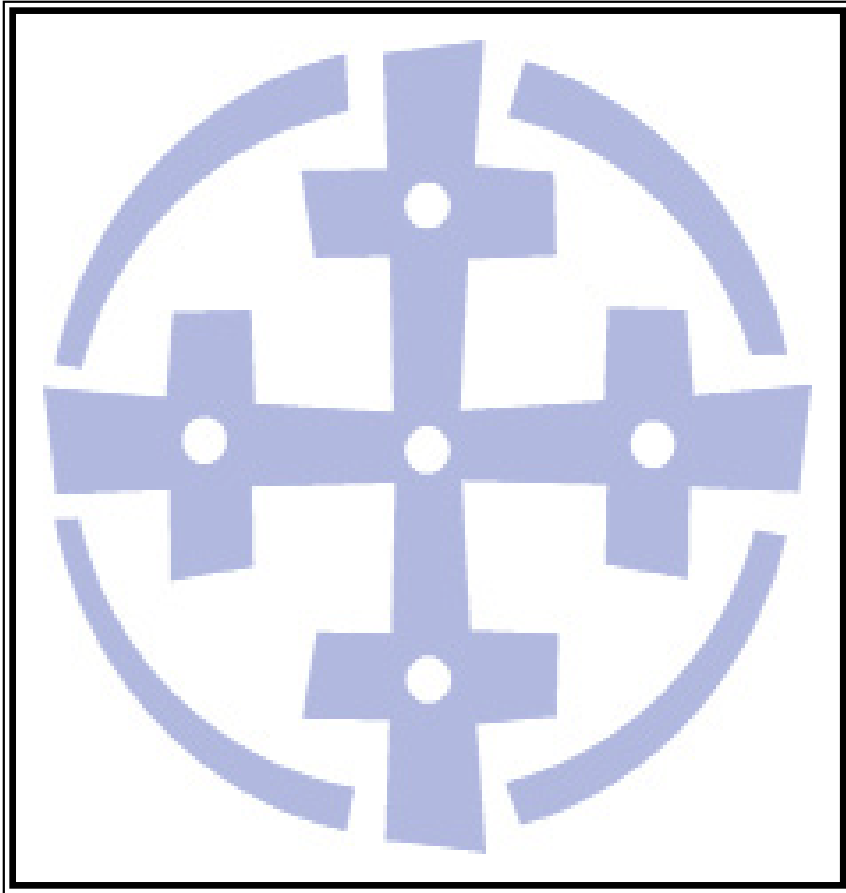


Welcome *to* **Faith**



Faith Lutheran Church

October 18, 2026

~Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost~

PRELUDE

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

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

OPENING SONG

Above All Else

Jesus my passion in life is to know You
May all other goals bow down to
To this journey of loving You more

Jesus You've showered Your goodness on me
Given Your gifts so freely
But there's one thing I'm longing for

Hear my heart's cry
And my prayer for this life
Above all else
Above all else
Above all else
Give me Yourself

Saviour the more that I see your beauty
The more that I glimpse your glory
My heart is captured by You

Jesus You are my greatest treasure
Nothing this world can offer
Could ever compare to You

Hear my heart's cry
And my prayer for this life
Above all else
Above all else
Above all else
Give me Yourself

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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

The God of Abraham Praise 798 v 1-3 & 8

1 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest.

2 The God of Abr'ham praise,
At whose supreme command
From earth I rise and seek the joys
At His right hand.
I all on earth forsake,
Its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And Him my only portion make,
My shield and tow'r.

3 The God of Abr'ham praise,
Whose all-sufficient grace
Shall guide me all my pilgrim days
In all my ways.
He deigns to call me friend;
He calls Himself my God.
And He shall save me to the end
Through Jesus' blood.

8 The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And, "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was and is the same
And evermore shall be;
Jehovah, Father, great I AM!
We worship Thee!"

The FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***The* SECOND LESSON**

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

***The* GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:15–22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

In The Quietness

Words and music by Gary Lanier

In the quietness of my life I come to you,
thankful for the blessings of the day.
Every grateful for the love You've shown so true.
Thank You, Jesus, for the price You paid.

I want to praise Your most holy name;
A name unchanging, forever the same.

In the quietness of my life I come to You,
thankful for the blessings of the day.
Ever grateful for the love You've shown so true.
Thank You, Jesus, for the price You paid.

Thank You, Jesus, for the price You paid.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SERMON SONG

How Good and Pleasant

How good and pleasant it is
When we dwell together in unity
And praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

How good and pleasant it is
When we dwell together in unity
And praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

How good and pleasant it is
When we dwell together in unity
And praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

How good and pleasant it is
When we dwell together in unity
And praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

Showers of blessing
Showers they fall
When we love and live in unity
When we lift one voice
Loud and strong

(Call)
As far as the east is to the west
The north is to the south

(Response)

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

(Call)
From the rising of the sun
To the goin' down of the same

(Response)

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

(Call)
No matter who comes against us
No matter what the world says

(Response)

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

(Call)
'Cause we know it won't be long
We'll see our Savior coming in those clouds
Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord (2x)

The MESSAGE

...What is God's

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.

HYMNS *for* DISTRIBUTION Draw Near and Take the Body of Our Lord 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee 632

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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 Great Thou Art 801

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

***Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!***

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; ***[Refrain]***

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; ***[Refrain]***

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" ***[Refrain]***

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

Page Turners Book Club- Do you love to read or listen to books? Then Page Turners Book Club is the place for you! Join us for good books, great conversation, and wonderful fellowship. The Page Turners meet once a month, with the book club choosing its list of books for the entire year each January. Each month, a different member opens their home to host the group. Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 pm**, hosted by Mary Wolkenhauer, and this month's book is "**The Family Upstairs**" *by Lisa Jewell*. Everyone is welcome to join us—even if you're new to the book club! Come for the books, stay for the conversation and fellowship.

More Help Wanted- Bass Player Needed: No Experience Necessary, will supply Bass Guitar & Training. Please contact Jeff MacDonald if you or someone you know would be interested.

Footprints Preschool Annual See's Candy Fundraiser- Footprints Preschool is excited to announce that our annual See's Candy Fundraiser has begun and will be running through December 24th! The QR code is posted in the Narthex and in a few other areas around the church to make it convenient for everyone to participate. There is a click-able link on the weekly newsletter. Thank you for supporting Footprints Preschool and helping make our fundraiser a success!

Trunk or Treat 2026- Sign-up sheet are in the Narthex for volunteers. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 24th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. All volunteers needs to be there between 4:00-4:30 pm. This year we will have food, games, pictures, face painting... and trunk or treating! We hope to see you all there.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party!!! Saturday, November 14th @ 10:30 AM. We're excited to gather for a special ministry opportunity. Join us as we pack gift boxes that will bring delight—AND the Gospel—to disadvantaged children around the world. Last year over 12 million boxes were distributed. It's our turn again, 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 discipleship 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 can be found in the Narthex).
- Come assist with the loving, prayerful packing.
- Consider making a monetary donation; we can purchase more gifts to fill our boxes full, AND/OR help us cover processing costs.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP asap to: Laura Milstead 925-457-4804 or milstead.laura@yahoo.com

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!



Don't forget to donate!

Scan this QR code to donate online

Upcoming Events

October 18- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
October 18- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am
October 18- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am
October 18- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
October 18- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am
October 19- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm
October 19- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm
October 20- Page Turners Book Club
@ 7:00 pm
October 21- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am
October 21- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am
October 21- Brown Bagger Immerse Group
@ 12:00 pm
October 21- CLG Meeting @ 7:00 pm
October 23- Pleasant Hill Haunted Trails
@ 5:00 pm

October 24- Trunk or Treat @ 5:00 pm
October 25- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
October 25- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am
October 25- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am
October 25- Bible Study @ 10:30 am
October 25- Choir Practice @ 10:30 am
October 25- Faithful Youth Night @ 6:30 pm
October 26- Ladies Bible Study @ 1:00 pm
October 26- Handbells Practice @ 5:30 pm
October 28- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am
October 28- Footprints Chapel @ 10:30 am
October 28- Brown Baggers Immerse Group
@ 12:00 pm
November 1- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am
November 1- Kingdom Kids @ 9:15 am
November 1- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am

Servants of Faith

This Week: October 18

Altar Guild- Laurel Fronek, Joan Miller & Linda Richardson

Tech Projection- Todd Slattengren & Kathy Wright

Acolyte- Luke Slattengren

Reader- Laura Milstead

Welcomers- Len Loeber

Elders- Evan Bursey & Mike Snow

Ushers- Naty Sigurani & Ted Goad

Youth Donuts- **Available**

Next Week: October 25

Altar Guild- Betty Sifferman & Kathy Wilson

Tech Projection- Amber Nelsen & Russell Elkins

Acolyte- Makaio Dilbeck

Reader- Naty Sigurani

Welcomers- Sheryl Lack

Elders- Lance O'Connor & Phil Calahane

Ushers- Jessica Grant & Sheryl Lack

Youth Donuts- Makaio Dilbeck

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A Word To Guests About Holy Communion

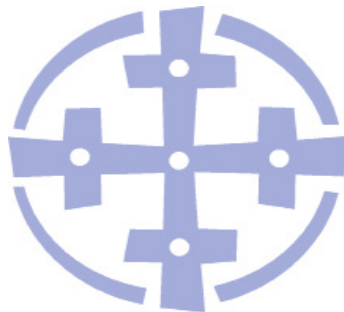
Lutherans believe and teach that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in and with the bread and wine when we receive the Lord's Supper. We do not believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically changes into Christ's body and blood, nor do we believe that the elements merely represent Christ's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