

THE TWENTIETH 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 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB 633)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L 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.

L 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,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 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

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 25:6–9* (A feast for all peoples)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Thee Will I Love"...Johann Scheffler, *arr. C. Courtney*
Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

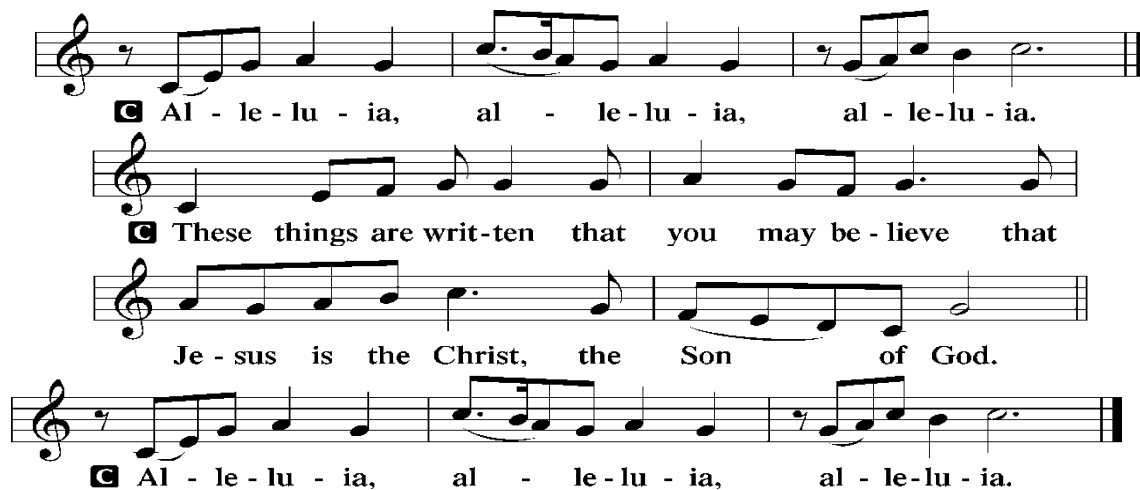
EPISTLE *Philippians 4:4-13* (Exhortation and encouragement)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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 22:1-14* (The parable of the wedding feast)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" (LSB 516)

SERMON "The Swallowing of Death" (Isaiah 25:6-9)
 Elder Justin Bell

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

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L ... 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

L 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 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LSB 923)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER What is more difficult to believe: a fable about a man defeating a deadly dragon by eating it or a prophet's prediction that the Creator God would defeat death itself by swallowing it? What does Isaiah, the prophet, mean by saying God "will swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8)? Does God eat?

The mighty, eternal, creator God is life Himself and has no need for sustenance. In order to "swallow death," God took on our human form. We die because of the corruption of sin. To "swallow death," the incarnate Savior "ate," or consumed, death by taking the sin of the world onto Himself on the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not die for Himself. Jesus died your death for your sin. So it is that when a sinner is baptized into Christ Jesus, he or she is "baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3). Thereby, "you have died, and your life is

hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3).

Even with saving faith in Christ, we still have Christian funerals. But by faith we wait, hope, and fully expect to be raised in the resurrection to eternal life, to be present at the great feast of salvation. In Christ, the enemy, death itself, has been transformed for us by God now to be but His divine remedy, freeing us from sin and eternal death. Therefore, by faith in Christ we no longer need to fear death but rather can see it as a peaceful sleep from which we are promised to be awakened to eternal life and the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 25:8

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

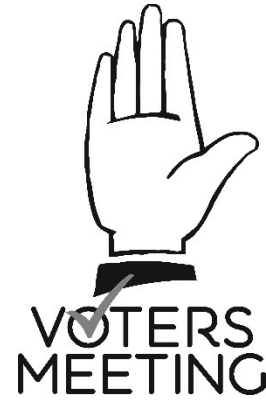
Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Delivering our sermon this morning is Elder Justin Bell. During this time of pastoral vacancy, our Elders and occasionally (if they are available) a visiting Pastor will deliver our sermons and help with the liturgy. So far, our Elders are doing a wonderful job! Thanks so much!

Holy Communion will be celebrated at our services when we have a Pastor available who can consecrate the elements. This may be sporadic for a while. Thank you.



**Voter's Meeting, Sunday, October 18,
at 4:00 pm!** The Faith Board of Elders is calling a
**Voter's meeting for ALL Faith Lutheran
voters** on Sunday, October 18th, **for the purpose
of extending a Divine Call for our next
pastor.** This is a **VERY** important meeting, and
all voters (all communicant members 18 years
and over) are strongly encouraged to attend.



Vacancy Information I would encourage all to attend Sunday Morning services during this time of transition. The Board of Elders is planning to have services at the same time on Sunday morning. The District President has been looking for a Vacancy Pastor to come to Pierre. Pastor Greenseth has agreed to be the Pastor to call **in case of an emergency**. His phone number is **605-516-0077**. The Board of Elders is also working to call a Pastor to be in Pierre. Pastor David Otten will take over the vacancy at Trinity Blunt until Nov. 1 when their Pastor will be installed. Pastor Otten can be reached at **605-630-9541**. Pastor Otten

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., Oct. 4, Att. 227; General Fund \$17,953.91; Sunday School \$8.00; Building Fund \$160.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$410.00; State to Daycare \$1,000.00; Preschool \$1,591.01; Portals of Prayer \$20.00.

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 installed 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 turned into the church office by Sunday, October 18th. Thank you.

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

Pierre LWML Fall Zone Rally TODAY 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall
Pastor Richard Carter will be the presenter. He was a missionary in Mongolia last year. He and his wife will have a PowerPoint presentation. It is open to the congregation. Refreshments will be served.

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

GOVERNOR GROCERY MISSION PROJECT

Wow! It's a record – and a huge one. In September, the Faith congregation collected **5,224 ITEMS** for the Governor Grocery program - a student food pantry housed behind Georgia Morse Middle School. **That's an 85% jump**

from last year's high of 2,828! PLUS: **Members of the congregation donated \$500 - also a record!** Your donations will assist local youth in need who can go to the student pantry after school on Fridays during the school year to select food, beverages and snacks to see them through the weekend. In addition, the pantry stocks personal hygiene products for students. Among the items you donated: 629 meal cups; 561 breakfast meals including cereal, oatmeal and Pop Tarts; 417 beverages; 290 fruit, vegetable and fruit sauce cups; 100 tuna, chicken, beef and pork packets; 1,064 snack items; 1,497 feminine hygiene products; 376 personal hygiene items such as deodorant, shampoo, body wash and cologne; and 132 toothbrushes and toothpaste. The donations were hauled to the student pantry this week, where they were unloaded by student volunteers. **Thank you to everyone who participated!**



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!





Motorcoach Trip Branson in December
5 days – 4 nights Dec. 1-5 (date not set in stone)
Travel via Faith Lutheran Motorcoach. Hotels
and daily breakfast. Shopping in downtown
Branson. Three amazing shows include: Million
Dollar Quartet + Dinner Show, Clay Cooper
Country Express, and Miracle of Christmas at Sight and Sound. \$750
estimate per person based on double occupancy in rooms. This is the total
trip cost, which includes bus travel and shows that will need to be
reimbursed to Faith Lutheran. Sign up soon. Would like to have deposits by
end of October so we can finalize reservations. Watch for details and latest
updates at faithluth.com/branson2026.

Missing Resources The following Commentaries are missing from our
shelves, nor were they “checked out”.

One book: Obadiah/Jonah/Micah

One book: Haggai/Zechariah/Malachi
Revelation

These volumes were present in the past. If you may have borrowed these to
assist you in your Bible studies, please return them to our Library. Thanks!



Building Healthy Families: Friday, October 16 is “National Boss’s
Day”, which reminds us of a biblical truth that applies every day of
the year: God calls us to honor those in authority. Children learn this
not only from what we teach but from what they hear us say about
employers, teachers, leaders, and others in authority. Consider how your
words do (or don’t) model respect and gratitude for the children in your
household. 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 - “Return Trip” - Fourth commandment, human guilt and divine forgiveness.

10:30 AM - Rev. Robert Moeller, Jr., pastor at St. John's in Britton, SD & St. Paul's in Ferney, SD, presents a message titled “Rejoice in the Lord Always”. The sermon is based on Philippians 4:4-13. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Whether the sin of aborting one’s child or the sin of remaining silent and not speaking on behalf of our unborn children, whether the sin of neglecting an aging parent or even—God forbid—encouraging them to consider physician-assisted suicide as an option, whether the sin of apathy toward the gross evil and immorality in the world—turn to Jesus! There is forgiveness to be found for every sin, but it is only found in Jesus. Only in that holy blood, shed for us on the cross, do we find the antidote for the poison of sin.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – 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.**

<https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2026/32595>



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Oct. 11

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
11:00 am Worship
11:00 am Board of Missions
2:00 pm LWML Pierre Zone Rally

Mon: Oct. 12

5:30 pm Monday Men
7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Oct. 13

10:30 am Women's Bible Study
2:00 pm Berea Circle
6:15 pm Bd. of Prop. Management

Wed: Oct. 14

5:30 pm Board of Early Educ.
5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulf's
6:00 pm *Clearly Christian* Study
6:00 pm Midweek
6:30 pm *Isaiah* In Homes

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Oct. 15

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck
1:00 pm Country Fair Set-up
Begins

5-8 pm MomCo in Jon's Place

Fri: Oct. 16

All Day Country Fair Set-up

Sat: Oct. 17

9am-1pm Country Fair
1-3 pm Country Fair Clean-up

Sun: Oct. 18

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
9:45 am *Raising...Kids* Study
11:00 am Worship
3:00 pm Board of Education
5-8:30 pm Fast Pitch Banquet

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

23 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.^[a]

³ He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness^[b]

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,^[c]

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[d] goodness and mercy^[e] shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell^[f] in the house of the Lord

forever.^[g]



Psalm 23:1