

THE TWENTY-FIRST 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 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” (LSB 819)

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,

our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:
God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

℟ 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.

☩ Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 121:5

℟ The LORD is your keeper;
The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**☩ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?**

℟ My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

**☩ He will not let your foot be moved;
He who keeps you will not slumber.**

℟ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

**☩ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**

℟ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

**☩ 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.**

℟ The LORD is your keeper;
The LORD is your shade on your right hand.

KYRIE



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

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. God of time and eternity, You desire that we live to Your glory in Christ, our Lord. Help us to love You with all that we have and

all that we are, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live as those who are joyfully assured of Your forgiveness day by day. Grant us proper priorities, immovable faith, and untiring love for those around us as we await the joy of Your eternal kingdom. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and our King.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 45:1–7* (It is the Lord alone who rules the world.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Holy Ground"...Geron Davis, *arr. L. Larson*
Laura Streich, vocal soloist

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10* (In Christ, God's people lead exemplary lives of faith.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

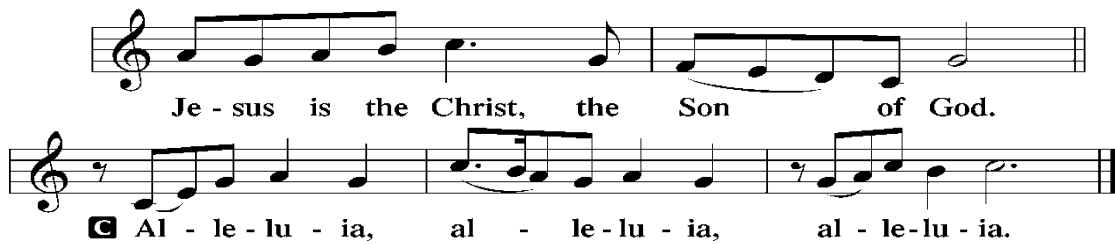
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Alleluia, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music with lyrics underneath: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff is for the Verse, also in treble clef, F# key signature, and 4/4 time. It contains four measures of music with lyrics underneath: "These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that".

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



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15–22* (Teaching about giving what is due to Caesar and to God)

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-second 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 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB 940)

SERMON "Give unto Caesar" (*Matthew 22:15-22*)
Elder Matt King

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

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand if you are able)

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

- 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.

Numbers 6:24-26



CLOSING HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB 781)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER God calls His people to lives that include showing respect for the authorities placed over us. At the time Paul wrote to his coworker Timothy, “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions” (1 Timothy 2:1–2), the Roman world had been ruled by a series of tyrannical and cruel emperors for decades. When Jesus spoke of the duty of people

to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s” (Matthew 22:21), the Roman emperor was Tiberius Caesar, portrayed by noted historians of his time, Tacitus and Suetonius, as a mean-spirited tyrant and a man ever ready to spill blood. Sometimes, in His providence, God shows His dominion in ways not readily understood and chooses to work through untoward and unlikeable people. He may even use non-Christian leaders and unchristian nations to further His gracious plans. In living as faithful citizens, we are called to carry out the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, including paying taxes. At the same time, we are to demonstrate our highest allegiance to God by being people of faith who evidence our eternal hope in Christ in all situations and who offer prayers for those who rule over us.

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s. Matthew 22:21

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 Twenty-First 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.

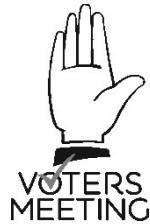
Delivering our message this morning is Matt King, chair of our Board of Elders.

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.



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

Voter's Meeting, Sunday, TODAY, 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.



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. 11, Att. 225; General Fund \$8,388.92; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$445.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$820.00; HS Sunday School Windows Project \$200.00; Facility Use Donation \$150.00.

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 made 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

Need Your Windows Washed? The high school Sunday school class would like to wash your windows. They are raising money to help a child in Kenya go to school and learn about Jesus. This is a project through the LCMS. Please sign up in the Narthex.

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: Are you hooked on live TV or internet news, which is so readily available 24/7? Constant exposure to the news can leave us anxious and overwhelmed by circumstances beyond our control. This week, consider taking a break. Instead, get out of the house, spend time visiting with and encouraging someone who is lonely, share a comforting Scripture, and remember and remind yourself and them that God remains faithfully at work in every circumstance. A few days away from the headlines, with a friend, and with the Word can reduce anxiety and help you refocus on the hope and peace found in Christ.

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 - “Some People Need Help, Sergeant” - An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

10:30 AM - Rev. Dennis Mercer, pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD, presents a message titled “Render unto God what is God’s”. The sermon is based on Matthew 22:15-22. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Do not be silent. You have the most positive, powerful, life-giving, and life-affirming message in the universe! It is a message of love for every sinner, i.e., everyone! It is a message of forgiveness for everyone and every sin. It is a message of the certain hope of a paradise whose reality surpasses the most beautiful of words.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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.**

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This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Oct. 18

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
9:45 am *Raising...Kids* Study
11:00 am Worship
1:00 pm Bd. Stewardship/Endow.
3:00 pm Board of Education
5-8:30 pm Fast Pitch banquet

Mon: Oct. 19

5:30 pm Monday Men
6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Oct. 20

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Oct. 21

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

Sun: Oct. 25

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
9:45 am *Raising...Kids* Study
11:00 am Worship

Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

- 96 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!***
- ² Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.***
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!***
- ⁴ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.***
- ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.***
- ⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.***
- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!***
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!***
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;^[a]
tremble before him, all the earth!***
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."***
- ¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;***
- ¹² let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy***
- ¹³ before the Lord, for he comes,***

***for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.***

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from
day to day.

Psalm 96:2, NRSV

