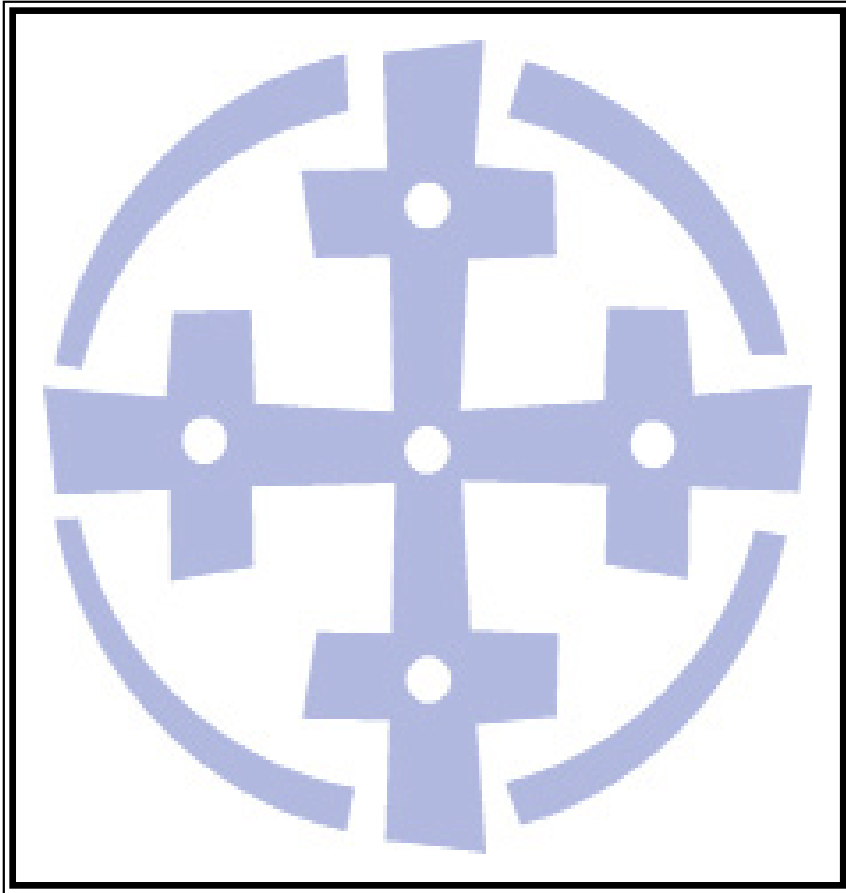


Welcome *to* **Faith**



Faith Lutheran Church

July 19, 2026

~Eighth Sunday after Pentecost~

PRELUDE

Break Every Chain

There is power in the name of Jesus

There is power in the name of Jesus

There is power in the name of Jesus

To break every chain

Break every chain break every chain (2x)

All sufficient sacrifice

So freely given such a price

Bought our redemption Heaven's gates

Swing wide

There is power in the name of Jesus

There is power in the name of Jesus

There is power in the name of Jesus

To break every chain

Break every chain break every chain

There's an army rising up

There's an army rising up

There's an army rising up

To break every chain

Break every chain break every chain

Break every chain break every chain break every chain.

There is power in the name of Jesus

There is power in the name of Jesus

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To break every chain

Break every chain break every chain (3x)

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I worship Your holy name

Yes I worship Your holy name
Lord I worship your holy name

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 SONG

Thy Loving Kindness

Thy loving kindness
Is better than life
Thy loving kindness
Is better than life

My lips shall praise You
Thus will I bless You
I will lift up my hands
Unto Your name

I lift my hands Lord
Up to your name
I lift my hands Lord
Up to Your name

My lips shall praise You
Thus will I bless You
I will lift up my hands
Unto Your name

Remembering Thee, Lord
I'm satisfied
Remembering Thee, Lord
I'm Satisfied

My lips shall praise You
Thus will I bless You
I will lift up my hands
Unto Your name

The FIRST LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1–5

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. ⁵“Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:18–27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has

done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”...

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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

By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation’s grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight (2x)

The MESSAGE

Life In The Weeds

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.

SONGS *for* DISTRIBUTION

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Surrender

I'm giving You my heart
And all that is within
I lay it all down
For the sake of You my King

I'm giving You my dreams
I'm laying down my rights
I'm giving up my pride
For the promise of new life

And I surrender
All to You all to You
And I surrender
All to You all to You

I'm singing You this song
I'm waiting at the cross
And all the world holds dear
I count it all as loss

For the sake of knowing You
The glory of Your name
To know the lasting joy
Even sharing in Your pain

And I surrender
All to You all to You
And I surrender
All to You all to You (3x)

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 SONG

Never Gonna Stop

For Your beauty that's been shown
For Your mysteries unknown
For the miracles we've seen
We praise You Lord

For the story of Your love
For the wonder of Your blood
How it makes the sinner clean
Someone like me

So I'm never gonna stop
Never gonna stop
Lifting up my hands to You
Lifting up my heart

When the last day comes and goes
And time will be no more
I'll be praising You

No I'll never let it end
I'll just begin it all again
Shouts of thankfulness and love
I'm always gonna give

A thousand years from now
Before Your throne of grace and pow'r
I'll be praising You
Praising You

Though pressed on every side
With troubles and fears so near me
And should the whole wide world deny You
I'll just make it louder
Shout Your name on high

So I'm never gonna stop
Never gonna stop
Lifting up my hands to You
Lifting up my heart

When the last day comes and goes
And time will be no more
I'll be praising You

No I'll never let it end
I'll just begin it all again
Shouts of thankfulness and love
I'm always gonna give
A thousand years from now
Before Your throne of grace and pow'r
I'll be praising You
Praising You

***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

75th Celebration Thank You- Dear Faith family and friends, Thank you all for attending or sending your warm blessings on the Diamond Jubilee of Faith Lutheran Church! Pastor Dave, the Congregational Leadership Group and the Anniversary Committee are overjoyed with the wonderful weekend that we had together and how everyone contributed to making it a memorable and special celebration. Saturday was festive, relaxed and an enjoyable time of fellowship. Living Faith was amazing and played their hearts out! It was wonderful to see our preschool and church kids playing together and jumping wildly. And the food was plentiful and delicious, served up hot! Followed by tasty ice cream treats. The Faith Bingo got everyone mingling and sharing stories - a great way to connect and get to know each other better. Especially while snapping photos and perusing the photo gallery and albums of our history. Sunday was moving and hope-filled. Every detail was thoughtful and worshipful, focused on where God is leading us. We received special commendation from the California Assembly by way of Assemblywoman Avila Farias delivered by her staff member, Kayla Turnage, as well as a special commemoration from the LCMS CNH District delivered by President Lange. Thank you for signing our memory book and it will be out for a few more weeks so everyone can take a moment to note your thoughts and blessings. Also, we are gathering photos from the weekend here - please take time to check them out and also to post your photos!

<https://www.evite.com/event/0339IIAE4SKDAA4XWEPRL64NO3QXEQ/photos>

Thank you again for making this time all about faith, family and ministry! May God richly bless you, and we look forward to seeing you at church!

P Dave

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Anniversary Committee

Mary Wolkenhauer - chair

Amber Nelsen

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Tracy Bursey

And many many volunteers before and during! <3

Faith Mugs Are Here- You can pick one up for just \$10 either in the Narthex or in the Fellowship Center. The mugs are 18 oz and nice quality! They are NOT microwave safe and probably dishwasher safe (I recommend handwashing so the imprint lasts longer). If you are unable to come to church, just let Amber know and one of us will get your mug to you! You can pay cash, check or online - just be sure to note what it's for. We are also including them in our "visitors bag" being assembled and overseen by Laura. For welcomers and ushers, keep an eye out for new guests and while giving them our warm Faith welcome, you can also hand them a bag which will also include information about our church, services, activities and more in addition to the mug and please always get their name, phone or email so Pastor or an Elder can follow-up with them!

~~~ Your \$10 will help us keep our Faith visitor bags ready to go. Thank you and God bless! ~~~

**Men's Retreat August 22nd: Save the Date!!-** Men of Faith, mark your calendars for Saturday afternoon, August 22nd when we'll gather for our fifth(!) annual Men's Retreat at the home of Dan and Betty Sifferman. We'll meet at 4:30pm for this special event. Pastor Dave will lead us in a devotion, followed by a fabulous BBQ dinner and an evening around a campfire with music and tall tales no doubt. Most of the meal will be provided, but check in with Dan if you'd like to contribute to the feast. Beverages to share are always welcome. Don't miss this fabulous evening of faith, friends and fun. And be sure to invite a friend. More details to follow. Any questions or to RSVP, contact Dan Sifferman. Hope to see you there!!

**Women's Potluck Brunch-** All Women of Faith... Join us at the next Women of Faith Pot-Luck Brunch! Saturday, August 1st, 11:00 am. Laura Milstead will be hosting~thank you Laura! Bring a dish to share and bring a friend! You do not need to be a member of Faith. All women are invited! Please RSVP to Laura Milstead at [milstead.laura@yahoo.com](mailto:milstead.laura@yahoo.com) today.

**4th of July Thank You-** Thank you to all who participated in the Pleasant Hill 4th of July parade! It was a beautiful morning at a wonderful community event. We had the opportunity to share a little bit about Faith, our history and our impact on the community at designated announcement spots. Along the parade route our walkers from both Faith and Footprints kept busy handing out 1600 baggies with a little candy and Faith's and Footprints' business cards! It was a great opportunity to get our names out in the community. If you missed it this year, I hope you'll consider participating next year.





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## Upcoming Events

July 19- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
July 19- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
July 22- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
July 24- Bursey/Hanson House Group  
July 25- CPR Hands-on Training @ 10:00 am  
July 26- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
July 26- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
July 29- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
August 1- Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 am  
August 1- Women's Potluck Brunch @ 11:00 am  
August 2- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
August 2- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
August 5- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
August 9- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
August 9- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
August 12- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am

August 14- Bursey/Hanson House Group  
@ 7:30 pm  
August 16- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
August 16- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
August 19- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
August 22- Men's Retreat @ 4:30 pm  
August 23- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
August 23- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
August 26- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
August 28- Bursey/Hanson House Group  
@ 7:30 pm  
August 30- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
August 30- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
September 2- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
September 6- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
September 6- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

## Servants of Faith

### This Week: July 19

**Altar Guild-** Chris Wilburn & Ivy Saenz  
**Tech Projection-** Russell Elkins & Kathy Wright  
**Acolyte-** Makaio Dilbeck  
**Reader-** Jeff MacDonald  
**Welcomers-** Sheryl Lack  
**Elders-** Lance O'Connor & Mike Snow  
**Ushers-** Jessica Grant & Sheryl Lack  
**Youth Donuts-** Makaio Dilbeck

### Next Week: July 26

**Altar Guild-** Naty Sigurani  
**Tech Projection-** Amber Nelsen & Todd Slattengren  
**Acolyte-** Ava Kriksciunas  
**Reader-** Naty Sigurani  
**Welcomers-** Mary-Margaret Robbers & Chris Wilburn  
**Elders-** Phil Calahane & Evan Bursey  
**Ushers-** Mary-Margaret Robbers & Rachael Kriksciunas  
**Youth Donuts-** Ava Kriksciunas

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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.



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