

THE SEVENTH 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 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (LSB 901)

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

Ps 103:15-19; (antiphon: Ps. 103:8)

P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

P for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

C But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

P to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

C The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

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.

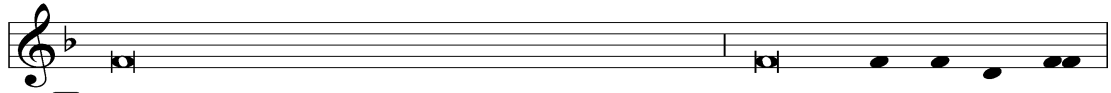
P The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



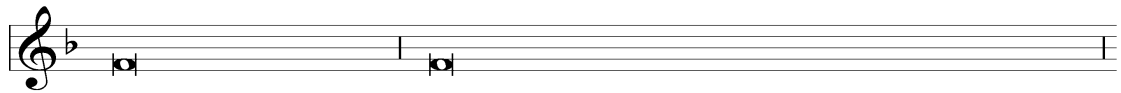
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



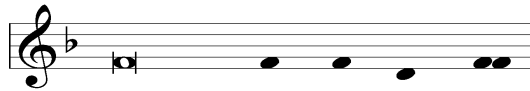
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



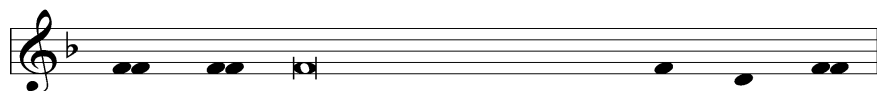
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

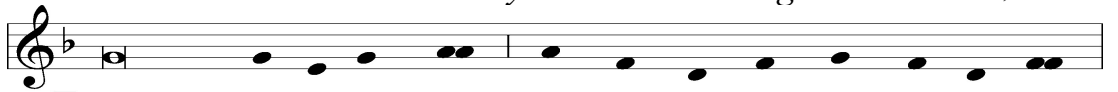


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

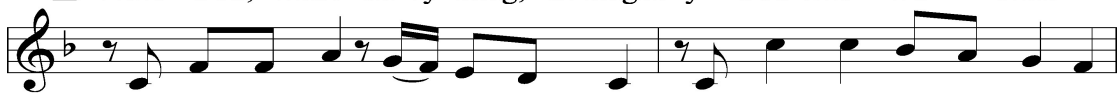
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “*Glory to God in the Highest*” *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 *Isaiah 55:10–13* (The Lord’s powerful Word sets His people free in joy and singing.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”... Handt Hanson
 Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist
 Megan Bauck, flute

EPISTLE *Romans 8:12–17* (Set free by the Spirit, believers are challenged to recognize their adoption into the family of God.)

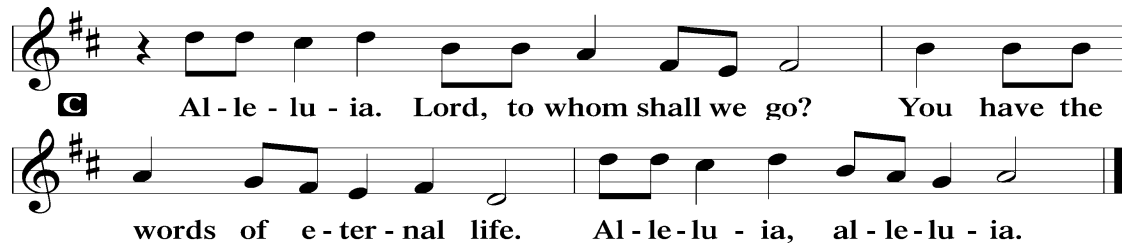
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA *and* VERSE



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 *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23* (Jesus shares and interprets His story of the lavish sower and the harvest He seeks.)

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)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" (*LSB 577*)

SERMON *Pastor Michael Kumm (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)*

CREED


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

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

(Please Sit)

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERTORY



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

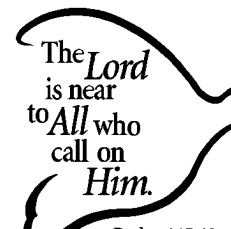
(Please stand)

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 8:30 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 ✠

11:00 am service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

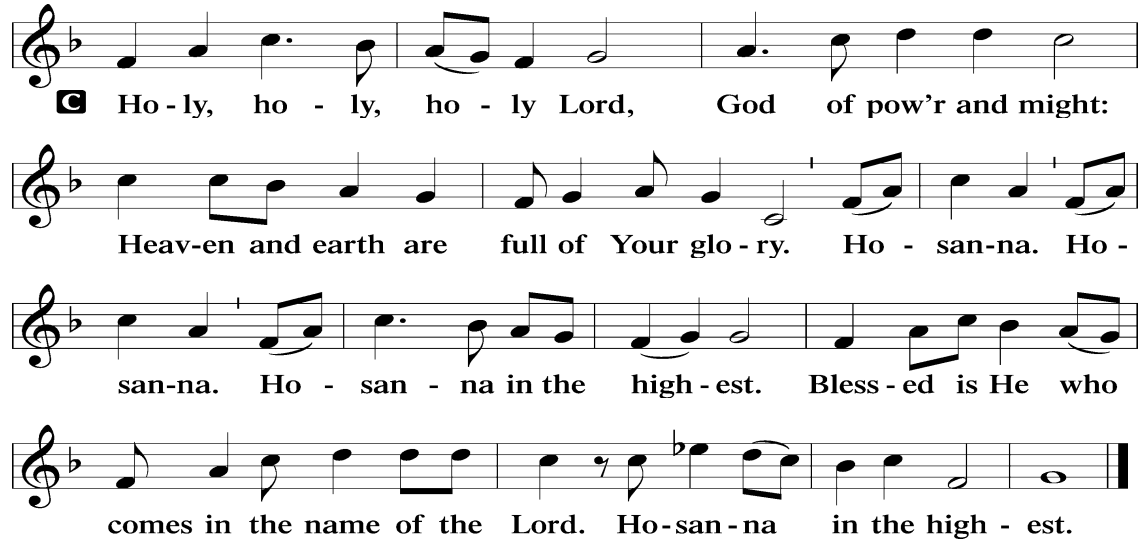
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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

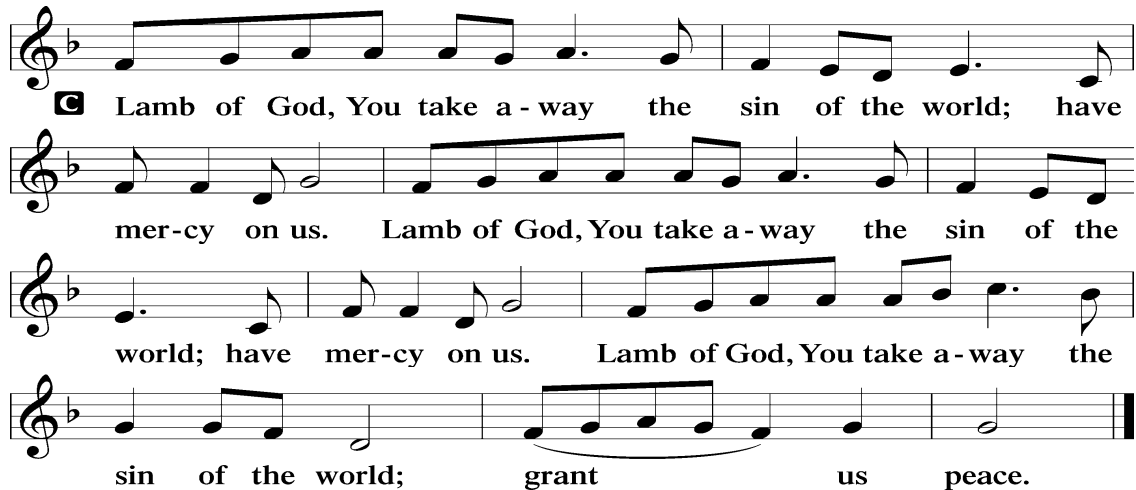
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

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

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" (LSB 627)

"O Word of God Incarnate" (LSB 523)

"Children of the Heavenly Father" (LSB 725)



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

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 "On What Has Now Been Sown" (LSB 921)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER On this day when our thoughts and minds attend to the independence of our nation, we hear a study of contrasts between the mighty King who comes to us on a colt, the foal of a donkey, and the mystery that befuddles the wise revealed to the child. We also hear Paul wrestle with the paradox of his own nature as saint by virtue of the merits of Christ and sinner—all in the same body. Though it is our nature to try and solve such paradoxes and resolve such contrasts, the path of faith is to appreciate what each reveals to us and to trust in the Lord for all things. We might find it frustrating to chafe under the tension of what is and what should be, yet even the child can discern the gracious will of God in Christ and rejoice of His easy yoke. Thanks be to God.

Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. Matthew 11:29–30

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 Seventh 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. After today's services, 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 11:00 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. July 1, Att. 23; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., July 5, Att. 260;** General Fund \$10,785.21; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$245.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Portals of Prayer \$20.00; T-shirt \$10.00; Padded Folding Chairs for Fellowship Hall \$500.00; Music \$200.00.

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 about 514 recipes submitted so far. Still could use more. Keep them coming! We want a nice full cookbook! We would like to finish collecting recipes by 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 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'S RETREAT

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 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/>

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.



Building Healthy Families: Many of us were raised on a familiar script: be tough, don't ask for help, and "pull yourself up by your bootstraps." It sounds admirable—but it's not a recipe for a healthy life, and it's not what God calls us to. Scripture points us in a different direction. Paul writes in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." We were never meant to carry everything alone. God places us in community—where we can be supported, and where we can support others in return. So challenge those old messages, even the deeply ingrained ones about self-reliance. Replace them with truth. Let someone in. Share what you're carrying with a trusted brother or sister in Christ. Reach out to family, friends, your pastor, or a LFS

counselor who shares your faith and values. Strength isn't found in isolation—it's often revealed in the courage to seek and receive help. 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. **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 - “A Will to Live” A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.

10:30 AM - Rev. Paul Sajban, pastor at Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, MN, presents a message titled “Good Soil, Healthy Plant”. The sermon is based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

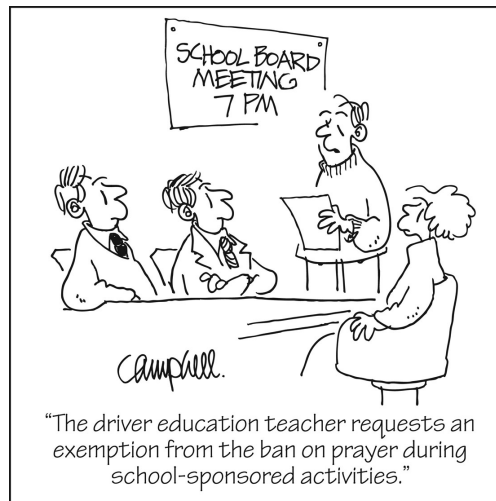
Life Quotes “Realistically, most of us will never be more than ordinary, but that doesn't mean we're useless. God works through the ordinary, the mundane, and the commonplace. He worked through Esther, and He works through you to bless others in ways you may never know.” *Grace MacPherson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Circuit Bible Camp is July 13-15 at the Oahe Downstream Campground. The theme is “LOST”. Cost to attend is \$50. Faith will scholarship that amount for any of our member youth who would like to attend. Non-members would be responsible for their own costs. Contact Pastor David Otten at 605-630-9544 or revdavidotten@gmail.com.

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.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jul. 12

8:30 am Worship
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
11:00 am Communion
5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Jul. 13

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men
7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Jul. 14

10:30 am Women's Study
2:00 pm Berea Circle
6:15 Bd. of Property Management
6:30 pm *Parenting* Study

Wed: Jul. 15

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jul. 16

12:00 pm Forever Young

Sun: Jul. 19

8:30 am Communion
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Board of Steward/Endow.
3:00 pm Board of Education



**“You make the gateways
of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.”**

Psalm 65:8