

THE EIGHTH 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 – SETTING FOUR ✠ LSB 203

OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" (LSB 912)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

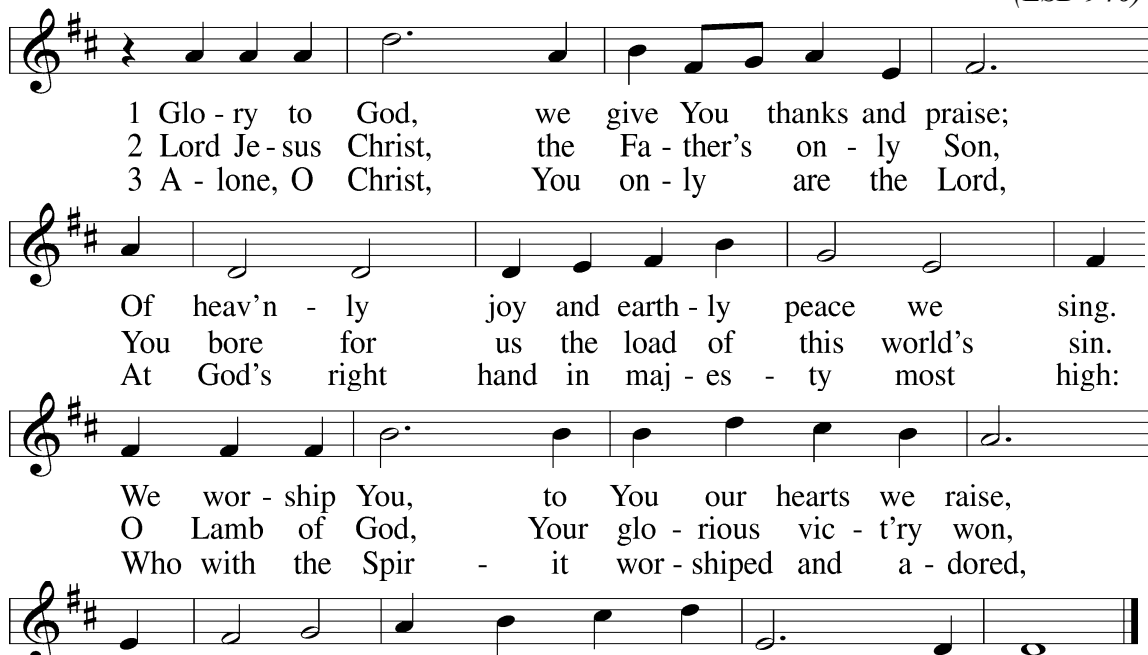
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE *“Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise”*

(LSB 946)



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Luke 2:14; John 1:29,36; Rev.5:9-14; Eph. 1:20-21

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 44:6–8* (The unrivaled Lord reinforces His power, peace, and purpose for His people.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Like Him We Rise" ... Tom Trenny

Laura Streich, vocal soloist

EPISTLE READING *Romans 8:18–27* (Creation groans in hope for the glory yet to be revealed.)

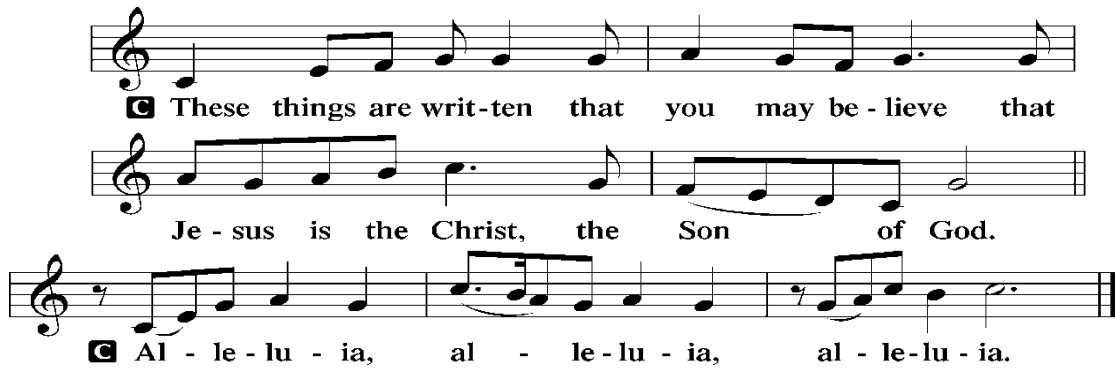
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43* (Jesus shares and interprets His story of harvest and final judgment.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth 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)

SERMON HYMN

"Pass It On"
See Insert

(AGPS 196)

SERMON

"Sow This Seed..." (*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*)
Pastor Brad Urbach

CREED

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

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

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



The whole earth is Yours, O Lord, and You have charged us with its care. Make us good stewards of Your creation until that time when You set it free from its bondage to decay and give it to us anew in the kingdom of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, continue to raise up witnesses in this and every place who faithfully proclaim Your Word. Grant that Your Church may remain good soil, bringing forth an abundant harvest. Bless all pastors and church workers as they sow Your Word in the fields entrusted to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, pour out the blessing of Your Holy Spirit on the delegates who are assembled in convention this week. Give wisdom to those who propose, deliberate and decide for the work and welfare of our Synod. Guard all who speak and all who listen. Give us courage to do with integrity what we promise. Bless our plans and actions, and grant success. Only let our manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness. 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 O Lord, preserve us in hope for what we do not see. Grant that we would receive Your Holy Supper with hearts free from pride, presumption or any other sin that would profane His precious body and blood. May we rejoice in His bodily presence for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Redeemer and Lord of hosts, the future is in Your hands. Remove all fear from us, and keep us mindful that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed in us. 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 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 Service

*There will be **NO** Common Cup today. Please come as Ushers release your row.*

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

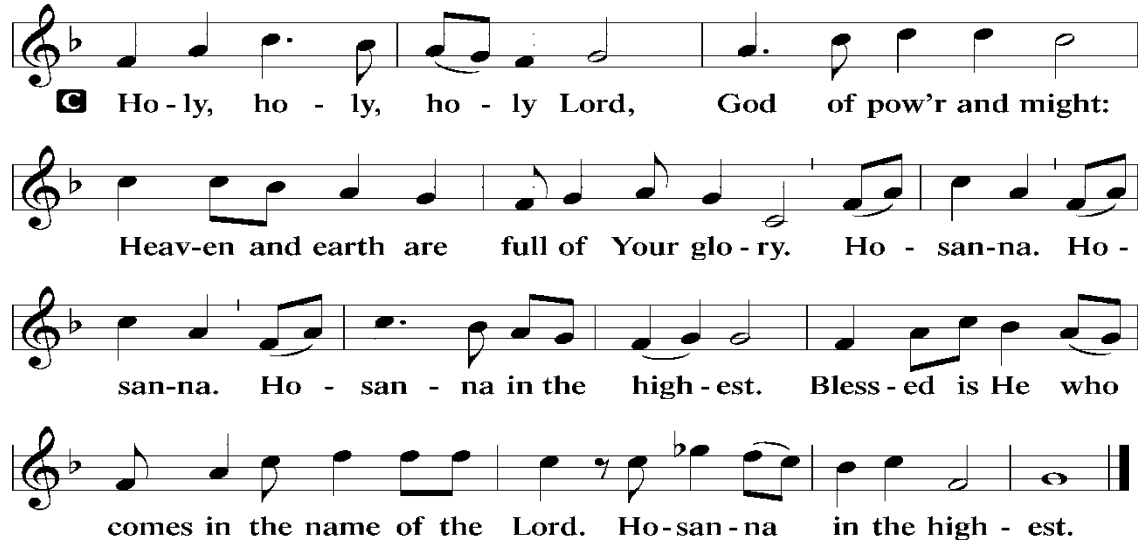
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Your Table I Approach"

(LSB 628)

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(LSB 832)

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

(LSB 623)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
shall ev - er be, The God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless 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.



CLOSING HYMN "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" (LSB 830)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect

heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. . . . “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned but gather the wheat into my barn.” Matthew 13:24–25, 30

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 Eighth 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. Brad Urbach, our Former Pastor. Pastor Kumm is out-of-town attending the Synod Convention in Phoenix, AZ. He will return on July 24th. Pastor Urbach will be available for emergencies and pastoral care during his absence.

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.

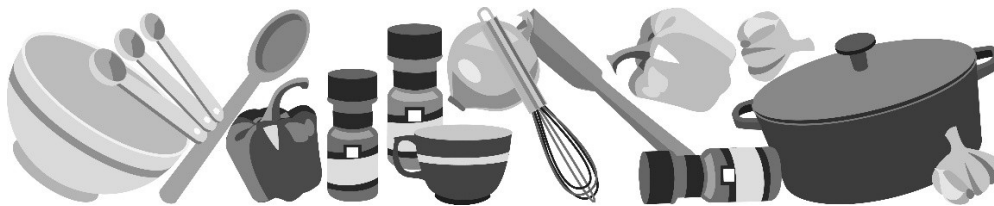
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Jul. 8, Att. 36; Offering \$500.00; **Sun., Jul. 12, Att. 274;** General Fund \$18,777.41; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$850.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,420.00; Organ Fund \$100.00; Chair Sold \$100.00; Endowment Fund (Future) in memory of Ronald Wilson \$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!



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. **We have had 514 recipes submitted so far. Still could use more. Keep them coming! We want a nice full cookbook! Would like to finish collecting recipes in August.**



Ladies' Fun Night (Note New Date) Monday, August 10 | 6:00 pm | Salt, Inc. The annual Ladies' Fun Night has been rescheduled for August 10th at Salt, Inc. (located in the Harrison Hill Plaza at 1601 N. Harrison – near the Bank West branch office). The cost of \$18 per person includes a tasty Pasta Bar dinner.

The evening of fun and fellowship is hosted by the Faith Lutheran LWML, but you don't need to be an LWML member to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other women from the congregation in a relaxing setting. Sign up at a table in the Narthex. More info: Contact Kristy Deal at (605) 280-7004.



MEN'S RETREAT

leadership looks like in the home, with your family, leadership in your community and at church. Plan to strengthen your knowledge with practical steps and ideas. We will also enjoy a fun Saturday afternoon at the shooting range so bring your shotgun, rifle and pistols.

Registration: <https://sddlcms.org/event/mens-retreat-in-pierre-sd/>

Men's Retreat Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2 at the Korkow Ranch Ministries in rural Pierre. Cost: Just \$40. Brought to you by the SD District-LCMS Mission and Ministry Council. Theme: Modeling Your Faith Men are called to be leaders – this retreat is a great way to build your faith with other men as we tackle the topics of what Christian

INTERESTED IN A GREAT MISSION PROJECT? LOVE SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS? Consider volunteering at Blessed Emmanuel during the 2026 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally!

The many volunteers who have helped during previous years can attest to the wonderful fellowship we experience with our fellow LCMS members as well as the many visitors who attend breakfasts and suppers. We serve over 2000 meals during the week of rally. That's over 2000 opportunities to witness!



The Board of Missions will be taking a church van to Sturgis to Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran August 8th, leaving at 5:00 AM. Please contact Carolyn Ryckman (280-6347) if you would like to go along and serve and share the Lord's love by word and deed.

Fundraiser Concert with Cade Thompson August 14th at New Life Assembly of God 1120 N Harrison Ave., Pierre. Doors open at 6:30 PM and concert begins at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person. This event is to support Foster and Adoptive Families across South Dakota. For event questions, contact Emily Fatur at 605-269-0852 or efatur@sdkidsbelong.org. There is a poster in the Narthex you can scan to register if you choose.



Bach Fest Concert An evening of Bach and Baroque Favorites. This concert is being held at Trinity Episcopal Church located at 408 N Jefferson Ave. on **July 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM**. Free Will Donation Be inspired by soloists and a Flute Trio – Clarinet Trio – Clarinet Quartet – Brass Quintet Everyone is welcome!



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.



Building Healthy Families: This week, take time to notice the beautiful (or wilting!) flowers and vegetables growing in your own or someone else's garden. Let them remind you that great relationships don't just happen – they require time and attention.

Who needs more of yours? *"Remember that children, marriages, and gardens reflect the kind of care they get."* (H. Jackson Brown, Jr.) Learn more at 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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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - "Interlude"- A husband and wife struggle with marital issues.

10:30 AM - Rev. Dr. Nabil Nour, pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled "A Promise Filled with Hope". The sermon is based on Romans 8:24-25. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Each of us amounts to more than assorted cells, isolated fluids, and random spasms. Human means—in every case—a character, with an emerging identity, disclosing a history, developing toward an intended destiny. Every life is a story." *Rev. Michael Salemink, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Save the Date! Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held the evenings of **8/2-8/6**. “Illumination Station” – experience what it truly means for Jesus to be the light of the world. More details, including registration and how the congregation can help will be shared as VBS gets closer.



South Dakota District Confirmation Retreat Beginning at 3 PM August 7 and ending at 2 PM August 8, 2026. This year’s host church is Our Redeemer Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Please contact Pastor Otten at 605-630-9541 if interested. This will replace Circuit Bible Camp. Cost: \$40. Faith Lutheran will scholarship any of our youth who want to go. This retreat is for 5th through 8th grades.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: July 19

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.

3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: July 20

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: July 21

10:30 am Women’s Bible Study

Wed: July 22

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Sun: July 26

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Bd. of Missions & Evang.