

Welcome to Faith



Faith Lutheran Church

October 12, 2025

~Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost~

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

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This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey) **(3x)**

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
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Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

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: God's Grace is upon you and your Heavenly Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you His mercy and grace: Your sins are forgiven! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

PRAISE HYMN

Keep the Feast

Joyfully we join You at Your table
Pleading not our righteousness
By Your wealth of mercy we are able
Now to feast in confidence

Take this bread and eat
Take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us
Rejoice and keep the feast

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior?
Who His sandals could untie?
Who are we that He would show us favor?
Granting us this gift of life
Who stray, yet still we stray

Take this bread and eat
Take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us
Rejoice and keep the feast

Happy sign of friendship and reunion
With the blessed Three in One
Foretaste of that glorious communion
Vision of the world to come

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The FIRST LESSON

1 John 2:28-3:11

²⁸And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming. ²⁹If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister. ¹¹For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:25-36

²⁵So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. ²⁶I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." ²⁷They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. ²⁸So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. ²⁹And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." ³⁰As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Closer Walk

words Anonymous; music by Dennis Allen

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,
close to thee.

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,
none but thee.

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.

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,
to thy shore.

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.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SERMON SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name *(2x)*

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

The MESSAGE

Blessed To Be A Child Of 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

Hard Fought Hallelujah

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, King of all Creation. 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 PROCLAMATION *of* CHRIST

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.

HYMNS *for* DISTRIBUTION Keep the Feast

Joyfully we join You at Your table
Pleading not our righteousness
By Your wealth of mercy we are able
Now to feast in confidence

Take this bread and eat
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Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray 623

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

DISMISSAL

***The* CLOSING HYMN Children of the Heavenly Father 725**

1 Children of the heav'n;y Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nesting bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His loveing purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

***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

Trunk or Treat- Saturday, October 25th- All volunteers arrive between 4-4:30 to setup your stations and/or trunk. The fun will start at 5:00 pm and ending at 7:00 pm

Footprints See's Candy Fundraiser- Sells have started back on **October 1st through November 28th** (*day after Thanksgiving*). Everything will be available on the website, October 1st. Flyers are posted around with the QR code and also send out in the newsletter. All orders are done online and they will deliver all candy to the address you provide. If you need help making an order, please contact Amber in the office and she can assist, if needed.

Bernita Brewer's Memorial Service- December 6th- Join us to honor the memory of Bernita Brewer with a delightful dessert bar to follow. Service begins at 2:00 pm. More information to come

Potluck Brunch & Operation Christmas Child Packing Party- Saturday, November 8th @ 11:00 AM. We're excited to gather again for a Special Potluck Brunch—a time for food, fellowship, faith and a special ministry opportunity. As always, please bring a dish to share and invite your family and friends. Men and children are invited! Operation Christmas Child Packing Party- This special occasion will also serve as our OCC Packing Party! Join us as we pack gift boxes that will bring joy—and the Gospel—to disadvantaged children around the world. Last year nearly 12 million boxes were distributed. It's our turn to get involved! About OCC: Operation Christmas Child is a ministry by Samaritan's Purse. In addition to receiving a gift-filled shoebox, each child is introduced to the Gospel and many go on to participate in a 12-lesson program. It's a powerful way to share God's love! **How You Can Help:** Donate gift items for the boxes (a list of specifics will be provided). Consider making a monetary donation to help cover shipping and supplies. Please RSVP today to: Laura Milstead 925-457-4804 or milstead.laura@yahoo.com



Don't forget to donate!

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Upcoming Events at Faith

October 12- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
October 12- Kidz K'nnnection @ 9:15 am
October 12- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am
October 12- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
October 12- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am

October 13- Footprints Closed

October 13- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm
October 13- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm
October 15- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am
October 15- CLG Meeting @ 7:00 pm
October 19- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
October 19- Kidz K'nnnection @ 9:15 am
October 19- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am
October 19- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
October 19- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am
October 20- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm
October 20- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm

October 21- Page Turner Book Club @ 7:00 pm
October 22- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am
October 22- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am
October 24- Bursey/Hanson House Group
@ 7:30 pm
October 25- Trunk or Treat @ 5:00 pm
October 26- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
October 26- Kidz K'nnnection @ 9:15 am
October 26- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am
October 26- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
October 26- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am
October 27- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm
October 27- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm
October 29- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am
October 29- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am
October 31- Footprints Halloween Parade
@ 11:00 am

Servants of Faith

This Week: October 12

Altar Guild- Laurel Fronek, Joan Miller & Linda Richardson

Tech Projections- Barry Milstead & Amber Nelsen

Acolyte- Brooklynn Fidler

Reader- Laura Milstead

Welcomers- Dennis & Anne Kohlmeyer

Elders- Mike Snow & Evan Bursey

Ushers- Ted Goad & Paula Calimeris

Youth Donuts- Brooklynn Fidler

Next Week: October 19

Altar Guild- Mary Wolkenhauer

Tech Projections- Kathy Wright & Todd Slattengren

Acolyte- Luke Slattengren

Reader- Kathy Wilson

Welcomers- Brian & Kathy Wilson

Elders- Phil Calahane & Lance O'Connor

Ushers- Jessica Grant & Phil Calahane

Youth Donuts- **Available**

“Blessed Assurance” Fanny Jane Crosby | Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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A Word To Guests About Holy Communion

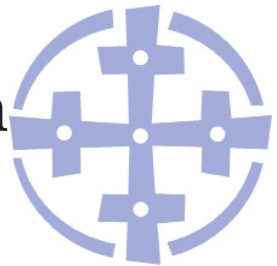
Lutherans believe and teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Lord's Supper. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically changes into Christ's body and blood, nor do we believe that the elements merely represent Christ's 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

Amber Nelsen- Office Administration

Jeff MacDonald- Director of LivingFaith Praise Band

David Engelbrektson- Director of Music, Gloria Chuang- Organist/Pianist

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