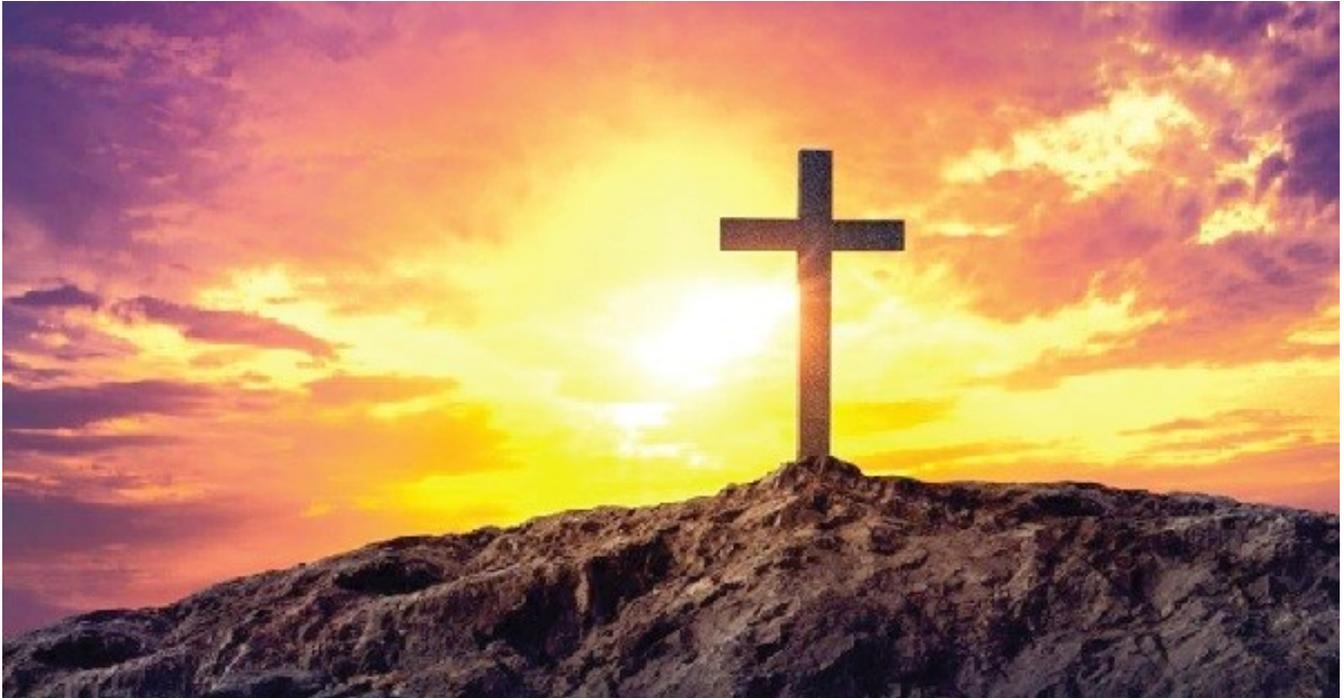

Faith Lutheran Church

*We are given this awesome calling by Christ to:
“Love God, Love Others, Share Christ”.*



*August 21, 2022
9:00 a.m.*

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Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning! We pray that the grace of God, given to us through Jesus Christ, will fill you to overflowing with peace and joy. We pray that each of you will sense the Holy Spirit as we worship together and celebrate God's gift of grace to us.

To help today's worship service run smoothly while being safe, we ask you to use hand sanitizer and wear a mask at your discretion. If you still feel uncomfortable being inside the building, you will be able to hear the service on radio station 95.9 FM in your car. This radio signal can only reach the immediate vicinity of our church.

We have resumed communing at the altar; however, you may continue to bring your own communion elements or they will be provided in individual packaging so that you can remain in your pew and self-distribute communion. We will have an after-service fellowship time in the Narthex.

Adult Bible Study is held after service, in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 719-392-5076 as messages are checked daily. Pastor Rick can be contacted at 402-875-1569. Thank you for continuing to support our church.

Today ministering to us...

Altar Flowers: Norma & Wayne Riley—In Celebration of their 68th Wedding Anniversary

Altar Guild: Margit Jamison, Michelle Searcy & Carolyn Walter

Assistant Minister: Larry Hilkemeier

Evangelists and Stewards of God's love: Every Member

Greeters: Mike & Karola Kaufmann

Preaching: Pastor Rick Mensing

Song Leader: Kathie Hendricks or Erwin A. Spruth

Ushers: Del & Gabriele Suhr or Maria Kappelmann & Karola Kaufmann

Those we are asked to remember in prayer:

Members: Christine Banister, Rita Bucholtz, Anna Culver, Frank & Dody DeBell, Gloriann Finck & Family, Tom & Kathie Hendricks, The Kappelmann Family, Karola Kaufmann, Dee Dee Kwiatkowski, Amanda Lopez, Phyllis Marvin, Pat Meacham, Lois Pearson (in-home hospice), Charlene Pickart, Amy Reid and Family, Wayne & Norma Riley, The Spruth Family, Shirley Taylor, Jim & Lori Tyree, George Vinnedge, and Pat Wohlfeil.

Friends/Family: Anni Golter, The Family of Bonnie Jackson, Kim Jenkins, and Geneva Mensing.

Individuals will be listed in the prayers for 2 weeks, unless the office is notified otherwise.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

When you enter God's house for worship, PLEASE silence or turn off all cell phones. Thank you.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand if you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: You have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem,

C: and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering.

P: You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children,

C: whose names are written in heaven. (*Heb 12:22,23a NLT*)

ENTRANCE HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LBW 104

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.

All the light of sacred story Gathers round its Head sublime.

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (*sung*)

A: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

A: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

A: For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

C: Amen.

NOW THE FEAST (*sung*)

**Refrain Only: Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy,
to the God of life and love and freedom: Praise and glory forever more.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us pray for faith to follow Christ. (*brief silence*) Almighty and merciful God,

C: Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to follow Him and walk along the way that leads to eternal life. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 66:18-23

A: "I can see what they are doing, and I know what they are thinking. So I will gather all nations and peoples together, and they will see My glory. I will perform a sign among them. And I will send those who survive to be messengers to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (who are famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to all the lands beyond the sea that have not heard of My fame or seen My glory. There they will declare My glory to the nations. They will bring the remnant of your people back from every nation. They will bring them to My holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD. They will ride on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels," says the LORD. "And I will appoint some of them to be My priests and Levites. I, the LORD, have spoken! As surely as My new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be My people, with a name that will never disappear," says the LORD. "All humanity will come to worship Me from week to week and from month to month."

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM:

Psalms 50:1-15

A: The LORD, the Mighty One, is God, and He has spoken;

C: He has summoned all humanity from where the sun rises to where it sets.

A: From Mount Zion, the perfection of beauty,

C: God shines in glorious radiance.

A: Our God approaches, and He is not silent.

C: Fire devours everything in His way, and a great storm rages around Him.

A: He calls on the heavens above and earth below

C: to witness the judgment of His people.

A: "Bring My faithful people to Me

C: those who made a covenant with Me by giving sacrifices."

A: Then let the heavens proclaim His justice,

C: for God Himself will be the judge.

A: "O My people, listen as I speak. Here are My charges against you, O Israel:

C: I am God, your God!

A: I have no complaint about your sacrifices

C: or the burnt offerings you constantly offer.

A: But I do not need the bulls from your barns

C: or the goats from your pens.

A: For all the animals of the forest are Mine,

C: and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

A: I know every bird on the mountains,

C: and all the animals of the field are Mine.

A: If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
C: for all the world is Mine and everything in it.
A: Do I eat the meat of bulls?
C: Do I drink the blood of goats?
A: Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God,
C: and keep the vows you made to the Most High.
A: Then call on Me when you are in trouble,
C: and I will rescue you, and you will give Me glory."

SECOND LESSON:

Hebrews 12:4-24

A: After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as His children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when He corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those He loves, and He punishes each one He accepts as His child." As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as His own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? If God doesn't discipline you as He does all of His children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really His children at all. Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever? For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in His holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong. Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many. Make sure that no one is immoral or godless like Esau, who traded his birthright as the firstborn son for a single meal. You know that afterward, when he wanted his father's blessing, he was rejected. It was too late for repentance, even though he begged with bitter tears. You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. They staggered back under God's command: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling." No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God Himself, Who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. You have come to Jesus, the One Who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

A: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able.

ALLELUIA (*sung*)

**Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 13th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL:

Luke 13:22-30

P: Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as He went, always pressing on toward Jerusalem. Someone asked Him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied, "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail. When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But He will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will say, 'But we ate and drank with You, and You taught in our streets.' And He will reply, 'I tell you, I don't know you or where you come from. Get away from Me, all you who do evil.' "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, for you will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, but you will be thrown out. And people will come from all over the world—from east and west, north and south—to take their places in the Kingdom of God. And note this: Some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

A WORD for and with the CHILDREN

SERMON

The Sign

Isaiah 66:18-23

In today's Old Testament text, God promises to set a sign in place that will gather all nations to Him. This was absurd in the minds of the people of the days in which the prophecy was spoken. "God is going to draw everyone to Himself?" "Those people?" "How could You include them?" These were questions God's chosen people, the Israelites, were asking. They seemed to forget that they were chosen not to be elevated above every other people on earth. They were chosen to be the precious people through whom God would bring His sign, Jesus, into the world. God shows the wonder of His true nature as He makes it possible for everyone to be part of His people for time and eternity.

Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Having now heard the Word of God, let us come before Him to confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Now let us join in confessing to the Lord:

C: **Gracious and merciful God, You sent Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into the world to become one of us and to take on Himself all of our sin and guilt. Now we pray that You will again forgive us and pardon us for our failure to live up to Your Word and serve all people with love, and for our failure to study Your Word and to remember all Jesus has done for us. Continue to have mercy on us for His sake. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, have mercy on us; forgive us all our sins, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep us in eternal life. You are forgiven through Christ, from Whom goodness comes. Go in peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

To God be the Glory

TOSB 241

If you would like prayer for you or someone else, we invite you to now come forward to the altar for prayer.

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.**

Refrain: **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!**

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Let the people rejoice!

**O come to the Father, thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.**

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *(Refrain)***

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thro' Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *(Refrain)***

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God together through the words of the APOSTLES' CREED.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS

A: We have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God. So let us speak the prayers that are on our hearts and minds.

A: Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all Your blessings of body and soul. Above all, we thank You for preserving Your holy church, the gospel and the sacraments. We thank You for the leaders of our church, our pastors, lay workers and teachers. May their lives provide an example of holy living for all Christians. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: We give You thanks for our government leaders, we pray that through them You provide stable leadership for our society. Fill them with truthfulness, justice and wisdom. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We bring before You the needs of those who suffer misfortune—for strangers and refugees in our land, for the poor, for those who are physically or mentally disabled, for those who are in prison, and for those who are suffering for their faith. Comfort them in their need and give us willing hearts and hands to help them where we can. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We bring before You the work of prison chaplaincy—let those who are serving sentences know that those who look to You will never be put to shame. And we pray for the victims of crime, that they will be granted justice and that You will give them the strength they need to re-establish a normal life. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for the institution of marriage in our land, that it may be honored by all and upheld by the law. Help families to spend time with each other and grow closer. Bring Your peace to families in conflict and help them to forgive whatever has hurt them in the past. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Have mercy on all who are driven by greed and a love of money. Help our society overcome the god of materialism and to look to You as the source of all good. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Give healing to those who are not well at this time. Support and strengthen those we know with special needs and whom we now name silently in our hearts or aloud ... *(brief silence)* ... Christine Banister, Rita Bucholtz, Anna Culver, Frank & Dody DeBell, Gloriann Finck & Family, Tom & Kathie Hendricks, The Kappelmann Family, Karola Kaufmann, Dee Dee Kwiatkowski, Amanda Lopez, Phyllis Marvin, Pat Meacham, Lois Pearson, Charlene Pickart, Amy Reid and Family, Wayne & Norma Riley, The Spruth Family, Shirley Taylor, Jim & Lori Tyree, George Vinnedge, and Pat Wohlfeil. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, we give thanks to You, our God, and we offer You our worship with reverence and awe; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please stand, if you are able.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Greet each other: "Peace be with you." Response: "Peace be with you."

All return to their places. The service continues with the Offertory.

OFFERING

Before or after the service, please drop your offerings into the container at the back of the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY (*sung*)

As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain: As the grains of wheat, once scattered on the hill,
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all Your people, from all the ends of earth, be gathered into one in You.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of Your love. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Loving Lord, help us to trust in Your care, and place ourselves and all we have in Your hands, to use according to Your wisdom and goodness.

C: **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Raise your hearts in praise.

C: **We raise our hearts and voices in thanks to God.**

P: It is indeed right and good, Lord God, holy Father, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day of the week, He overcame death by His resurrection and opened up for us the way to eternal life with You. And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we adore and praise Your glorious name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*sung*)

**Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in Your name.
Hosanna in the highest; Hosanna in the highest!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*If you desire, join hands with those around you.*)

P: Now we are bold enough to call God our Abba, our Papa as we pray the prayer our Lord has taught us:

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 MEAL

All those who are baptized and believe that Jesus is truly present in this Holy Meal are invited to come to the altar and receive Communion. Those assisting with the Lord's Supper will commune first.

P: Here are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD (*sung*)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You are the Bread of Life for us all:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *Just As I Am, without One Plea* LBW 296

Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Jesus, Remember Me

WOV 740

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.

Please stand, after all have communed, if you are able.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Now may the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you strong in your faith, renew
you in hope, strengthen you for service, and lead you to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

THANKS BE TO YOU (*sung*)

Praise to You, O God of mercy: thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to You forever!
From of old You loved and sought us: thanks be to You forever!
Truth and justice You have taught us: thanks be to You forever!
Strong is Your faithfulness, strong is Your love,
Rememb'ring Your covenant of life with us.

Praise to You, O God of mercy: thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to You forever! Thanks be to You forever!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty and merciful God, thank You for the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ, Who is the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to follow Him and walk along the way that leads to eternal life. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior

LBW 514

**O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above:
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.**

**O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought:
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.**

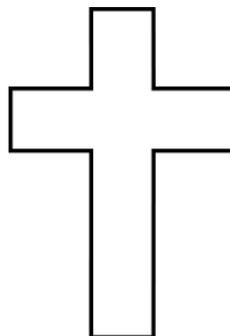
**In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.**

**Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above,
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, and give thanks, for you are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

C: Thanks be to God.



Please be sure to record your attendance today, in the red or black Friendship Booklet at the end of each pew.

Church Announcements

Adult Christian Education— Currently, we are studying current events using the Lutheran Coalition for Renewal monthly newsletter as our guide. The current event articles are discussed from a Scriptural perspective in order to provide guidance for our lives and to guide our responses to those in whose midst we live.

Celebrations!—This week we celebrate the following birthdays: Aug 23—Gabriel Lippman and Aug 27—Belinda Douglas. This week we also celebrate the following wedding anniversaries: Aug 21—Wayne & Norma Riley celebrating 68 years, Aug 23—Frank & Dody DeBell celebrating 63 years and Aug 24—Clark & Charlene Pickart celebrating 48 years. If your special dates (month/date) are not in the directory, call the office or leave a note of when it is. May God bless you all with a great year!

Church Office— Our Secretary, Kim is taking a leave of absence until Monday, October 3rd. While she is out of the office, phone messages will be checked daily. Clark Pickart is producing our weekly worship folder.

Prayer Chain Coordinator—Tina Thorn is the Prayer Chain Coordinator for Faith Lutheran. Her email address is: tinathorn93@gmail.com; and her telephone number is: (719) 648-9884. Contact her to submit prayers to our Prayer Chain.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study— Plan ahead for August 27th. We are currently studying Paul's letter to the church of Galatia. Breakfast POC: Larry Hilkemeier 719-493-3686. Bible Study POC: Pastor Rick 402-875-1569.

Church Annual Picnic— Follows NEXT SUNDAY'S church service on August 28th. Please indicate on the signup sheets in the narthex what you will provide for all to share.

Ladies' Bible Study—We meet next on Thursday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more info see Phyllis Marvin 719-392-2160.

Sharing God's Gift— Starting last week, those of us who filed Colorado State Taxes for 2021 are getting a Tabor rebate from the State. While it is true that this is owed to us, it gives us an opportunity to do some special sharing as well. At our last Council meeting, we agreed to thank you for your wonderful financial support of Faith Lutheran's ministry and to ask you to consider taking a portion of the TABOR refund and use it as a Thank Offering to God. This "extra" gift would help the Congregation meet our needs for ministry.

Thank You—On behalf of my family I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the blessings and gifts we have received for Saphira. God bless. Sydalia Holland & Michelle Searcy

Pennies—The charity for 2022 is Everything For Sight.org in Colorado Springs. This charity provides financial assistance to patients in need of medical and surgical eye care. Our penny total is now \$259.26. Thank you for your generosity. Our goal is \$300 for the year. If you would like further information or have questions, please see Ruth Archer.