

THE FIFTEENTH 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 "Shepherd of Tender Youth" (LSB 864)

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 92:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

P How great are Your works, O LORD!
Your thoughts are very deep!

C It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night,

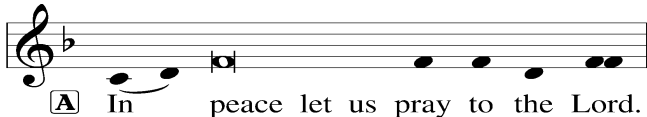
C to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

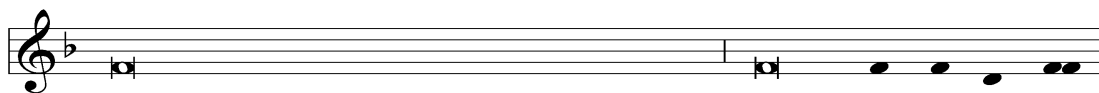
P For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

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 How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

KYRIE





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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



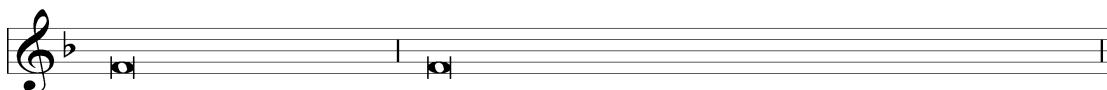
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



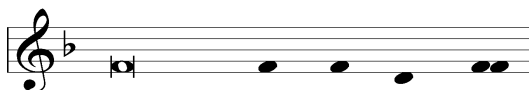
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



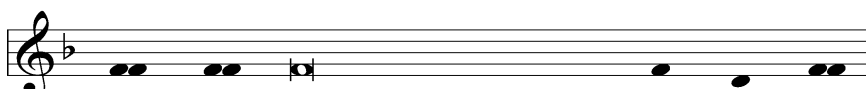
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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

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,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 *Ezekiel 33:7–9* (I have made you a watchman.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Praise to the Lord"...*LOBE DEN HERREN* (arr. Brant Adams)
Andrew Wulf, alto sax soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1–10* ("Love is the fulfilling of the law.")

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1–20* (The Son of Man came to seek the lost and save them.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth 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 "Praise the Almighty" (LSB 797)

SERMON *Pastor Michael Kumm (Matthew 14:13–21)*

CREED

8:30 am *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

11:00 am *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

(Please Sit)

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

(LSB 192)

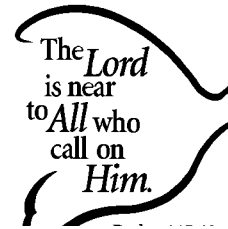


new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

(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.

The 11:00 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 ✠

8:30 am service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

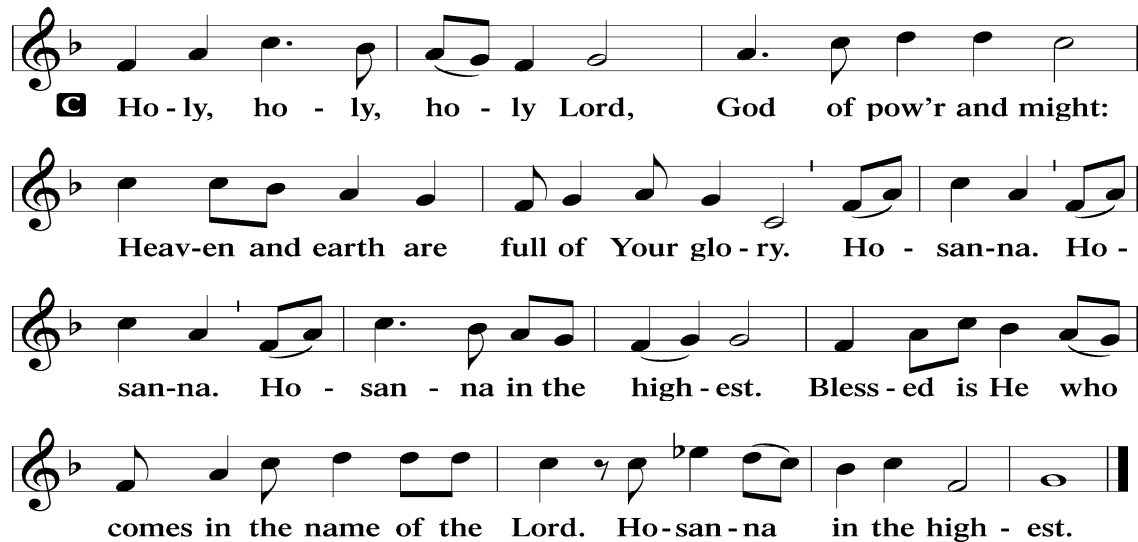
C We lift them to the Lord.

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, 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



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

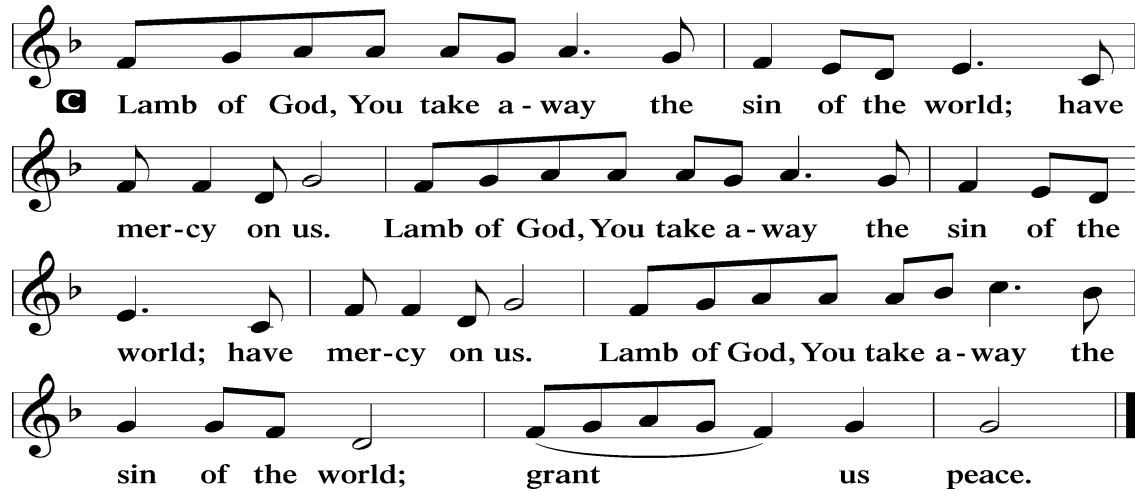
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

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

"Lord, We Praise Thee" (LSB 617)
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (LSB 686)
"Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (LSB 611)



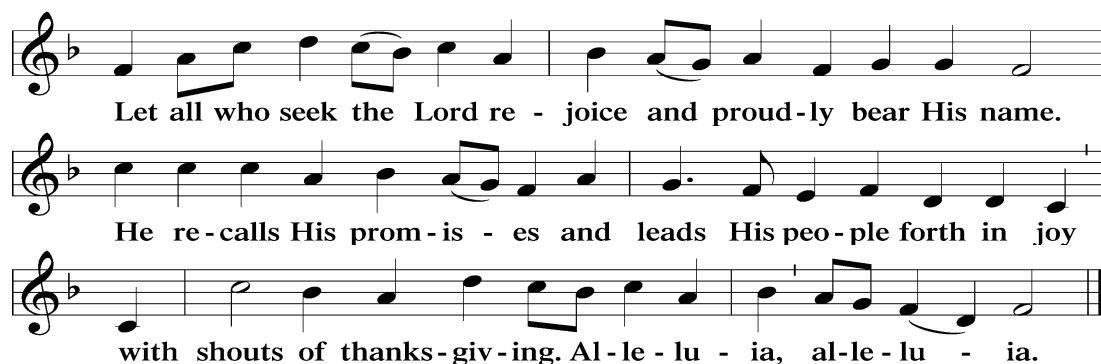
(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

(LSB 164)



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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

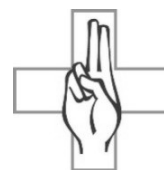
Numbers 6:24–26

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 "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" (LSB 707)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER In every congregation, there are those who once sat together with us in the pews but have since been lost to error or sin. Those who used to be Christian may constitute a number larger than those who are currently Christian. It is one thing to lament this and criticize from the sidelines. It is quite another to warn the wicked. Though some might assume that the chief purpose of church discipline is to

condemn the sins and errors of others, our Lord reminds us that discipline is an act of love that seeks to restore the fallen. While this idea may seem out of step with the emphasis in our times on tolerance without judgment, if our Lord loves the lost enough to save us, then we are called to do no less. Key to this is warning the wicked (as Ezekiel puts it) with the voice of God's Word. This certainly includes condemning sin and error, but it also includes restoring the fallen through forgiveness. It is not the will of our Father in heaven that any should perish, and it is the joy of heaven to welcome them back. Is it also our passion to seek them out, to warn them with the voice of God's Word, and to welcome them home through forgiveness?

The Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. Matthew 18:11–13

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 Fifteenth 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. This is Pastor Kumm's last service with us. He has accepted a call to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to serve as Director of Placement. We wish him all the best in his new endeavor.

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.



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. Aug. 26, Att. 39; Offering \$240.00; **Sun., Aug. 30, Att. 279;** General Fund \$12,411.32; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$50.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$0.00; Chairs \$800.00; Bible Study \$24.00; Forever Young \$140.00.

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 We are done collecting recipes. Thanks to all who have submitted your favorites so others may enjoy them also! We will be proofing and getting ready to submit all to the company we have been working with. Hope to get some back by Christmas or shortly thereafter.

We're Helping Local Students in Need September is Faith Lutheran's month to gather donations for the "Governor Grocery" project – a student food pantry located in a building behind Georgia Morse Middle School. We'll help stock the shelves with nonperishable food in single-serving sizes as well as hygiene products. Tables for the donations will be set up in the Narthex through September. Check the posters for items in particular need and help yourself to a shopping list to take to the store with you. Financial contributions are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Governor Grocery, and leave in the church office. (About the Governor Grocery Project: This program provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. During the school year, students who stop at the pantry after school on Fridays receive assistance in selecting meal, beverage and snack items for the weekend. At least 160 students use the pantry weekly.)

Riggs Homecoming Parade Float Help

The Board of Missions is putting together a float for the Riggs Homecoming Parade. The board would like to have children ride on the float and others to walk beside and hand out candy wearing the Faith Lutheran Church blue t-shirts. Please sign up in the narthex. The parade is on Tuesday, September 22nd and it starts at 6:30.

Bible Study “*Parenting is Heart Work*” study that started this summer will resume on Tuesday, September 8th and will be held periodically on Tuesdays. Some of the classes will be held at church and some online. For more information: Vona Johnson at (605) 280-7565

ARK ENCOUNTER + CREATION MUSEUM

Motor Coach Tour Dates: October 18-23, 2026

We need another 15-17 people to sign up if we are to go this year. If we can't get these in a week or so we will try again to do this trip next year.

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/arktrip2026

Sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office 605-224-2216.



Building Healthy Families: Every day, your Lutheran Family Service counselors walk alongside people facing grief, broken relationships, anxiety, trauma, and life's many challenges. While professional care is important, our ultimate hope is in the Lord.

Psalm 34 reminds us that God is close to the brokenhearted and saves

those who are crushed in spirit. Whatever burden you're carrying today, know that nothing is beyond His notice and care. If you or someone you know could benefit from compassionate Christian counseling, call us. It's why we're here! 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. **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 - “The Selling Price” - A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law.

10:30 AM - Rev. Mike Grieve, pastor at Zion & Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Gwinner, ND, presents a message titled “The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven”. The sermon is based on Matthew 18:1-20. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “However imperfect, every day comes as opportunity and privilege. They usually require patience and persistence, of course, and not a little bit of shared sweat and tears. But they turn out the sweeter for it.

‘When she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world’ (John 16:21). ‘Take heart; I have overcome the world’ (John 16:33)!” *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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: Sept. 6

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

Mon: Sept. 7 Labor Day

Office Closed

Tues: Sept. 8

2:00 pm Berea Circle

6:15 pm Bd. of Prop. Mgt.

6:30 pm *Parenting Study*

Wed: Sept. 9

pm Preschool Get Acquainted Nite

6:15pm Midweek Parents' Meet

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Sat: Sept. 12

4:00 pm Salvetti/Shields Wedding

Sun: Sept. 13

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

12:00 pm Rally Day Meal

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardshp/Endow

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

