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# Faith Lutheran Church

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

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*July 2, 2023  
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.

Christian education is held after service until 11:30 a.m., Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School will meet in the kitchen today.

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: Rita and Harvey Bucholtz in memory of Betty Knight

Altar Guild: Norma Riley and Carolyn Walter

Assistant Minister: Clark Pickart

Evangelists and Stewards of God's love: Every Member

Greeters: Ann Goodwin & Sean O'Donnell

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, The Deutsch Family, Gloriann Finck & Family, Sharon Hand, Tom & Kathie Hendricks, The Kappelmann Family, Karola Kaufmann, Dee Dee Kwiatkowski, Amanda Lopez, Phyllis Marvin, Pat Meacham, Chris Norden, Lois Pearson (in-home hospice), Charlene Pickart (knee replacement surgery), Amy Reid and Family, The Riley Family, Ob Spruth & Family, Shirley Taylor, Jim & Lori Tyree, and Pat Wohlfeil.

Friends/Family: Bob Hurly

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

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## *Healing Sunday*

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

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand if you are able.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: For the wages of sin is death,

**C: but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.** (Romans 6:23 NLT)

### ENTRANCE HYMN

### *God of Our Fathers*

LBW 567

**God of our fathers, Whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:  
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past;  
In this free land by You our lot is cast;  
Oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;  
Your Word our law, Your paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Make Your strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Your true religion in our hearts increase;  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh Your people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace  
Until at last we meet before Your face.**

### GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

### KYRIE

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

*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 Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray for power to endure. (*brief silence*) Almighty and merciful God,

**C: Your dear Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our sake. Give us courage and patience to take up our cross and follow Him. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

A: Jeremiah responded to Hananiah as they stood in front of all the priests and people at the Temple. He said, "Amen! May your prophecies come true! I hope the LORD does everything you say. I hope He does bring back from Babylon the treasures of this Temple and all the captives. But listen now to the solemn words I speak to you in the presence of all these people. The ancient prophets who preceded you and me spoke against many nations, always warning of war, disaster, and disease. So a prophet who predicts peace must show he is right. Only when his predictions come true can we know that he is really from the LORD."

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM:

Psalms 119:153-160

A: Look upon my suffering and rescue me,

**C: for I have not forgotten Your instructions.**

A: Argue my case; take my side!

**C: Protect my life as You promised.**

A: The wicked are far from rescue,

**C: for they do not bother with Your decrees.**

A: LORD, how great is Your mercy;

**C: let me be revived by following Your regulations.**

A: Many persecute and trouble me,

**C: yet I have not swerved from Your laws.**

A: Seeing these traitors makes me sick at heart,

**C: because they care nothing for Your word.**

A: See how I love Your commandments, LORD.

**C: Give back my life because of Your unfailing love.**

A: The very essence of Your words is truth;

**C: all Your just regulations will stand forever.**

## SECOND LESSON:

Romans 7:1-13

A: Now, dear brothers and sisters—you who are familiar with the law—don't you know that the law applies only while a person is living? For example, when a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her. So while her husband is alive, she would be committing adultery if she married another man.

But if her husband dies, she is free from that law and does not commit adultery when she remarries. So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the One Who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God. When we were controlled by our old nature, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of sinful deeds, resulting in death. But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now we can serve God, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit. Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not! In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet." But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power. At one time I lived without understanding the law. But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life, and I died. So I discovered that the law's commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead. Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me. But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good. But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commands for its own evil purposes.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**ALLELUIA**

**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 Matthew in the 10th chapter.

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

**THE GOSPEL:**

Matthew 10:34-42

P: "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword. 'I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. Your enemies will be right in your own household!' If you love your father or mother more than you love Me, you are not worthy of being Mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. If you refuse to take up your cross and follow Me, you are not worthy of being Mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for Me, you will find it. Anyone who receives you receives Me, and anyone who receives Me receives the Father who sent Me. If you receive a prophet as one who speaks for God, you will be given the same reward as a prophet. And if you receive righteous people because of their righteousness, you will be given a reward like theirs. And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**A WORD for and with the CHILDREN**

## SERMON

### Did You Know You are in a War?

*There is a war going on all around us. It is not necessarily open hostility between countries, nor is it the fighting that infuses many families, although both of these are symptoms of the battle. The war is for the eternal well-being of people. It is waged in the heart and mind of every man, woman and child as Christ offers the path to peace that is foreign to our natural instincts and which satan opposes at every turn.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Having heard the Word of God, let us remember: Our Lord Jesus came into the world to bring us healing of body, soul and mind, to forgive us our sin and open the way for us to return to God. Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father, and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

P: Almighty God,

**C: As we come before You this morning, we are fully aware of our sins and everything in our lives that keeps us from serving You. We have been witnesses to Your suffering and death for our sake, and have gone to the empty tomb rejoicing in Your resurrection, and yet, we often pretend to follow You even as we go our own way, trying to make ourselves right before You on our own. Forgive us O God, because of our Lord Jesus, as You have promised. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us, so that we are able to change our lives and live according to Your will; give us hearts and minds that will willingly serve You as those who have been resurrected in You to new life. Amen.**

P: It is God's desire to forgive our sins. The Word tells us: *we have an Advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the One who is truly righteous. He Himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins, but the sins of all the world.* As you believe, so be it unto you. As a called and set-aside servant of Christ, by His command and authority, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Thanks and praise be to Christ our Lord.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Onward, Christian Soldiers*

LBW 509

**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, See, His banners go!**

*Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.*

**Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Let us boldly follow Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided; All one body we:  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. (Refrain)**

**Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail.  
We have Christ's Own promise, And that cannot fail. (Refrain)**

**Onward, then, you faithful, Join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song.  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the king.  
We through countless ages With the angels sing: (Refrain)**

## THE NICENE CREED

A: Let us now boldly confess our faith in the words of the NICENE CREED.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church we acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## LITANY OF HEALING

A: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Your will for all people is health and salvation.

**C: We praise and bless You, Lord.**

A: Lord, grant Your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole.

**C: Hear us, Lord of Life.**

A: Grant to all who are lonely, anxious, or depressed a knowledge of Your will and an awareness of Your presence.

**C: Hear us, Lord of Life.**

A: Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

**C: Hear us, Lord of Life.**

A: Sustain and support those who seek Your guidance, and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life. We speak these names now silently or aloud. ... We also lift up: Christine Banister, Rita Bucholtz, Anna Culver, Frank & Dody DeBell, The Deutsch Family, Gloriann Finck & Family, Sharon Hand, Tom & Kathie Hendricks, The Kappelmann Family, Karola Kaufmann, Dee Dee Kwiatkowski, Amanda Lopez, Phyllis Marvin, Pat Meacham, Chris Norden, Lois Pearson, Charlene Pickart, Amy Reid and Family, The Riley Family, Ob Spruth & Family, Shirley Taylor, Jim & Lori Tyree, and Pat Wohlfeil.

**C: Hear us, Lord of Life.**

A: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of Your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved, remembering especially those whose baptismal journeys have come to end in eternal rest.

**C: Hear us, Lord of Life.**

A: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

**C: Hear us, Lord of Life.**

A: Be gracious to us and hear us for Jesus' sake.

**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 place your offerings into the container at the back of the sanctuary.*

## OFFERTORY

*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: Thank You, Lord, for making us Your people and for letting us hear Your word. Help us gladly to receive Your message and Your messengers, and to give of ourselves and our possessions for Your kingdom.

**C: Amen.**

## PREPARATION OF THE OIL

P: Praise God Who comes to heal us.

**C: Praise God Whose love endures forever.**

P: Holy and awesome God, maker of all things, source of all blessings: we thank and praise You for Your promise to hear the prayers of those who come to You for healing. Your Word instructs us: *Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.*

P: In obedience to Your Word, we now bring this oil before You asking You to bless this oil and use it for the healing of those who come to You for mercy. Pour out Your Spirit on each one and renew them in Your love, giving them that healing which You determine is best for each one and strengthening them so they can live as Your children filled with the Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.

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 God thanks and praise.**



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

**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 *(Join hands)*

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

**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

*As you come to the Lord's Table, please note that the front rail is for the Lord's Supper and the two side rails of the altar are for those who desire the anointing with oil and prayers for healing.*

**Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.**

*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**

**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, Your dear Son willingly offered up His body and blood on the cross for our sake. Give us courage and patience to take up our cross and follow Him. For He 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.**

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.**

*Refrain:* **Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

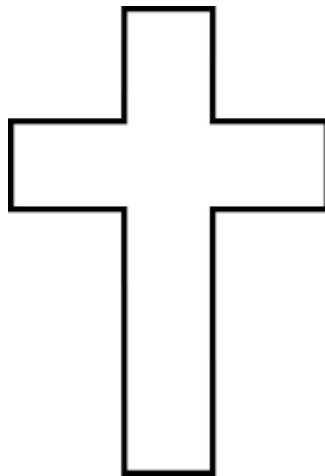
**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *(Refrain)***

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on. *(Refrain)***

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, not to serve sin, but to serve God.

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*

**Celebration!**—This week we celebrate the following birthday: July 2—Hector Calar. If your special dates (month/day) are not in the directory, contact Clark at [c2pickart@comcast.net](mailto:c2pickart@comcast.net) or 719-339-1837. May God bless you all with a great year!

**Christian Education**—Adult Bible Study will continue studying the New Testament book of Hebrews. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

**Sunday School**—We will have different activities set up each Sunday to learn more about Jesus and His love for us. Today, first Sunday of July, we're Cooking with Jesus! Please join us for Sunday School!

**Lawn Care**—A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for lawn maintenance. The ladies' group has signed up for the third week of each month. Please sign up as individuals or groups to help with this task as you are able. Thank you.

**Thank You**—From Charlene Pickart for your prayers, cards and well wishes when her brother passed away and after her surgery and recovery. She truly appreciates you—our church family.

**Quilting, Needlepoint, & Crafters Group**—Join us Monday, July 3rd at 9 a.m. in the Council Room. For more info: Linette 719-266-3573.

**Ladies' Bible Study**—We meet next on Thursday, July 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Rick leads our discussions. For more info see Phyllis Marvin 719-392-2160.

**Birthday**—Christine Bannister is celebrating her 90th birthday on July 13th. If you would like to send her a birthday card, please send it to Christine Bannister 121 Amherst Street Colorado Springs, CO 80911-2101. Let's encourage her through our birthday greetings!

**Bookies**—The book for July is "Orhan's Inheritance" by Aline Ohanesian. We will meet to discuss the book on Thursday, July 13th at 1 p.m. in the kitchen. If you have any questions, see Kathie Hendricks.

**Church Prayer Time**—Join us in prayer Thursday, July 13th at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**Church Council Meeting**—Our next meeting is Thursday, July 13th at 7 p.m. in the Council Room. Just a reminder, any congregation member is always welcomed to our meetings.

**Game Night**—Join us for some fun fellowship on Friday, July 14th at 7 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Hope to see you there! POC: Charlene Pickart 719-237-8106.

**Pennies**—Thank you for your Pennies for Bridges Child Placement Agency in Pueblo. Our current total is \$173.10. Please keep bringing them. Individual pennies cannot buy anything these days but a lot of them can help our chosen charity.