
Faith Lutheran Church

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



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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, Grades Preschool and older in the Sunday School Room.

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: Rev. Rick & Janet Mensing—Celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Altar Guild: Myong Czop, Margit Jamison and Michelle Searcy

Assistant Minister: Jon Charles

Evangelists and Stewards of God's love: Every Member

Greeters: Tom & Kathie Hendricks

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.

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

C: Amen.

P: Then Jesus said, "Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens,

C: and I will give you rest.

P: Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you,

C: because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

(Matthew 11:28,29 NLT)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

LBW 469

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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 strength in weakness. (*brief silence*) Almighty and merciful God,
C: Your Son revealed the wonder of Your saving love in signs and miracles. Renew Your people by Your loving kindness, and sustain us in all our weakness by Your mighty power. We ask this through 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:

Zechariah 9:9-12

A: Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your King is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet He is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt. I will remove the battle chariots from Israel and the warhorses from Jerusalem. I will destroy all the weapons used in battle, and your King will bring peace to the nations. His realm will stretch from sea to sea and from the Euphrates River to the ends of the earth. Because of the covenant I made with you, sealed with blood, I will free your prisoners from death in a waterless dungeon. Come back to the place of safety, all you prisoners who still have hope! I promise this very day that I will repay two blessings for each of your troubles.

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

THE PSALM:

Psalms 145:1-14

A: I will exalt You, my God and King,
C: and praise Your name forever and ever.
A: I will praise You every day;
C: yes, I will praise You forever.
A: Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
C: No one can measure His greatness.
A: Let each generation tell its children of Your mighty acts;
C: let them proclaim Your power.
A: I will meditate on Your majestic, glorious splendor
C: and Your wonderful miracles.
A: Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue;
C: I will proclaim Your greatness.
A: Everyone will share the story of Your wonderful goodness;
C: they will sing with joy about Your righteousness.
A: The LORD is merciful and compassionate,

C: slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

A: The LORD is good to everyone.

C: He showers compassion on all His creation.

A: All of Your works will thank You, LORD,

C: and Your faithful followers will praise You.

A: They will speak of the glory of Your kingdom;

C: they will give examples of Your power.

A: They will tell about Your mighty deeds

C: and about the majesty and glory of Your reign.

A: For Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom.

C: You rule throughout all generations.

A: The LORD always keeps His promises;

C: He is gracious in all He does.

A: The LORD helps the fallen

C: and lifts those bent beneath their loads.

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 7:14-25a

A: So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL:

Matthew 11:25-30

P: At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank You for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased You to do it this way! My Father has entrusted everything to Me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him." Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you.

Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

A WORD for and with the CHILDREN

SERMON

The Rest Jesus Gives

To whom does Christ reveal the blessing to rest with the heavenly Father? The weary, the burdened, those pulling a yoke that only burns them out, those whose souls are not at rest because of unresolved guilt, unforgiven sin, grudge-bearing. Jesus invites us all to His rest.

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

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

WOV 734

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

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals He's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, mercies for you and for me? *(Refrain)*

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised, promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. *(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: Christ invites us to come to Him with all our burdens, so that He can give us rest. Trusting in His promise, let us pray with confidence to His Father and our Father.

A: Heavenly Father, bless Your church and the work You have called it to do. Make us a resting place for the weary and the heavy laden. Let us be a place where troubled people can take their burdens and place them in Your hands. Teach us to bring our burdens to You every day and place them confidently in Your hands knowing that in Christ alone we have been given a new start, and through Christ alone we can have the true peace and the true comfort of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for all schools and other places of learning, especially schools in our area. Bless the work of teachers and other staff members and strengthen them in their special calling. Use them to prepare our young people to face the world with wisdom and confidence. We ask You to give both students and staff a time of relaxation and refreshment. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We ask You to bless our agriculture, fishing, forestry and all other primary industries. When times are difficult, we place our trust in You and ask You to hear our prayers and answer our needs. We thank You for rain and sunshine, and we pray that You would continue to send rain when and where it's needed. We ask that You would protect and watch over people who are struggling at this time, and especially those who are unable to put their trust in You. Help them to let go of their burdens and find the true rest only You can give them. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: Protect all those who are starving, malnourished and in poverty, overseas and in this country. Give us hearts to share compassionately from our abundance to help provide for our brothers and sisters in need. Please also protect those who travel this summer. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bless our government and all in authority. Use our elected leaders to promote goodness, justice and truth. As You have appointed us to be stewards of the earth, help our nation to wisely manage the environment and prevent the degradation of land and water ways. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are entering the hospital or recovering from treatment—help them to acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your saving help. Be with all we know who have particular needs, whom we now name aloud or silently in our hearts ... *(brief silence)* ... 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. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: hear our prayer.

A: We trust in Your mercy, Lord, and put all our concerns into Your hands. We pray through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and 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 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 coming to us as a gentle king and bringing us victory over sin and death.

Make us more and more like You, humble and gentle and serving others.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

ELW 697

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

**I am weak but Thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to Thee. *(Refrain)***

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee. *(Refrain)***

**When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore. *(Refrain)***

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 Son has revealed the wonder of Your saving love in this Sacrament. Renew Your people by Your loving kindness, and sustain us in all our weakness by Your mighty power. We ask this through 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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

LBW 453

**If you but trust in God to guide you And place your confidence in Him,
You'll find Him always there beside you, To give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love Build on the rock that will not move.**

**What gain is there in futile weeping, In helpless anger and distress?
If you are in His care and keeping, In sorrow will He love you less?
For He Who took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev-'ry loss.**

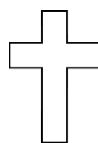
**In patient trust await His leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure And all discerning love have sent;
Doubt not your inmost wants are known To Him who chose you for His own.**

**Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, Offer your service faithfully,
And trust His Word; though undeserving, You'll find His promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need The soul that trusts in Him indeed.**

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Be humble in spirit, and take the yoke of the Lord.

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 birthdays: July 9—Alice Deutsch and Rick Youngs and July 11—Alex Martin. This week we also celebrate the following wedding anniversary: July 10—Rick & Janet Mensing celebrating 40 years. If your special dates (month/day) are not in the directory, contact Clark at 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. Please join us for Sunday School.

We Celebrate—with Loren and Linette Jacobson the birth of their first great-grandchild. Ross Justin Hinkle was born Thursday evening 7/6/2023 to Chris and Gabby Hinkle, Loren and Linette's grandson and his wife.

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.

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.

Quilting, Needlepoint, & Crafters Group—Join us Monday, July 17th at 9 a.m. in the Council Room. For more info: Linette 719-266-3573.

Monthly Newsletter—Clark is working on our monthly newsletter. If you have a submission for the August newsletter, please e-mail it to him at c2pickart@comcast.net no later than Monday, July 17th.

Ladies’ Bible Study—We meet next on Thursday, July 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Rick leads our discussions. For more info see Phyllis Marvin 719-392-2160.

Men’s Breakfast/Bible Study—Plan ahead for Saturday, July 22nd at 8 a.m. for breakfast followed by our Bible study at 8:45 a.m. We are currently studying Proverbs. Breakfast POC: Larry Hilkemeier 719-493-3686. Bible Study POC: Pastor Rick 402-875-1569.

Recycle Milk or Juice Cartons—The Altar Guild requests donations of the 1/2 gallon cardboard milk or juice cartons. Please cut them down to 5 or 6 inches high. They are used for sharing the altar flowers after Sunday Service. Thank you for your support. Shirley Taylor

Pennies—Thank you for your Pennies for Bridges Child Placement Agency in Pueblo. Our current total is \$212.20. Please keep bringing them. Individual pennies cannot buy anything these days but a lot of them can help our chosen charity.