

THE NINTH 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

"Built on the Rock"

(LSB 645)

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 105:2-6; (antiphon: Ps. 105:1)

P O give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

C Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

P Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

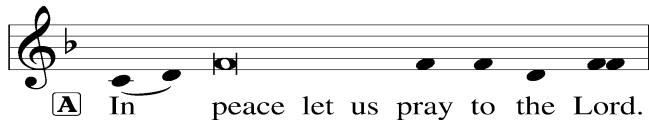
P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
His miracles, and the judgements he uttered,

C O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

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.

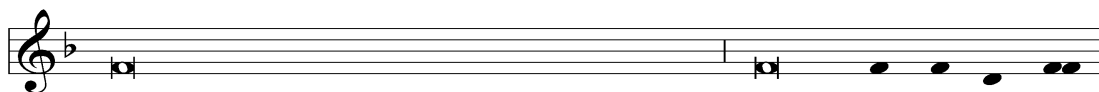
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make known his deeds among the peoples!

KYRIE





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.



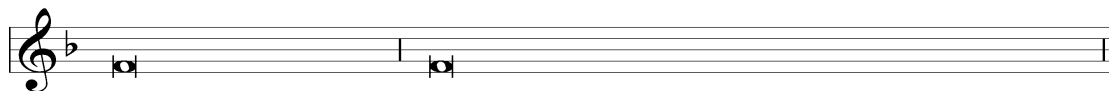
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



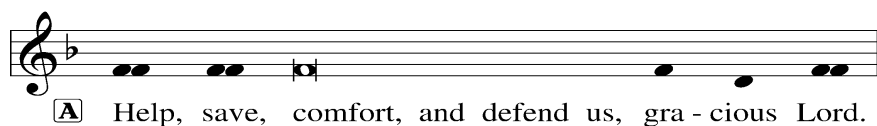
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



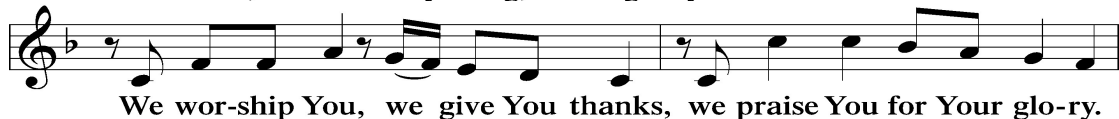
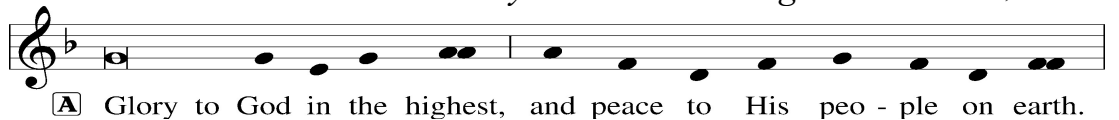
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



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





SALUTATION *and* **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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 *Deuteronomy 7:6–9* (In love, the Lord reaffirms His faithfulness and His people's worth.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Morning Has Broken"... BUNESSAN, (*arr. Brant Adams*)
Andrew Wulf, alto sax soloist

EPISTLE *Romans 8:28–39* (Paul gives words to the inexpressibly lavish love of God in Christ Jesus.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44–52* (Jesus’ parables of the kingdom point to the value of the treasures He came to save.)

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 “From God Can Nothing Move Me” (*LSB 713*)

SERMON

Pastor Michael Kumm

(Matthew 13:44–52)

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.

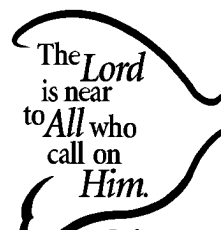
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 12 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.

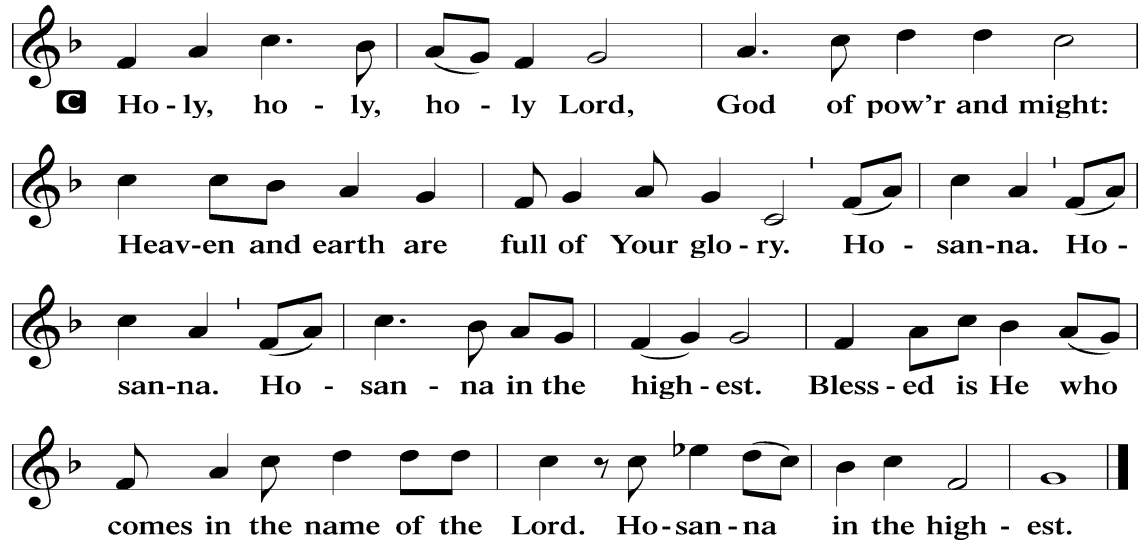
C We lift them to the Lord.

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



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
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (LSB 631)

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" (LSB 554)

"The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

(LSB 164)



C 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.



CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

(LSB 643)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NINTH 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 Ninth 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.

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 15, Att. 16; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., July 19, Att. 192;** General Fund \$8,670.43; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$340.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,860.00; Forever Young \$158.00; Chairs \$200.00; Hymnals \$20.00; Trinity (May & June) \$450.00; Avera Health (Daycare) \$15.00; Endowment Fund (Blessings)

\$175.00, (Generations) \$125.00, (Foundations) \$125.00, (Future) \$125.00.

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

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

Men's Retreat Friday, July 31-Sunday, August 2 | The Ranch Ministries (Korkow Ranch) Here's a great opportunity to get away for a guy's weekend, without spending a lot of money or traveling very far. The Retreat will be hosted by Faith Lutheran so we're hoping for a strong turnout from our members. Build your faith and bond with others as the group

tackles the topics of what Christian leadership looks like with your family, in your community and at church. Saturday afternoon will include time at the shooting range so bring your shotgun, rifle and pistols. We need to finalize our plans so we urge you to **PLEASE SIGN UP THIS WEEK**. Complete details and registration: sddlcms.org/event/mens-retreat-in-pierre-sd. Or you can register and get your questions answered by texting Dennis Ryckman at (605) 222-7713.

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/arktrip2026 www.faithluth.com/arktrip2026

Sign-up in the Narthex by August 31.



Building Healthy Families: What percent of people in your congregation are adopted? If you guessed anything less than 100 percent, you're wrong. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."* (Gal. 4:4-5) In today's culture, adoption is often seen as a last resort for infertile couples; a way to find a child for the couple. A Biblical view of adoption is child – not couple – focused. LFS' adoption ministry exists to find loving, Christian married moms and dads who will provide a stable home and life-long relationship of love based on Christ's example for every child who needs one. Is God calling you or someone you know to such a loving plan? 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 - "Man in the Middle" - Two Men are left with a "secret" when one tells he has terminal cancer.

10:30 AM - Rev. Christopher Amen, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone, MN, presents a message titled "Worth Everything." The sermon is based on Matthew 13:44–52. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes "Even with all our sins, and even our rejection of Him, God is patiently loving us and calling us back to Him through the Holy Spirit. That's your story, friends. Go out in your God-given identity as a king or a

queen and a priest. Don't go in fear and trembling, because when He calls you, He'll be with you!" *Diane Albers, President 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 26

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

11:00 am Bd. of Missions/Evang.

Mon: July 27

3-5 pm Election Set-up

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men

Tues: July 28

7 am-7 pm Run-off Election

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

12:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle

6:30 pm *Parenting* Study

Wed: July 29

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: July 30

6:30 pm Church Council

Sun: Aug. 2

8:30 am Communion

9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship

11:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

5:30 pm VBS Meal

6:00 pm Board of Elders

6-8 pm VBS

