

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 ✠

BAPTISM HYMN “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” (LSB 590)

OPENING HYMN 11:00 “How Firm a Foundation” (LSB 728)

HOLY BAPTISM OF AGNES JEANNE POPPE (LSB 268)

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** †

ANTHEM "Si Yo No Tengo Amor" (*If I Do Not Have Love*) trad., T. Alonso
Small Mixed Ensemble

Laura Streich, vocal soloist

*If I do not have love, then I am nothing, Lord. If I do not have love, then
I am nothing, Lord.*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P **Let us pray.** O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING *Acts 1:12–26* (Trusting in the Lord's guidance, the apostles select faithful Matthias to complete the Twelve.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11 (Peter prepares believers for suffering and points them to the God who cares for them.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1–11 (Christ prays for the unity and safety of those who believe.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth 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 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" (LSB 623)

SERMON "It's All About Jesus" (John 17:1-11)
Pastor Sam Handschke

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

PRAYER FOR AND BLESSING OF MEXICO MISSION TEAM 8:30

(Please stand)

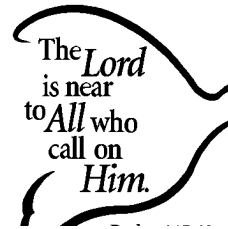
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your Son, that we would never be arrogant or prideful and thus provoke Your wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, You have provided pastors to preach Your Word, administer Your Sacraments and shepherd Your people. Guard them from leading Your sheep astray. Grant that, through their preaching, Your people may be pierced by the Law and saved by the Gospel. Finally, shield them from the assaults of the devil, who would silence Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, You settle the solitary in families in order to nurture their faith and train them in righteousness. Bless and strengthen parents to bring up their children to resist temptation and to endure all things for the sake of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, Father of all, rule for the cause of the needy and the outcast. Set the world's rulers against oppressors and all evil, that we may live together in peace, joy and holiness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially* _____]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, Your Son is both host and meal in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give us faith to recognize His body and blood and to receive with grateful faith this blessed food in Holy Communion. Guide us to live faithfully here on earth until we live forever with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal Lord, thanks be to You for victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember all who mourn. Comfort them with the promise that You love them with an everlasting love, and that Christ will raise His people from the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary continually afflicts us and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our

hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns 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 10 with the Benediction.



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 ✠

8:30 am

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

C 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

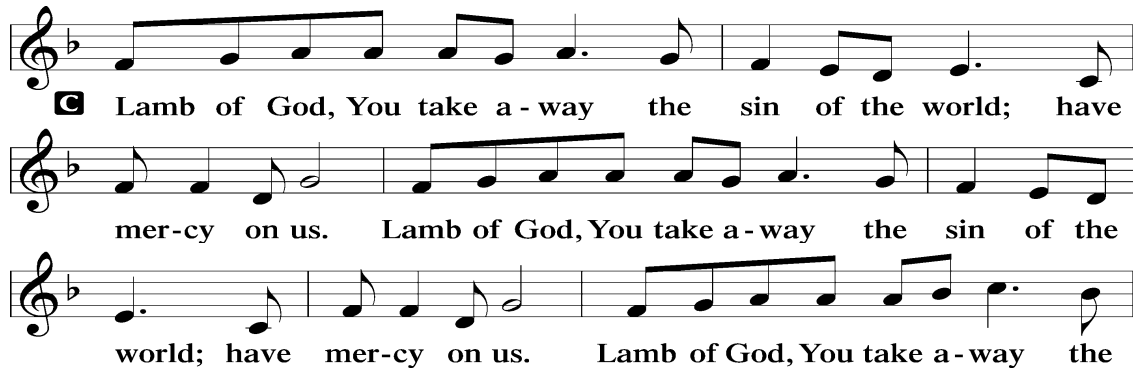
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

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



(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- "Draw Us to Thee" (LSB 701)
- "O Christ Who Called the Twelve" (LSB 856)
- "Fight the Good Fight" (LSB 664)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

☐ 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
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

☐ 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 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (LSB 525)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



AS WE GATHER Christians are “faith alone” people. We most often think of that in terms of salvation: we are saved by faith alone! But throughout our daily life, Christians function by faith alone. We practice generous stewardship by faith alone, trusting in the God who supplies all our needs. We keep God’s commands by faith alone, confident that His ways are better than our ways. And we pray by faith alone, assured our

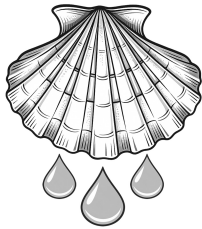
loving God has opened His door and His heart to hear and answer us. It is faith, and faith alone, that fuels us for life today and secures us for the life to come.

*“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never,
forsake!” LSB 728:3*

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 the Seventh Sunday of Easter! 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. Pastor Sam will also be preaching at Blunt between our services.



Holy Baptism This morning, with ordinary water and God's extraordinary Word, Agnes Jeanne Poppe becomes a daughter of God. She joins older sisters Lillian and Johanna in the Poppe family. Sponsors for Agnes are Marc Poppe and Mike & Bethany Vasilie. May God continue to shower Agnes and her family with His many blessings.

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. May 6, Att. 43; Offering \$1,140.00, **Sun., May 10, Att. 323;** General Fund \$11,724.30; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bible Study \$40.00; Mexico Mission \$1,760.00; Trinity Lutheran Service \$250.00.

Endowment Fund There are envelopes in your box of envelopes to 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!

Precall Meeting Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher, our SD District President, will be here to start discussion on Faith placing a call for another Pastor. All the congregation is invited to attend.

Monday Men's Every Monday evening, through the summer, from 5:30-6:00 pm. Our men will have a short devotion and study. They will meet in the Conference Room next to the office. If you cannot be there in person, call ins are welcome. For more information call John Barber at 605-220-2660.

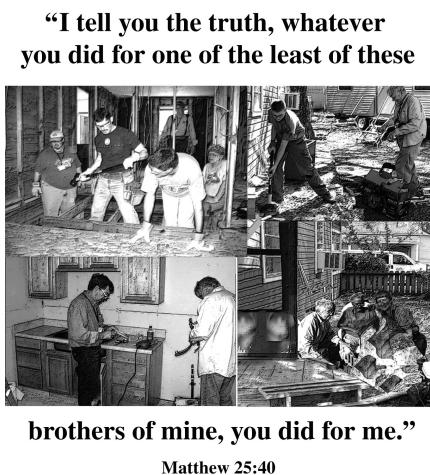


Priscilla Circle Priscilla Circle has moved their meeting from the last Monday of the month to tomorrow to avoid the holiday. Please plan accordingly. We will meet in the Living Room at 7:00 pm.



Forever Young Potluck This Thursday at noon our Forever Young group will meet in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly potluck. Anyone who is 55 years old or older is invited to come. Bring a favorite hot dish, dessert or salad to share. Beverage will be provided. We may even play some Bingo if anyone is interested.

Mexico Mission 2026 The motor coach filled with missionaries will be **departing Friday, May 22 and returning on Sunday, May 31** on our annual mission trip to Juarez, MX. We stay at Ysleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, TX. The cost for YLM registration plus room and board, travel, home building materials and Bible distribution, is over \$1500 each. We have a few kids that have not been able to participate so much in the fundraising due to circumstances as well as a few living out of town. We will be building a new home for a homeless individual who has a desire to go into ministry. We also hand out thousands of Bibles and gospel tracts, help with a food distribution and much more. This year, we have 19 participants to keep in your prayers.



Dennis Ryckman
 Carolyn Ryckman
 Samuel Ryckman
 Cassandra Ryckman
 Joshua Ryckman
 Shenal Premarathna
 Anna Rutherford

Ezra Rutherford
 Ajey Rutherford
 Kamora Rutherford
 Gracie Rutherford
 Avry Rutherford
 Evan Rutherford
 Joleena LaBrier

Aurora Corrales
 Charlie Bowers
 Bridger Gruber
 Aliah Valeros
 Selina Valeros

The Fed by Faith kitchen team needs your help! There are 2 ways to help, so if one doesn't work for your time or talents, please prayerfully consider the other option!

First, we will be meeting to fill the freezer on Saturday June 27th from 10 AM until we finish, probably around 3. All skill levels are welcome! If you can read and follow simple recipes, mix casseroles, "stir the pot", butter bread, sprinkle cheese, scoop soup into containers, sit and "supervise"/visit with workers, or wash dishes, you're qualified! Come for part of the time or the whole time, whatever works for you!

Secondly, if 6/27 doesn't work for your schedule but you'd still like to help, we are in need of home baked cookies, bars, muffins, or quick breads! Package baked goods by the loaf or dozen, label what it is, and place in the freezer on the back wall of the kitchen whenever convenient for you! Thank you for your help in providing hot meals to those in need in our community!



An account has been set up at Dakota Plains Credit Union to help defray the medical treatment costs for AJ Lenz who has been diagnosed with cancer. At this point, he is not doing well. Prayers are especially requested and any financial donation you are able to make is appreciated as well. Cards or letters of encouragement may be sent to 701 W 1st Ave., Fort Pierre, SD 57532. AJ has a wife and two young girls who could also use your prayers and support. Please keep this family in your prayers and help in any way you are able.

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 about 440 recipes**



submitted so far. Still could use more. Keep them coming! We want a nice full cookbook!



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 still in need of more greeters.* The more we have the better. If we get enough, they may only have to greet a couple times a year. Please consider joining this group.

Broadcast Ministry – Livestream help needed You can be part of our broadcast ministry, the team responsible for getting our worship service into homes in Ft. Pierre and Pierre, and across our state and country. The reach of this ministry is immense, and we need your help to consistently make this critical broadcast available. Members of the team are trained in controlling the broadcast computer and cameras. This ministry requires some technical skills – if you can operate your phone then you can control our broadcast. Our goal is to have each volunteer scheduled once every six to eight weeks. Please talk to one of the Elders if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.



Building Healthy Families: Psst...have you ever noticed how nearly impossible it is to tune out a whispered conversation nearby? Kids certainly can't. Parents, you can actually use that to your advantage—by letting them “accidentally” overhear the things you most want them to learn. When they catch you speaking warmly about your spouse, it quietly builds their sense of security at home. When they overhear you saying good things about their teacher, it shapes how they show respect and cooperation at school. And when they hear you expressing genuine appreciation for your pastor, it naturally nurtures their respect for him as well. Those little, overheard moments? They often speak louder than a message communicated directly!

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 - “Poisoned Banquet” - Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse’s career and marriage.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jason Rensner, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled “The Answer is Always Jesus”. The sermon is based on Acts 1:12-26. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “We are no longer terrified sinners but God’s own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



MAY

Faith Lutheran Youth



Camp Minneboji is held every year at Camp Okoboji in NW Iowa. The summer camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, a camp T-shirt and the chance to meet new Christian friends. Camp registration and fee are required to attend. Camp week is **June 21 – June 27, 2026**.

If you plan to attend let the office know. We have funds available to help with camp fees.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: May 17

8:30 am Communion
11:00 am Worship
12:00 Stanley Co. Graduation
1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow
2:00 pm Riggs High Graduation
3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: May 18

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men
6:30 pm Prayer Care
7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: May 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions
10:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Pre-Call Meeting

6:15 pm *Parenting Study*

Wed: May 20

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: May 21

8:00 am Staff Devotions

12:00 pm Forever Young

5:30-7:30 pm MOPS

Sun: May 24

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

Psalm 51:1-17

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

- 51 Have mercy on me,^[a] O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
- ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right^[b] spirit within me.
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
- ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
- ¹⁶For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.