

THE EIGHTEENTH 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

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"

(LSB 913)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

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

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

P Sing to the Lord a new song, Alleluia,
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alleluia.

C His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

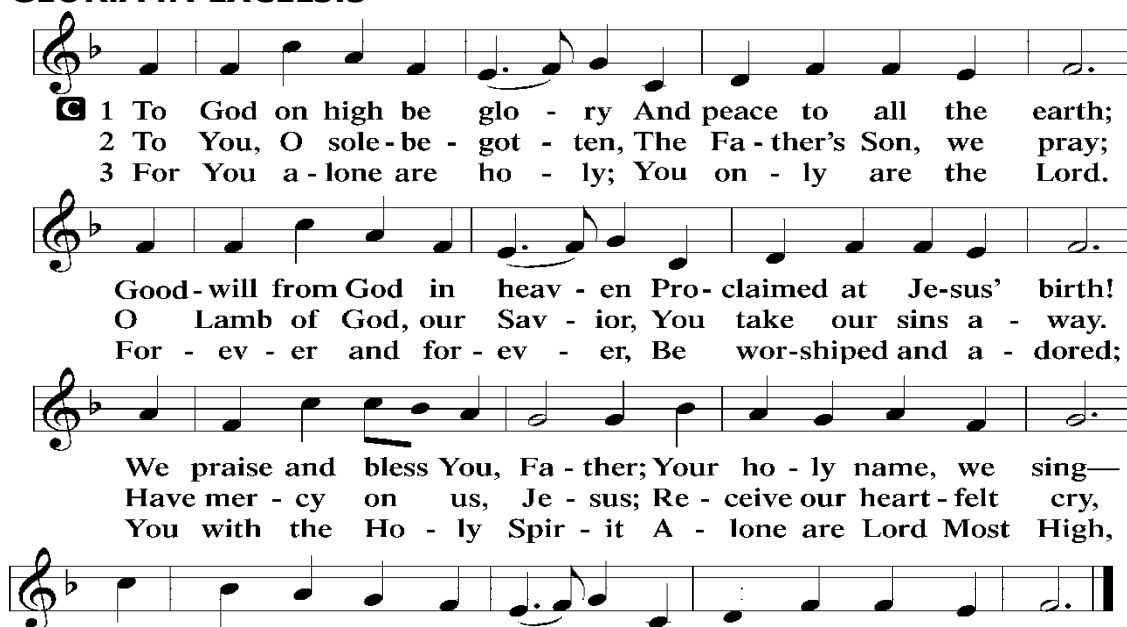
P Sing to the Lord a new song, Alleluia,
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
Alleluia.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32* (“I have no pleasure in the death of anyone.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Jesus, Name Above All Names" ... N. Hearn, arr. Wilson
Randy Hartmann, vocal soloist

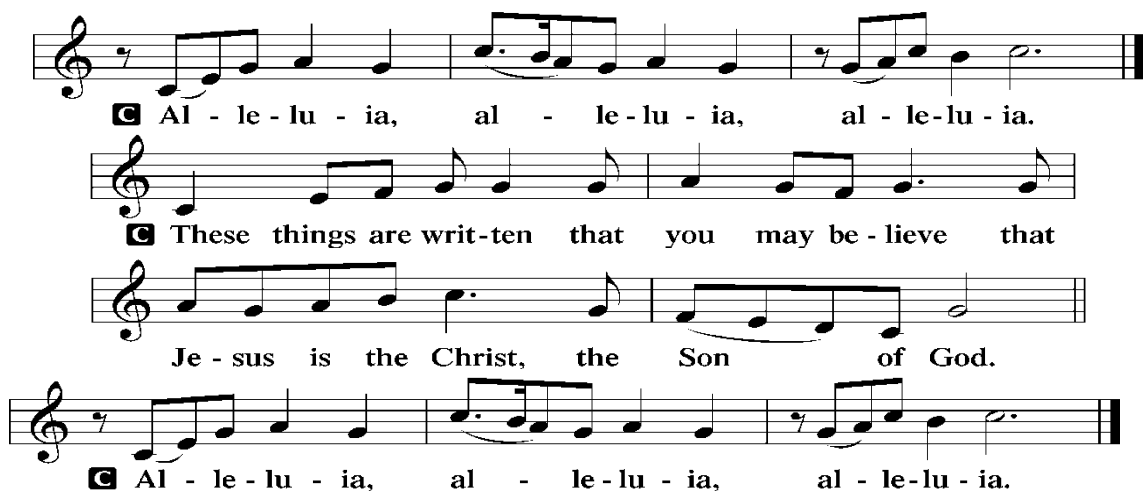
EPISTLE *Philippians 2:1–4 (5–13) 14–18* (Christ's example of humility)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff contains the lyrics "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that". The third staff contains the lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The fourth staff contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23–27 (28–32)* (The authority of Jesus is challenged.)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" (LSB 655)

SERMON God's Good Pleasure (*Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*)
Elder Matt King

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please Stand as you are able)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P ... 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.

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

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

(LSB 813)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER From the beginning, God implanted His life-creating power into His creation with the command “Be fruitful and multiply” to animals (Genesis 1:22) and to humans (1:28), with one important difference. You are not an accident or only a product of biology. Every human being is a personal soul. So we confess, “I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them” (Small Catechism, Creed, Explanation of the First Article). Because of our inherited sin, however, “the soul who sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). Nevertheless, God’s design is for life—eternal life. He declares, “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone” (18:32). Because God so loves you, He sent His Son to take away your sin by the shedding of His blood on the cross. Therefore, “we preach Christ crucified, . . . the power of

God and the wisdom of God” (1 Corinthians 1:23–24). Christ died to sin for you. By Holy Baptism, you died with Christ and are raised to new life in Him. The love of God is yours today by faith in the cross of Jesus Christ. The Father’s declaration of Jesus now becomes yours: “My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3–4

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 Eighteenth 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.

Delivering our sermon this morning is Elder Matt King.

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

Sun., Sept. 20, Att. 264; General Fund \$10,074.58; Sunday School \$15.00; Building Fund \$845.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$200.00; LWML Broadcasts \$60.00; Forever Young \$68.00.

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!

The congregations of Onida, Blunt, and Harrold placed a call to Pastor Gordon Naumann from Saint John Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA. Pastor Naumann accepted the call and will be arriving November 1. Pastor Naumann has a large family with a wife and eight children. The congregations have reached out to Faith Lutheran and have asked if we wish to help fill a freezer with meat. If you would like to donate meat or funds to purchase meat, please let the church office know 605-224-2216. Please have your donations made by Sunday, October 18th. Thank you.

SD LWML Christian Life Workshop Saturday, October 3, 2026 St. Paul Lutheran Church 846 N. 7th St. Spearfish, SD Apologetics in Evangelism (1 Peter 3:15) Bible Study Leader: Pastor Thomas Brown 9am-3pm Check the schedule for the day on posters in the Narthex.

Bible Study “*Raising Internally Motivated Kids*” new study will begin on Sunday, October 18th between services. For more information: Vona Johnson at (605) 280-7565

Men's Club Fellowship NOTE NEW START TIME Monday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the Gym. Men's Club gatherings are held the first Monday of each month. All men are welcome to attend even if you never have before. The start time has been moved up to 6:30 pm so there's a shorter break between Monday Men's Bible Study and Men's Club. Dartball is on the agenda, so be ready for some friendly competition! Bring a snack to share; a beverage will be provided.

Pierre LWML Fall Zone Rally October 11, 2026 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall The congregation of Faith Lutheran is invited to attend the LWML Fall Pierre Zone Rally on Sunday, Oct. 11th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Faith. This will be an opportunity to hear first-hand about how the Lord works through missionaries to share The Good News in other countries. **Guest Speaker** Pastor Richard Carter and his wife Miriam have served as Lutheran missionaries in Mongolia. Pastor Carter has also served as a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. The Carters will have a PowerPoint presentation to bring to life the mission work they have been doing.

Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend, and registration is not required. *(A donation basket will be available for those who wish to help with LWML expenses.)*

There will be a short meeting after the presentation with election of officers. Please consider holding an office.



Country Fair October 17th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch counter (pulled beef sandwiches, homemade soups and chili, corn dogs and chips), baked goods, candies, crafts, homegrown produce, jellies, sauces and other canned goods. Caramel rolls for breakfast and pie by the slice or whole (if you check out the baked goods booth). To go orders available starting at 10:30 am. If you haven't signed up to help, there is still time. Check the table in the Narthex. A busy and fun day!

Trunk ‘N’ Treat October 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.
Like we have done in past years, we need families to supply their trunks so little ones can trick-or-treat safely. Would love to have 20 “trunks”. We suggest you start with 500 pieces of candy. With the generosity of the congregation, we will then have candy to supplement if you run out. There will be a box in the Narthex and one in the office for candy donations starting October 1st. Thanks for your help!



Building Healthy Families: “Love and faithfulness keep a king safe; through love his throne is made secure.” (Proverbs 20:28) Is your marriage a place where both you and your spouse feel safe, respected, and valued? Loving words, faithful actions, and everyday kindness strengthen trust and build safety in relationships. Harsh words, criticism, and hurtful actions destroy them. Which is more prevalent with yours? 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 Cup” - The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jacob Smith, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled “Is God Unjust?”. The sermon is based on Ezekiel 18:25. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for

the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again.” *Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Classes Continue

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

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

Midweek/Confirmation: Classes continue. For grades 4-8. 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. 27

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Worship

Mon: Sept. 28

5:00 pm Daycare Meeting in Gym

5:30 pm Monday Men

7:00 pm Priscilla Circle

Tues: Sept. 29

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Sept. 30

5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulf's

6:00 pm Midweek

6:00 pm *Clearly Christian* Study

6:30 pm *Isaiah* In Homes

8:00 pm LYF

Sat: Oct. 3

12-5 pm Baby Shower in Gym

Sun: Oct. 4

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

6:00 pm Board of Elders