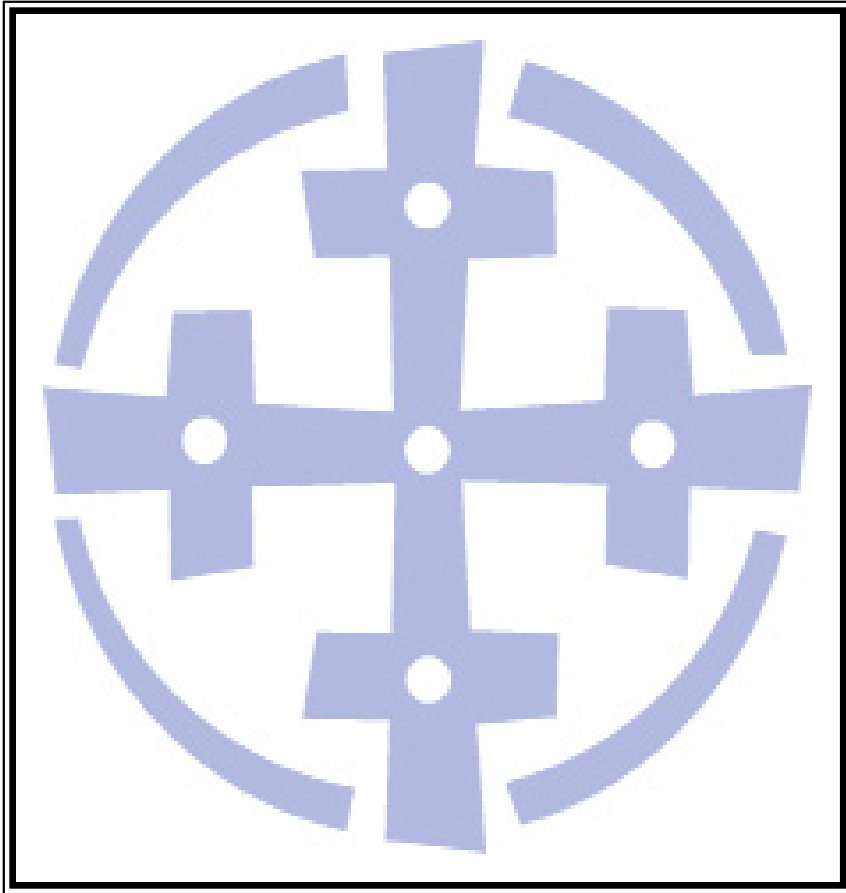


Welcome *to* **Faith**



Faith Lutheran Church

July 12, 2026

~Seventh Sunday after Pentecost~

PRELUDE

Hard Fought Hallelujah

I don't always feel it
But that's when I need it the most
I'mma keep on singing
Till my soul catches up with my song
There's times when my hands go up freely
Times that it costs
There's days when the praise comes out easy
Days when it takes all the strength I got

I'll bring my hard fought heart-felt
Been through hell hallelujah
I'll bring my storm tossed torn sail
Story to tell hallelujah

God You've been patient
God You've been gracious
Faithful whatever I'm feeling or facing

I'll bring my hard fought heart-felt
It is well hallelujah
Hallelujah (hallelujah)

I've wrestled with the darkness
But I'm trying to reach for the light
The struggle keeps me honest
And it breaks down the walls of my pride

Faith isn't proven like gold
Till it's been through the fire
My head heart and hands feeling heavy
That's when I lift them just a little higher

I'll bring my hard fought heart-felt
Been through hell hallelujah
I'll bring my storm tossed torn sail
Story to tell hallelujah

God You've been patient
God You've been gracious
Faithful whatever I'm feeling or facing

I'll bring my hard fought heart-felt
It is well hallelujah
Hallelujah (hallelujah)

Hallelujah
Oh oh oh oh
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Halle halle
Hallelujah

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

OPENING SONG

All the People said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy

To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

And all the people said amen
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together

God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

And all the people said amen
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

And all the people said amen

And all the people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends

And all the people said amen (2x)

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, My Soul, the King of Heaven 793 v 1, 2 & 4**

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor
To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

4 Angels, help us to adore Him;
You behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
All who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

The FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced

grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Everyday

What to say Lord
It's You who gave me life
And I can't explain
Just how much You mean to me

Now that You have saved me Lord
I give all that I am to You
That everyday I can
Be a light that shines Your name

Everyday Lord
I'll learn to stand upon Your Word
And I pray that I
I may come to know You more

That You would guide me
In every single step I take
That everyday I can be Your
Light unto the world

Everyday it's You I'll live for
Everyday I'll follow after You
Everyday I'll walk with You my Lord

What to say Lord
It's You who gave me life
And I can't explain
Just how much You mean to me

Now that You have saved me Lord
I give all that I am to You
That everyday I can
Be a light that shines Your name

Everyday it's You I'll live for
Everyday I'll follow after You
Everyday I'll walk with You my Lord *(2x)*

It's You I live for everyday
It's You I live for everyday
It's You I live for everyday *(3x)*

Everyday it's You I'll live for
Everyday I'll follow after You
Everyday I'll walk with You my Lord *(2x)*

The MESSAGE

Sower in the Seed

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 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart 641

Refrain:

You satisfy the hungry heart

With gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord,

The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,

They know and heed his voice;

So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,

We follow and rejoice. *[Refrain]*

2 With joyful lips we sing to You

Our praise and gratitude

That You should count us worthy, Lord,

To share this heav'nly food. *[Refrain]*

3 Is not the cup we bless and share

The blood of Christ out poured?

Do not one cup, one loaf, declare

Our oneness in the Lord? *[Refrain]*

4 The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,

No mortal tongue can tell:

Whom all the world cannot contain

Comes in our hearts to dwell. *[Refrain]*

5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;

Then selfless let us be,

To serve each other in Your name

In truth and charity. *[Refrain]*

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**

On What Has Now Been Sown 921

1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

***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

Announcement

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! ~~~

**Voter's Meeting-** The Congregational Leadership Group will be holding a meeting of the Voters' Assembly **TODAY Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** PDT. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to vote on new members and officers of the CLG. In addition, we will review Faith's year-to-date 2026 financials, discuss Pastor Floyd's 2026 ministry plans, and provide a brief review of Faith's 2026 activities.

**CPR/AED Certification Training-** We are offering a CPR/AED Certification Training for anyone interested in becoming certified or renewing their certification. The certification is valid for 2 years. The class includes: 4 hours of online perwork/training and 4 hours of hands-on instructions. Cost: \$85.00 per person. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for those interested in participating. We encourage anyone interested to sign up soon. Deadline is Sunday, June 28th. Hands-on Training will be Saturday, July 25th in the Fellowship Center. All checks or cash hand to Amber in the office.

**Local VBS-** Since we will not be holding a VBS at Faith this year, here are a few of our Lutheran church's near by that will be having them. Most are also looking for Youth volunteers.

**-Benicia Lutheran Church**, 201 Reymond Dr., Benicia, CA 94510, 707-746-0201, July 13-18 9:00 am-1:00 pm Pre-K-5th grade. No fee for participation. <https://www.benicialutheranchurch.com/> *-(Middle school and high school volunteers are appreciated.)*

**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 today.

**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!

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| P Dave                   | Jessica Grant                       |
| CLG                      | Julie Snow                          |
| Anniversary Committee    | Kathy Wright                        |
| Mary Wolkenhauer - chair | Linda Richardson                    |
| Amber Nelsen             | Tracy Bursey                        |
| Betty Sifferman          | And many many volunteers before and |
| Dan Sifferman            | during! <3                          |



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## Upcoming Events

July 12- Sunday Worship @ 9:00 am  
July 12- Sunday Fellowship @ 10:15 am  
July 12- Voter's Meeting @ 10:30 am  
July 15- Over The Hill Gang @ 9:00 am  
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 Hand-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

## Servants of Faith

### This Week: July 12

**Altar Guild-** Betty Sifferman & Kathy Wilson

**Tech Projection-** Barry Milstead & Russell Elkins

**Acolyte-** **Available**

**Reader-** Paula Calimeris

**Welcomers-** Brian & Kathy Wilson

**Elders-** Lance O'Connor & Phil Calahane

**Ushers-** Paula Calimeris & Ted Goad

**Youth Donuts-** **No Donuts**

### Next 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

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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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