

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026 A.D.
Faith Ev. Lutheran Church – Pierre, SD
Website: www.faithluth.com
Church Phone – (605) 224-2216

Rev. Brad Urbach
Retired Former Pastor
Email: faith@faithluth.com
Church Fax – (605) 224-2226



*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 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” (LSB 868)
(We Rise)

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 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 ✠

GLORIA Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise LSB 946

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

© 1991 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010579.
© Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100010579.

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6–9* (“Seek the LORD while He may be found.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Seek Ye First”...Lafferty, arr. Larson

Helen Kiepke, vocal soloist

Andrew Wulf, oboe

EPISTLE *Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30* (“Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.”)

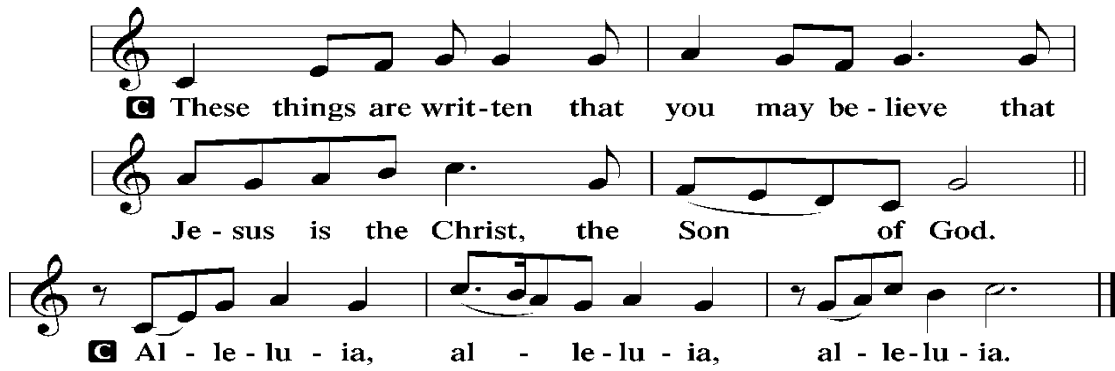
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA *and* **VERSE**





HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1–16* (Do you begrudge the Lord’s generosity?)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twentieth 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)

SERMON HYMN “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”
(LSB 682)

SERMON “Servants of Christ” *(1 Corinthians 4:1)*
Pastor Brad Urbach

CREED *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE

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.

Divine Master, Your ways are high above the ways of men. You put the last first, abundantly pardon sinners and make death great gain for Your servants. Enlighten our hearts with this wisdom from Your Word, that we may lead fruitful lives in the midst of a foolish world. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, keep us all ever mindful that it is only by Your grace we are included in Your kingdom and privileged to serve in it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God of life and death, whether we live or die, we are Yours. Embolden Your Church to honor You with our bodies in this life, that we may also depart this life in faith to be with Christ, which is far better. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Gracious God, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, have mercy on all Your servants of our Faith Family and its friends. Keep all these and their faith strong, that they may know with certainty that to live is Christ and to die is gain. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Lord, Your Son's body and blood provides us a foretaste of the feast to come. Bless the pastors who serve us these sacred mysteries.

Strengthen all who commune today through the forgiveness of sins You bestow. Nourish all who are still being instructed, and bring them soon to Your table. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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.



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, with and under the bread and wine 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 ✠
Both Services

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

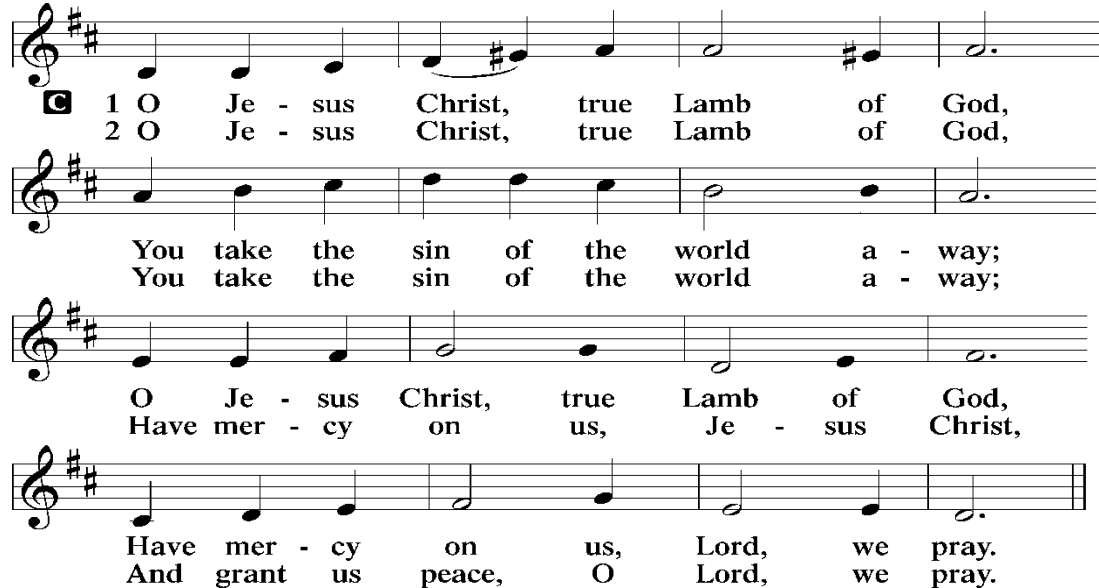
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (LSB 549)

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (LSB 636)



(Please rise)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to now, Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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)

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006
Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER On the surface, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard seems wrong. Shouldn't the worker receive the wages he or she deserves for his or her time and labor? It offends our sense of fair play that one who worked less should receive the same as one who worked more. If you only focus on the perspective of the laborer, that might seem true, but if you focus on the generosity of the vineyard owner, you get a very different perspective. God's mercy is not the reward for our labor but a pure gift of grace given to those who deserve none of His kindness. When

you begin to look at this parable from that perspective, God's abundant generosity becomes clear. The Lord does what none of us would do—forgives all our sins, no matter how great, and bestows upon us the mercy and salvation we did nothing to earn and could never deserve. How can anyone begrudge Him such generosity?

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house. . . . So the last will be first, and the first last. Matthew 20:8–11, 16

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 Seventeenth 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 Pastor Brad Urbach.

Holy Communion is celebrated at **both services** 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.



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

Wed. Sept. 9, Att. 24; Offering \$0.00, **Sun., Sept. 13, Att. 243;** General Fund \$8,025.83; Sunday School \$6.00; Building Fund \$350.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$585.00; Trinity Lutheran (Aug.) \$250.00; LSB Devotional \$91.34; Float Use \$200.00.

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!

We're Helping Local Students in Need September is Faith Lutheran's month to gather donations for the "Governor Grocery" project – a student

food pantry located in a building behind Georgia Morse Middle School. We'll help stock the shelves with nonperishable food in single-serving sizes as well as hygiene products. Tables for the donations will be set up in the Narthex through September. Check the posters for items in particular need and help yourself to a shopping list to take to the store with you. Financial contributions are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Governor Grocery, and leave in the church office. (About the Governor Grocery Project: This program provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. During the school year, students who stop at the pantry after school on Fridays receive assistance in selecting meal, beverage and snack items for the weekend. At least 160 students use the pantry weekly.)

Riggs Homecoming Parade Float Help

The Board of Missions is putting together a float for the Riggs Homecoming Parade. The board would like to have children ride on the float and others to walk beside and hand out candy wearing the Faith Lutheran Church blue t-shirts. Please sign up in the narthex. The parade is on Tuesday, September 22nd and it starts at 6:30.

Pizza & Movie Night (Family Event) Has been postponed since Friday is Homecoming for Riggs High. We will again put it in the bulletin when the Board decides to reschedule this event.

SD District LWML Christian Life Workshop Ruth Saturday, Sept. 26th. Memorial Lutheran Church 5000 Western Ave. in Sioux Falls. Bible Study Leader – Pastor Nabil Nour 9-10 am Registration & Fellowship; 10-10:15 am Opening Devotions; 10:15-10:30 am Announcements; 10:30-11 am Speaker; 11-11:15 Break/LWML Store; 11:15-Noon Speaker; Noon-1 pm Lunch Break/LWML Store; 1-1:45 pm Speaker; 1:45-2 pm Break &

LWML Store; 2-2:45 pm Speaker; 2:45-3 pm Closing Devotions. If you have questions call: Kristy Ring 605-831-9295 or Colleen Keiser 605-209-2098.

Memorial Garden Memorial Stones Now is the time to be thinking about getting names submitted for the Memorial Stones. There are request sheets in the Narthex on the Information table. The cost for the names is \$35 and if you would like a space saved on the same stone for your name it is an extra \$50.



October 1 is the final date each year for submitting names to be engraved in time for dedication on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November.

This year it is November 1.

To date we have had 124 names engraved on the stones. It is a very nice, lasting memorial to family members.

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



Building Healthy Families: Do you find that hurtful or disrespectful words sometimes come out of your mouth during the week as you interact with your spouse or family? If so, know that continuing this habit unchecked is damaging to your relationships in ways that you might not even realize. Try memorizing this verse and call it to mind when you are tempted to bite at someone you love this week: “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” (Psalm 19:14) You – and your relationships – will be better for it! 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.

Sept. 20, 2026

KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “My Husband, My Sorrow” - A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jeff Kasmerski, Admission counselor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, presents a message to start the academic year. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “I firmly believe that the sanctity of human life is the most important issue of our day and that by means of informing and educating the public, as well as by applying Christian love and compassion to those directly affected by the trauma of abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and euthanasia, the pro-life position will prevail, and our nation will again

uphold the dignity and sanctity of human life.” Rev. Paul Clark, *Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

Faith Lutheran Youth

Volunteers needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with others? Could you spare an hour of your time? The Board of Ed is still seeking adults willing to support educational opportunities as teachers, substitutes and leaders for Sunday School, Midweek, Bible Study, LYF and other events this academic year. No prior experience or kids attending classes is required. Schedules are flexible. Please register as a volunteer and comment on your preferences. Questions? Contact Ellen Blauert, Julie Coppersmith, Amy Hatheway, or Jessica Paul for more info.

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



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: Sept. 20

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Sept. 21

5:30 pm Monday Men

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Sept. 22

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

12:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle

Wed: Sept. 23

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: Sept. 24

6:30 pm Church Council

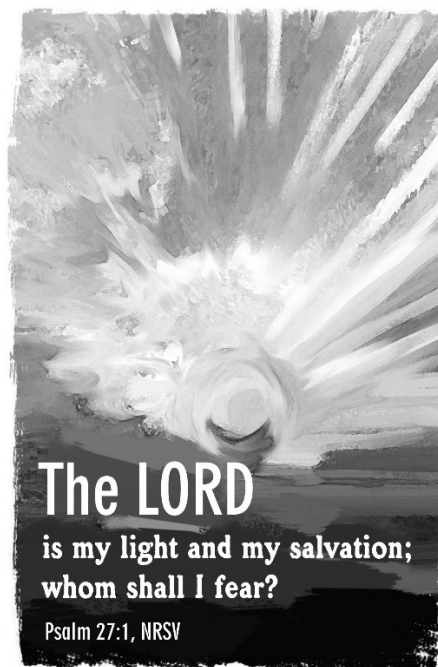
Sun: Sept. 27

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Rebekah Circle

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Worship



PSALM 27:1-9 ESV

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold^[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
² When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.
³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet^[b] I will be confident.
⁴ One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire^[c] in his temple.
⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.
⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.
⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ You have said, “Seek^[d] my face.”
My heart says to you,
“Your face, Lord, do I seek.”^[e]
⁹ Hide not your face from me.
Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

