

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 World Wide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE ✠ LSB 151

OPENING HYMN “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” (LSB 851)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.

C **Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in Him, and He will act.**

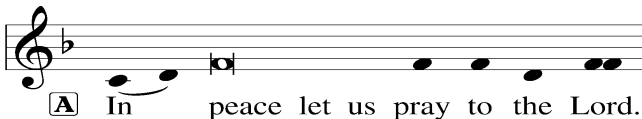
P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

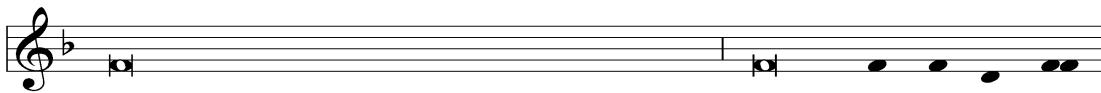
C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the
man who carries out evil devices!**

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 Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

KYRIE





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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



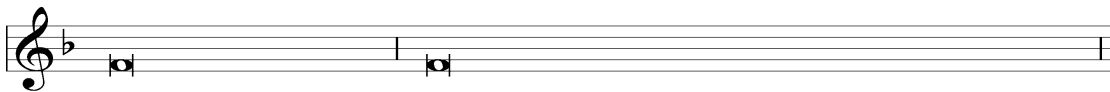
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



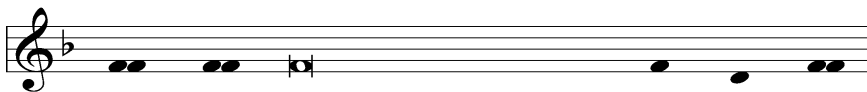
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



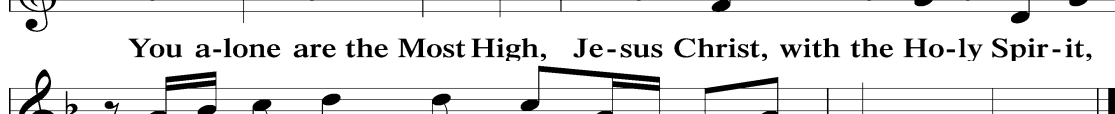
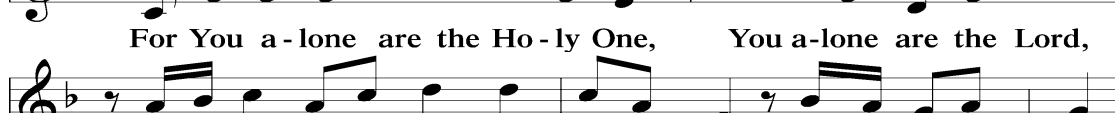
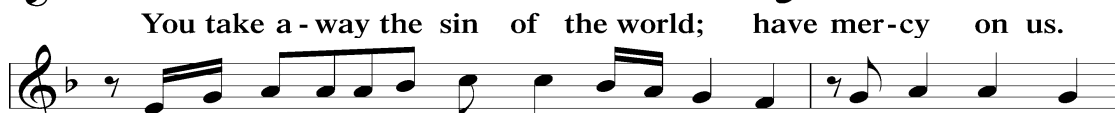
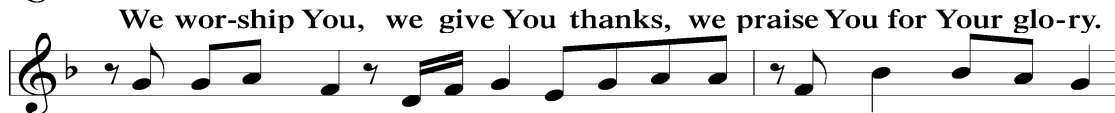
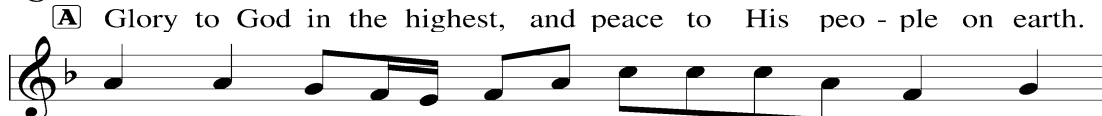
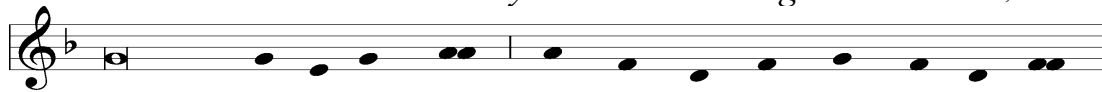
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Jeremiah 15:15–21* (The Lord promises deliverance to His people.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"... Ghana Folk Song
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist
Andrew Wulf, flute

EPISTLE *Romans 12:9–21* (The hallmarks of living in Christ)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:21–28* (Jesus calls His faithful followers to take up their crosses.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth 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)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” (*LSB 531*)

SERMON *Pastor Michael Kumm* (*Matthew 16:13–20*)

CREED *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

(Please Sit)

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12 (*LSB 192*)





(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.



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.

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 ✠

Both services

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

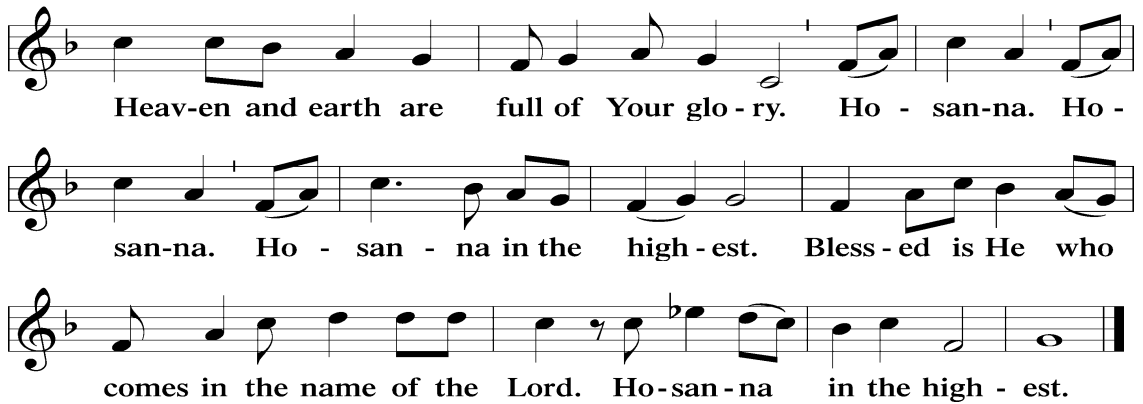
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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





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

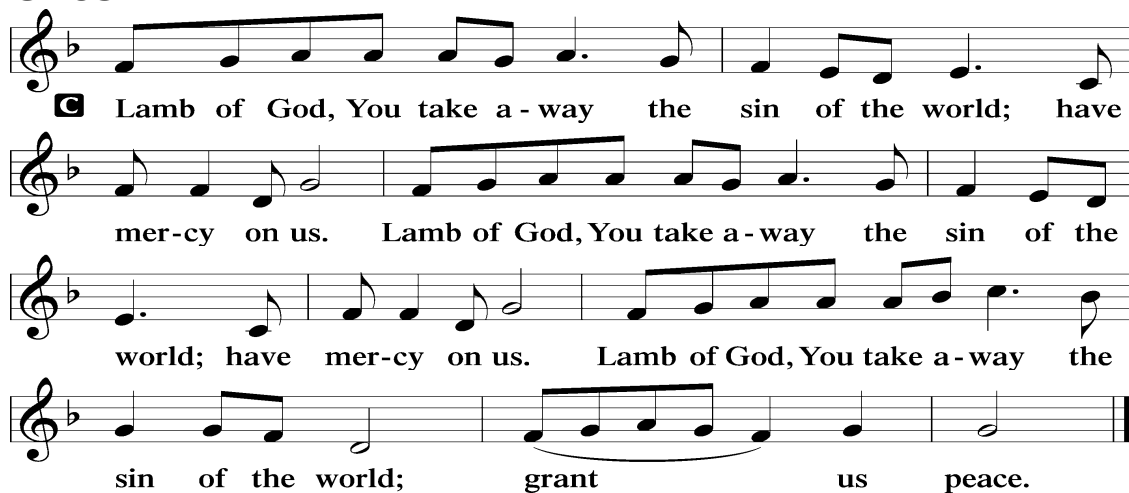
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



☐ 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

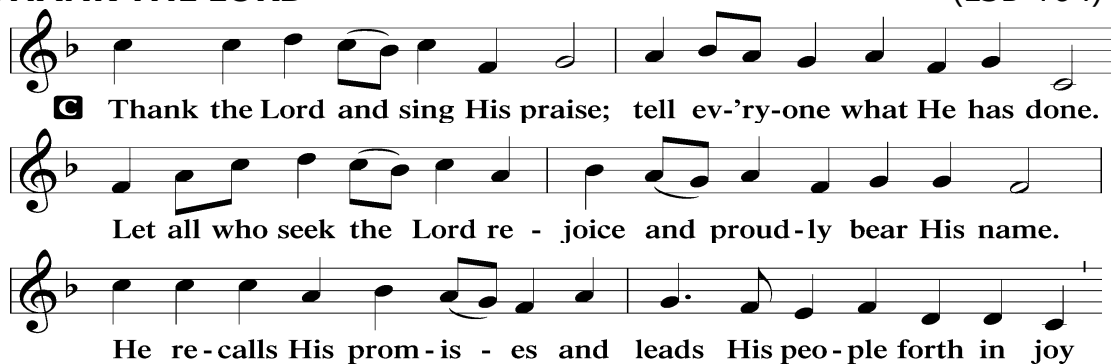
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (LSB 641)
"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (LSB 685)
"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All" (LSB 613)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

(LSB 164)



☐ 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



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.



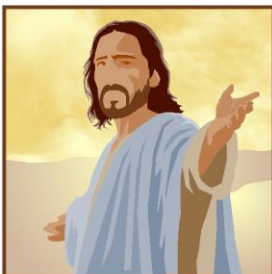
CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

(LSB 718)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER The time of changing seasons is a good time to begin an outdoor regimen of walking for personal wellness. Experts in the field of fitness have documented that going for a walk outdoors can bring a sense of physical betterment and mental

calmness to those who engage in it on a regular basis. In the Scriptures there are numerous passages that underscore the value of spiritual walking for the Christian as well. Paul writes to the Galatians, “But I say, walk by the Spirit” (5:16), and he reminds the believers in Christ at Corinth that “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). Hymn writers give poetic expression to that special walking in texts like “Let us ever walk with Jesus” (*LSB* 685:1) and “I want to walk as a child of the light” (*LSB* 411:1). May we be blessed by our walking through the Divine Service together this day!

Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” Matthew 16:24

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. Dr. Michael Kumm, our Vacancy Pastor. Pastor Kumm’s last Sunday is next Sunday, Sept. 6th.

Holy Communion is celebrated at both services 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.

Elders Meeting for September The Elders will meet this evening at 6:00 for their September meeting to avoid Labor Day weekend. The weekend of the 13th there will be several Elders missing, so it was decided to meet this evening.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Aug. 19, Att. 44; Offering \$46.00; **Sun., Aug. 23, Att. 266;** General Fund \$10,087.27; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$105.05; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$530.00.

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!



New Church Cookbook It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered. **Last call for recipes! We want to get this finished so maybe we can have some by Christmas.**

Puppet Place The Pierre zone is in charge of working at the Puppet Place at the State Fair on **Thursday, September 3**. Tim and Jan Larson will be going over that day and can give anyone who is able or interested in helping a ride. The cost of the entrance fee will be covered for anyone willing to help with this project. Please reach out to Jan Larson with any questions you have. 605-280-0862

Grief Share Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Weekly grief support group. **Schedule: Introduction session “Loss of a Spouse” 2pm, August 30, 2026.** 14 Weekly Stand-Alone sessions beginning September 13, 2026. All sessions on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm at Community Bible Church, Room 200, 1516 N Harrison Ave., Pierre. **Missed sessions will be available online.** For questions call: Joel (605-220-0464) Nancy (605-280-5491) Carol (605-280-2763) or Sue (509-669-0349).



Men's Group

Men's Club Monday, **August 31 | 7:00 pm** | Gym
Hey guys - with fall right around the corner, the monthly Men's Club is starting up again. Typically, the men gather on the first Monday of the month, but the first one has been moved up to August 31st

due to the Labor Day holiday. Bring a snack to share; a beverage will be provided. The gang will be playing dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition!

Altar Guild The Altar Guild will be meeting Tuesday, September 8th at 5:30 in the Young conference room next to the church office.



Blood Drive Faith Lutheran will be having a blood drive Wednesday, September 9th from 8am to 3pm. To make an appointment to donate, please contact Jodi Hartmann at 605-222-8675; or go to vitalant.org and use drive code:

pierrefaith.

Important Info Concerning Faith Circle's Mission After Faith Lutheran members graduate from high school Faith Circle Ladies will lift these members up in prayer for four years as they begin their adult lives. In addition to prayers, inspirational items will be sent to their home addresses at both Christmas and Easter. It is our hope that parents will deliver these items for us. If this is not possible, please share your young adult's address with the church office so the items can be sent directly to them. Thank you for your help in ministering to these Faith members. Cindy Fiechtner, Chair

A Message from the Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship invites you to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to share your time, talents, and treasures in the life of our church. There are many opportunities to serve, including teaching, music ministry, board and committee positions, outreach, and other areas of church life.

Every gift is important, and each act of service helps strengthen our church family and further God's work in our community. We encourage you to seek God's guidance and consider where your unique abilities and passions might be used to bless others.

If you feel called to serve or would like more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact a member of the Board of Stewardship.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you for your willingness to serve and support our church.

ARK ENCOUNTER + CREATION MUSEUM

Motor Coach Tour Dates: October 18-23, 2026

Join us for a trip to Kentucky. You will be amazed how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter!



Travel via the Faith Motor Coach. Bus travel cost per person, \$200. Deposit required by Aug. 31. Museum and Ark tickets will be reserved and reimbursed. We would like to reserve a block of rooms by Aug. 31. Room costs will vary based on occupants and meals paid individually.

- Day 1/2: Travel to Kentucky
- Day 3: Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY
- Day 4: Tour Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY
- Day 5/6: Travel to Pierre, SD

See latest details at www.faithluth.com/ArkTrip
Sign up in the Narthex by August 31.

We need at least 30 people to make this trip possible. Sign up today!

HELP US GET READY FOR COUNTRY FAIR

Mark October 17th on your calendar – it's Country Fair at Faith! This fun annual bazaar raises funds for local, regional and global mission projects. Help us get ready by making items for our booths: crafts, candy of all types (we were WAY short last year), baked goods of all kinds, jellies, pickles, sauces, and more.

Gift baskets are a popular item at Country Fair. We are seeking donations of good quality, medium-sized baskets, as well as gift items to place in them. Of particular need: mugs, Christmas and snowman-themed items, autumn and Thanksgiving-themed items, special occasion items such as birthday and get well, wooden spoons, measuring cup/spoons, whisks, dish towels, hand soaps, lotions, candles, cute notepads, small decorative items, and baby items such as blankets, toys, rattles, bath wash or books. We can also use small, nonperishable food items: microwave popcorn packets, jerky sticks, individual packets of flavored coffee, hot chocolate and tea, wrapped hard candy, and miniature or snack size candy bars. (Not needed: spring, summer, Valentine's or Easter-themed items.)

DEADLINE: Place gift basket items in the big coat closet in the Narthex by **Monday, October 5th**, and label “for gift baskets”.

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Governor Grocery Project Helps Local Students in Need

September will be Faith Lutheran’s month to gather donations of food and personal hygiene products for the Governor Grocery project. Individual serving sizes of shelf-stable, peanut-free food items are requested. A list of items in high demand will be posted in the Narthex in late August and will be included in the September church newsletter.

About the project: Housed in a building behind the Georgia Morse Middle School, Governor Grocery is a pantry that provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. During the school year, students can stop at the pantry after school on Fridays, and volunteers assist them in selecting meal, beverage and snack items for the weekend. At least 160 students use the pantry weekly.



We need more ushers. If anyone is interested in serving as an usher, please contact Bill Dunn @ 605-222-1805. Any confirmed member, male or female, teen or elder, may serve. You would serve 3 months of the year (one month each quarter), either early or late service. The current ushers would love to have your help. This is another small way to give back to God some of the talents He has given you.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00-7:00 pm. Conference room next to office. Starting 9/16. Led by Dennis Ryckman.

Clearly Christian: Following Jesus in this Age of Confusion by A. Trevor Sutton

From viral controversies to cultural stereotypes, competing ideas about Christianity surround us. But beneath the noise remains the clear and unchanging message of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for sinners.

Christianity is frequently portrayed as a system of morality, a political movement, a path to personal fulfillment, or a relic of the past. Yet Christianity is none of these at its core. In *Clearly Christian*, Pastor A. Trevor Sutton helps readers distinguish popular assumptions about the faith from the biblical and historic confession centered on Jesus Christ.

Drawing on Scripture, church history, and insights from contemporary culture, Sutton explores how misunderstandings about Christianity have been amplified in the digital age. He addresses common misconceptions about what Christians believe and why they believe it, offering thoughtful, historically grounded responses rooted in the Gospel. Along the way, he considers questions about happiness, judgment, hypocrisy, politics, truth, and the competing claims that often shape public perceptions of the Christian faith.

Readers will:

- Understand how cultural assumptions can distort the Christian faith.
- Learn to distinguish the true Christ from popular but misleading substitutes.
- Explore Christianity's response to common objections and stereotypes.
- Gain confidence in discussing the faith with clarity, humility, and conviction.
- Rediscover the comfort and certainty found in Christ's promises.

Accessible yet substantial, *Clearly Christian* engages difficult questions without losing sight of Christianity's central message: God reconciles sinners to Himself through Jesus. By returning again and again to Christ and His saving work, Sutton shows how Christians can speak clearly, live faithfully, and bear witness to the Gospel in a confused and skeptical age.

Whether you are seeking to strengthen your own understanding of the faith or help others make sense of Christianity's claims, *Clearly Christian* offers a trustworthy guide to the enduring truth at the center of the Christian faith—and the Savior who makes that truth known.



Building Healthy Families: Research conducted recently with college age students in the Midwest found that most of them reported having an important relationship with grandparents or significant elders who influence their values, goals, and life choices and give them a sense of self, roots, and tradition. *Grandparents and older members of our church family, do you realize how important you are?* Make sure the young adults in your family and congregation who have gone off to college or are returning to high school after summer break continue to hear from you. Now, more than ever, they need your love and support – even if they’re not asking for it! www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

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.

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10 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Flight Plan” 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 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Main Street Living” Rev. David Otten, pastor at Emmanuel, Gettysburg, presents a message titled, “Things of God.” The sermon is based on Matthew 16:23.

Faith Lutheran Youth



Volunteers needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with others? Could you spare an hour of your time? The Board of Ed is still seeking adults willing to support educational opportunities as teachers, substitutes and leaders for Sunday School, Midweek, Bible Study, LYF and other events this academic year. No prior experience or kids attending classes is required. Schedules are flexible. Please register as a volunteer and comment on your preferences. Questions? Contact Ellen Blauert, Julie Coppersmith, Amy Hatheway, or Jessica Paul for more info.

<https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2026/32595>



Classes Resume

Make sure you register for fall classes and mark your calendar!

SS & Midweek Parents Meeting **Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 6:15 pm.**

Sunday School: Classes begin **9/13**. For potty-trained 3-year-olds through high school.
Sundays from 9:45am - 10: 45am.

Midweek/Confirmation: Classes begin **9/16**. For grades 2-8. Wednesdays 6-7 pm.
Grades 6-8 are required to attend for those desiring to be confirmed following completion of the 8th grade year.

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This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Aug. 30

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Communion

6:00 pm Elders' Sept. Meeting

Mon: Aug. 31

5:00 pm Daycare in Gym

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men

7:00 pm Sept. Men's Club

Wed: Sept. 2

6:30 pm *Isaiah* (In Homes) Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Sun: Sept. 6

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am First Sunday Fellowship

11:00 am Worship