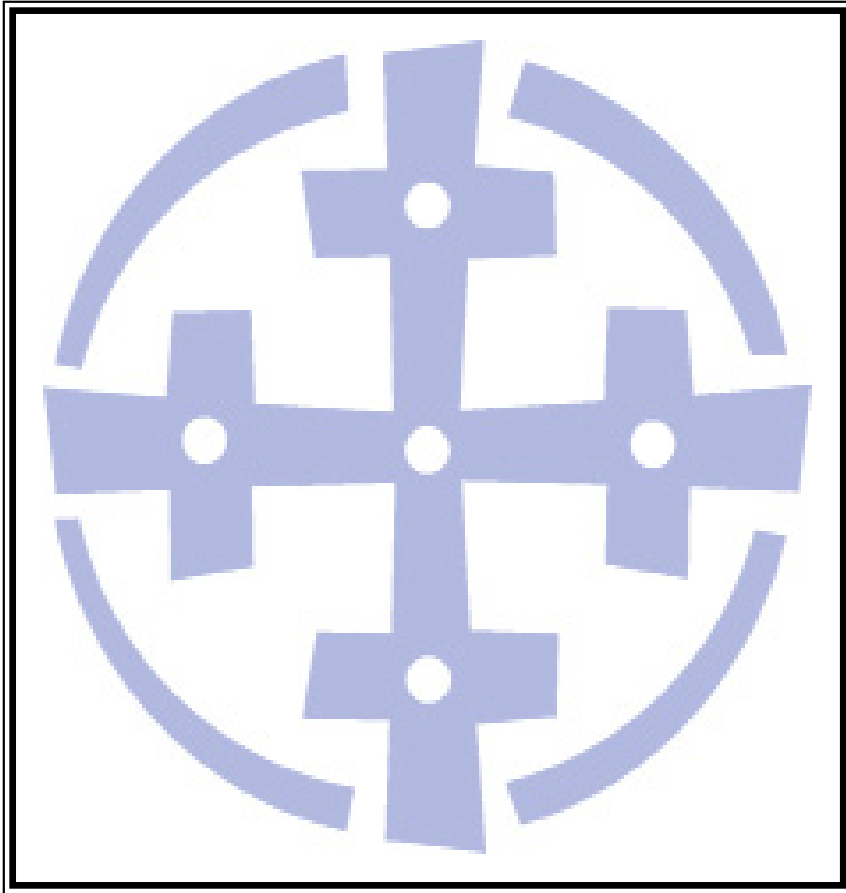


Welcome *to* **Faith**



Faith Lutheran Church
September 6, 2026

~Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost~

PRELUDE

The Prayer of the Saints

Are the Prayers of the Saints like
Sweet smelling incense.
Are the Prayers of the Saints like
Sweet smelling incense
To your heart
To your heart (3x)

Let these prayers of the Saints's be
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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the father and of the son and of the holy spirit.

People: Amen

OPENING SONG

Light the Fire Again

Don't let my love grow cold
I'm calling out
Light the fire again

Don't let my vision die
I'm calling out
Light the fire again

You know my heart, my deeds
I'm calling out
Light the fire again

I need Your discipline
I'm calling out
Light the fire again

I am here to buy gold
Refined in the fire
Naked and poor
Wretched and blind I come

Clothe me in white
So I won't be ashamed
Lord light the fire again

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OUR CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

Pastor: By faith we walk in the promises of God, that through faith in Jesus, we receive pardon and peace. So let us cast aside everything that hinders our walk of faith and look to God to restore and empower us through His Grace and Mercy.

People: We confess our sins to You, O Lord. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that by faith, our future is secure in You, and by faith we can show the world Your love.

Pastor: The Grace of God is upon you for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the Grace of God: Your sins are forgiven! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

PRAISE HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving 789

1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.

3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

The FIRST LESSON

2 Chronicles 15:1-7

¹The Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded, ²and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, “Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The Lord is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you. ³For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law, ⁴but when in their distress they turned to the Lord, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found by them. ⁵In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. ⁶They were broken in pieces. Nation was crushed by nation and city by city, for God troubled them with every sort of distress. ⁷But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 2:1-7, 14-15

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

¹⁴Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

²⁷Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” ²⁸So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” ³⁰They went out of the town and were coming to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. ³⁶Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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.

CHILDREN’S CHAT

SERMON SONG

Made For More

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living
(‘Cause) I wasn’t made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more

So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

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I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

Hallelujah You called out my name
So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past
I'm not going back

('Cause) I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more

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The MESSAGE

Your Work Matters to God

PRAYERS *of the* CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs: We pray for the Church as it awaits the final advent of our Lord, that through it the message of salvation may be proclaimed and the gifts of God may be shared. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all on our hearts at this time for whom our petitions are desired, [including . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

The LORD’S PRAYER

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The OFFERING

The HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your people of prayer. You have blessed our lives with Your presence and protection and with peace. Now gathering at Your Table may we be strengthened in faith toward You and in active love for one another as we await Your final coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving.

People: Amen.

WORDS *of* INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pastor: As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

HYMN *for* DISTRIBUTION Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face 631

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.

4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (*Dismissal*)

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. As Lord of our lives, strengthen and support us so that we may continue to proclaim Your love to all the world. Bless us day by day and keep us hope-filled as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

***The CLOSING HYMN* How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord 853 v 1, 3 & 4**

1 How clear is our vocation, Lord,
When once we heed Your call:
To live according to Your Word
And daily learn, refreshed, restored,
That You are Lord of all
And will not let us fall.

3 We marvel how Your saints become
In hindrances more sure;
Whose joyful virtues put to shame
The casual way we wear Your name
And by our faults obscure
Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.

4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,
Together or alone,
In old routines or ventures new,
May we not cease to look to You,
The cross You hung upon--
All You endeavored done.

The BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you His peace, His power, and His presence!
Amen.

ALL: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God. Amen

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Our Choir Needs Your Voice Too! Yes, you saw that correctly; we need you! Don't worry about the ability to read music; don't worry about your voice; but do worry about missing out on the fun! We have loads of fun. Our new season of rehearsals, after church on Sundays, will begin on **September 20th (note the change of date)**. One-hour rehearsals includes learning to read music; leaning how to sing properly; learning how composers interpret Scripture through music; making new friends; and praying for each other's needs. Try us out for just four weeks with a full money-back guarantee even if you decide not to continue. **Save the date – September 20th!** More questions, or to sign up see Dave Engelbrektson, or email him at swededave58@gmail.com

Kingdom Kids Is Coming!- We're excited to announce that Kids K'nnnection has a new name and a new beginning! Just in time for the start of a new school year, our children's ministry is becoming Kingdom Kids, beginning Sunday, September 13th! Kingdom Kids is a special time for our children to learn, grow, and connect with God through Bible lessons, activities, and age-appropriate teaching while the adults continue listening to the sermon. All children preschool through 5th grade are welcome to participate! During Sunday worship, children will join us for the beginning of the service and our children's chat. Immediately following the children's chat, they will be dismissed to Kingdom Kids, where they'll have the opportunity to learn more about God and His Word in a fun and engaging environment. The children will then return to the sanctuary in time to join their families for Communion. We're so excited to begin this new chapter of our children's ministry and create a place where our youngest members can grow in their faith, build friendships, and discover what it means to be part of God's Kingdom. Kingdom Kids begins Sunday, September 13th. We can't wait to see our kids there!

Jelly Belly Factory Tour- Join the fun on Saturday, September 19th @ 9:00 am at the Jelly Belly Factory. Adults are \$8.00 each; Children are \$4.00 each (ages 4-17); and free for children ages 2 and under. What your ticket will include: a self-guided tour (we will go as a group), train ride to the museum, a complimentary bag of jelly beans. Stepping Out with Faith is an opportunity to invite friends and family to a church event, so PLEASE, bring a friend!!! Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office with any RSVP or questions.

Friendship Sunday- Join us for Friendship Sunday on September 13 at Faith Lutheran Church – Pleasant Hill! We will begin with our church service at 9:00 AM, followed by our Friendship Sunday Party from 10:30 AM to noon. Everyone is invited to join us for a morning of free family activities, including a BBQ lunch, face painting, games, a coffee bar, and crafts. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together, enjoy fellowship, and celebrate with our church family. Come help us celebrate the kickoff of Kingdom Kids, Immerse Bible Study, and the Footprints Preschool School Year. **Bring your family, invite a friend**, and join us for a fun-filled morning as we celebrate the start of another great year together. We look forward to seeing you there!

A Friendly Note:

Our worship services are streamed live online. By participating in the service, you may appear on camera. If you prefer not to be on the live stream, please feel free to choose a seat toward the back or in an area outside the camera's view.

Thank you for understanding!



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Upcoming Events

September 6- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am

September 6- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

September 7- Office & Footprints Closed

September 9- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am

September 9- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am

September 11- Bursey/Hanson House Group
@ 7:30 pm

September 13- Friendship Sunday

September 13- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am

September 13- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am

September 13- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

September 13- Faithful Youth Night @ 6:30 pm

September 14- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm

September 14- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm

September 16- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am

September 16- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am

September 16- CLG Meeting @ 7:00 pm

September 19- Jelly Belly Factory Tour
@ 9:00 am

September 20- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am

September 20- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am

September 20- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

September 20- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am

September 21- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 00 pm

September 21- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm

September 23- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am

September 23- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am

September 25- Bursey/Hanson House Group
@ 7:30 pm

September 27- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am

September 27- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am

September 27- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

Servants of Faith

This Week: September 6

Altar Guild- Betty Sifferman & Kathy Wilson

Tech Projection- Amber Nelsen & Kathy Wright

Acolyte- Makaio Dilbeck

Reader- Francine Tchan

Welcomers- Debbie Wilkins

Elders- Evan Bursey & Mike Snow

Ushers- Paula Calimeris & Mike Snow

Youth Donuts- Makaio Dilbeck

Next Week: September 13

Altar Guild- Laurel Fronek, Joan Miller & Linda Richardson

Tech Projection- Amber Nelsen & Russell Elkins

Acolyte- Ava Kriksciunas

Reader- Paula Calimeris

Welcomers- Sheryl Lack

Elders- Lance O'Connor & Phil Calahane

Ushers- Sheryl Lack & Rachael Kriksciunas

Youth Donuts- Ava Kriksciunas

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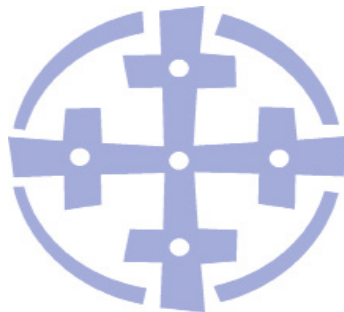
Lutherans believe and teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Lord's Supper. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically changes into Christ's body and blood, nor do we believe that the elements merely represent Christ's body and blood. Rather, we embrace the words of Jesus when He said, "Take, eat, this is my body," and "Take, drink, this is my blood." When we receive the bread and wine, we believe we are also receiving the body & blood of Christ because He said so.

We believe that Christ truly comes to us in this meal, offering His body and His blood in an outward sign of His love, His assurance of the forgiveness of our sins won for us by His death on the Cross, and the promise of His very real presence in our everyday lives.

If you are a Baptized believer in Jesus, repentant of your sins, and agree with our understanding of Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in this Sacrament. However, if you are in doubt, you may wish to consult with the Pastor or Elder beforehand. Children may receive Communion after receiving appropriate instruction from the pastor. *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the altar. If you have a dietary restriction to wine, grape juice is available in cups at the center of our communion trays.*

Faith Lutheran Church

Grow Christ's Life In Every Heart.



Serving at Faith

Pastor David Floyd- Pastor

Mary-Margaret Robbers- Director of Footprints Preschool

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Jeff MacDonald- Director of LivingFaith Praise Band

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