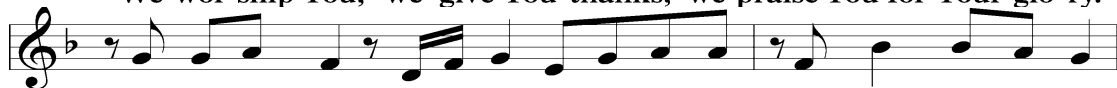
A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



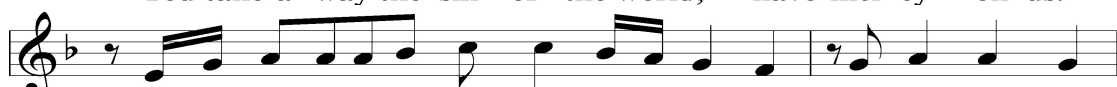
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



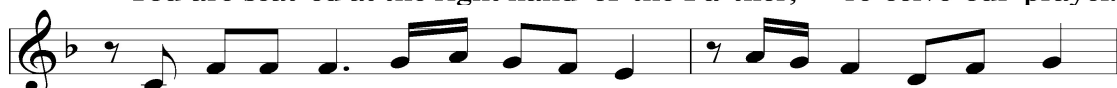
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



SALUTATION *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11–24* (The Lord promises to rescue His sheep and to set up a shepherd who will lead them to eternal life.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Let All Things Now Living"... ASH GROVE, arr. Joel Raney
Andrew Wulf, flute soloist

EPISTLE READING *1 Timothy 1:5–17* (Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)

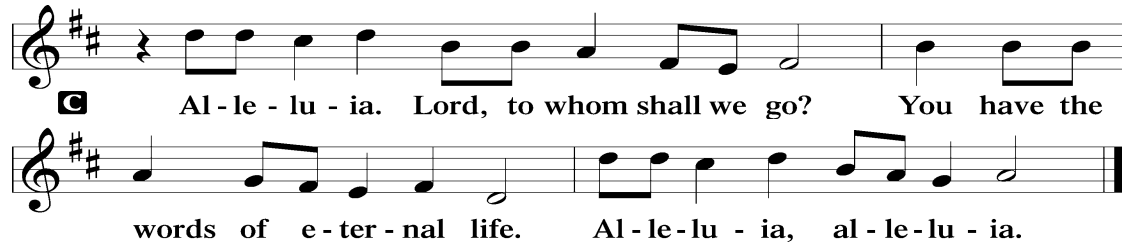
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15:1–10* (Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth 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 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" (LSB 609)

Verses 1-4 before sermon, Verses 5-7 after sermon

SERMON

"Rejoice with Me" (Luke 15:6)
Pastor Sam Handschke

CREED 8:30 *Apostles'* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

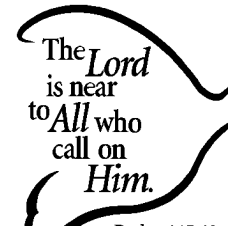
11:00 *Nicene* Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray to the Lord, who in Christ will hear our prayers and, in His time, turn our mourning into dancing.



Heavenly Father, heaven rejoices when a sinner repents. Guard us against self-righteousness that sees no need to hear of Christ and His redemption, and preserve us in Your Word and grace, that as Your people we might always be about the proclamation of repentance and the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, You call pastors and set them to the task of shepherding Your people. Bless them in their work of providing Your gifts to those You have gathered and as they seek those who have wandered away. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** King of the ages, immortal and invisible, the only God, look in kindness upon all entrusted with public office in our land, and grant them wisdom and courage to serve our nation according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God, You promise to shepherd Your sheep for the sake of Jesus. According to Your Word, seek the lost, bring back the stray, bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. Have mercy [*especially upon* _____ *and*] upon all who look to You for deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of the ages, in the fullness of time Your Son became flesh, and He received sinners and ate with them on His way to the cross. Bless all those He feeds today with His own holy body and blood. Guard them from impenitence and resistance to Your promises, and with forgiveness grant them life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We recall with thanksgiving, O Lord, those who served You in days past and now rest from their labors, and we pray that You would keep us in fellowship with all Your saints. By this holy communion, give us grace to sustain us through the changes and chances of this mortal life, and keep us to that day when Christ shall call us unto Himself and we shall know Him face to face in the marriage supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together 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 12 with the Benediction.
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Holy Communion

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 service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

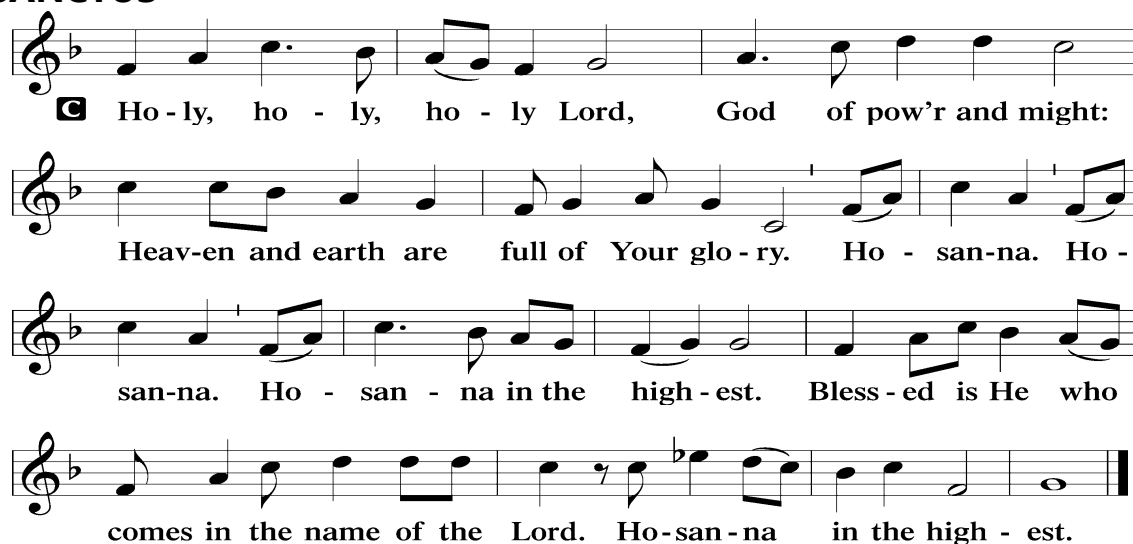
C We lift them to the Lord.

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



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 take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (LSB 709)

"Lamb of God" (LSB 550)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

C 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.



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

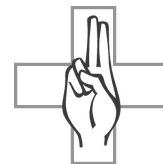
P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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



CLOSING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing" (LSB 686)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER The charge against Jesus was always the same—He keeps the wrong company. But Jesus has come for sinners, and if you are not a sinner, He does not have anything for you. To emphasize why He has come, our Lord tells the stories of ninety-nine sheep left behind to find one who is lost and a woman who rejoices over finding one lost coin. You are that lost sheep and lost coin for whom Christ has come and in whom heaven rejoices. Jesus has come for you and for you He has offered Himself upon the cross and been laid in the tomb. This is the heavenly joy of the angels above,

and it is our earthly joy as well. Christ came for us!

For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. Ezekiel 34:11–12

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 Fourteenth 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. 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

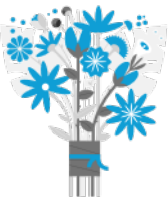
Wed. Sept. 3, Att. 46; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Sept. 7, Att. 267;** General Fund \$22,435.98; Building Fund \$355.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bus Maintenance \$3,000.00; Mexico Mission \$1,250.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings) \$20.00.

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!

Greeters Faith Lutheran is wanting to get our greeters crew up and going again. If you are willing to greet on Sundays **please sign the sheet in the Narthex.** We are going to start again in September and would like to start preparing a schedule.



Confirmation Pictures The 2025 Confirmation pictures are on the table in the living room. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.



LWML News

Join us Sunday, September 21st at 2:00 pm for the Pierre Zone Fall Rally. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall. Cathy VandeBraak from Lutheran Family Services, Sioux Falls will be our guest speaker. All are welcome!

Revelation Study Attendance 29

Newsletter DEADLine

All items to be included in the **October 2025 Newsletter** must be to Helen by **Wednesday, September 17th**. This includes any educational items (Midweek & Sunday School classes) parish fellowship events, Bible studies, Country Fair, etc., etc. Anything that you want the congregation to be informed about during the month of October should be included.

Men's Retreat SD LCMS Mission and Ministry Council G. O. A. L (Gospel Oriented Approach to Leadership) **September 19-21** at The Korkow Ranch Ministries (rural Pierre) Hosted by Faith Lutheran Church For more information: <https://sddlcms.org/mens-ministry-2025>



Bible Studies beginning the week of September 21-27

Sun., Sept. 21 *1 & 2 Peter* LifeLight Study at **6:30 pm** in the Living Rm
Mon., Sept. 22 *The Resolution* Men's Study at **noon** in the Conf. Room
Tues., Sept. 23 *Raising Kids* at **6:15 pm** contact Vona Johnson 280-7565

September is Faith Lutheran's month to gather donations for the Governor Grocery project. Check the Governor Grocery table in the Narthex for a list of most-needed food, beverage and hygiene items. Individual serving sizes of food are requested. Food items must be shelf-stable and peanut-free. (NOTE: Donations of full-size food items will be held over for the March food drive for the Pierre-Fort Pierre Food Pantry.)

About the Governor Grocery Project: this student pantry is housed at the Georgia Morse Middle School and provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. After school on Fridays, students can stop at the pantry to select food and beverage items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner over the weekend, plus snacks. Personal hygiene products are also available. This project is run by volunteers and is funded entirely by donations. (*More info can be found on the "About the Governor Grocery Program" poster in the Narthex.*)



Building Healthy Families: So often we slip into the habit of living for the approval of others, which leads to frustration, disillusionment, and disappointment in life and relationships. Jesus was aware of this risk and reminds us In Matthew 6 not to do things for the approval of men. He assures us that our Father who sees and knows us inside out is the One who can and will meet all our needs, including our need to be seen, recognized, valued and loved. Whew! What a relief! Life begins to look different (and oh so much better) when we look through eyes of faith to our loving, gracious, living and forgiving God. Fix your eyes on Jesus - not your boss, co-worker, spouse, child or neighbor - and live in the light of His great love this week! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **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

10:00am - “Tragedy Near a Small Town” - Tragedy in a small town results in a loving father holding a grudge instead of forgiving as our Father has forgiven us.

10:30 AM - Rev. Bret Bierman, pastor at St. John's, Trinity, & St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mansfield, SD, presents a message titled “What about Billy?”. The sermon is based on Luke 15:1-10. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “If we expect to be the one to change hearts by sowing seeds of judgment rather than love, we are changing the mission we have been sent to fulfill. Please use your Gospel-motivated voice For Life in love and may

God bless your efforts!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Sunday School attendance 9/7: 34

Do you enjoy sharing God's Word with others? The Board of Ed is still seeking individuals willing to serve as teachers/substitutes for this academic year. Please outreach anyone from the Board to discuss.

Sunday School has started, but it's never too late to join!. Register your youth (age 3 - High School):

<https://vbsmate.com/events/faithluthpierre2024/31364>

Midweek/Confirmation classes for grades 2-8 are Wednesdays 6-7 pm. Grades 6-8 are required to attend for those desiring to be confirmed following completion of the 8th grade year. Register your youth <https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2024/31371>

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 14

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Board of Missions/Evang.

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow

Mon: Sept. 15

6:30 pm Christ Care

6:30 Altar Guild

Tues: Sept. 16

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Study '*Joshua*'

6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Sept. 17

6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism

6:00 pm *Revelation* Study – St. Matt.

6:00 pm *James* Study in Conf. Room

6:30 pm *Jesus* Study in homes

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Sept. 18

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

Fri: Sept. 19

SD Dist. Men's Retreat

Sat: Sept. 20
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Sun: Sept. 21
SD Dist. Men's Retreat
8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
11:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Board of Education
6:30 pm *1 & 2 Peter* Study

The Daycare is requesting donations for these items:

High Priority –

Zip lock baggies (all sizes),
Bleach (NO low splash),
laundry soap,
cereal,
baby wipes,
spray Lysol,
dryer sheets.

puffcorn,
whales,
granola bars,
fruit cups,
pudding cups,
any baby food that they can pick
up and eat (star puffs, lil crunchies,
rice rusk),
Expo markers,
coffee filters,
whitewash cloths,
glue/glue sticks.

Low priority –

veggie straws,
animal crackers,
cheese-its,

Daycare uses these items frequently, and donations are always deeply appreciated. If you're able to contribute, please place your donated items in the crib located in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting our little ones!

