

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in World Wide Missions*



T DIVINE SERVICE T

OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"

(LSB 588)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ through Word and Sacrament, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

T WORD T

INTROIT

Psalm 37:5-7 (antiphon: Ps. 37:4)

- P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- C **Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.**
- P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
- C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out
evil devices!**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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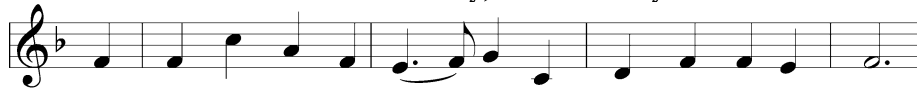
Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



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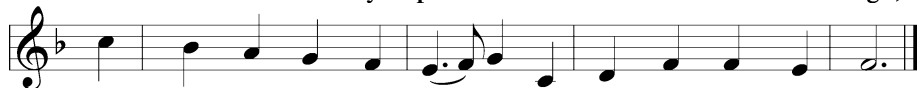
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

(Love the LORD Your God)

6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Seek and You Will Find"

(arr. Natalie Sleeth)

Women's Ensemble

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14-17

(Paul's charge to Timothy.)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom^[a] you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God^[b] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

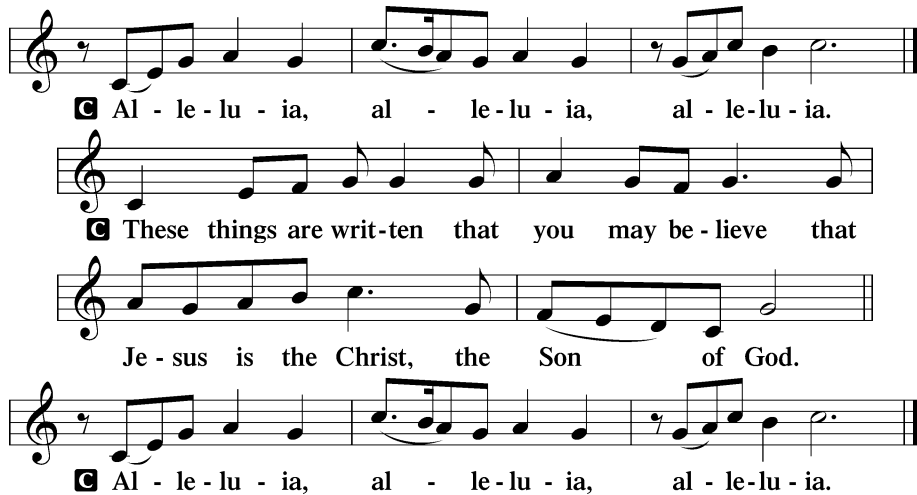
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:10-17

(The Purpose of the Parables.)

¹⁰ Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ¹³ This is why I

speaking to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:

““You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

¹⁵ For this people's heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed,
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN

“Let Me Learn of Jesus”

(see insert)

SERMON

“Equipping God’s People for Life: Lifelong Journey”

Pastor Sam Handschke

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8:30am

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11:00am

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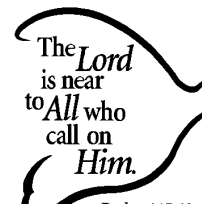
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SHARING GOD’S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P The apostle Paul instructs us: “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may



lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” Rejoicing in Christ’s salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Brief silence

- P Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ’s salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P God, our Savior, uphold _____, our president; _____, our governor; and all whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [*especially* _____]. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us to be among the saints in glory around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

The 11:00 am service continues on page 10 with the Benedicamus and Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastor**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T 8:30 am Service

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

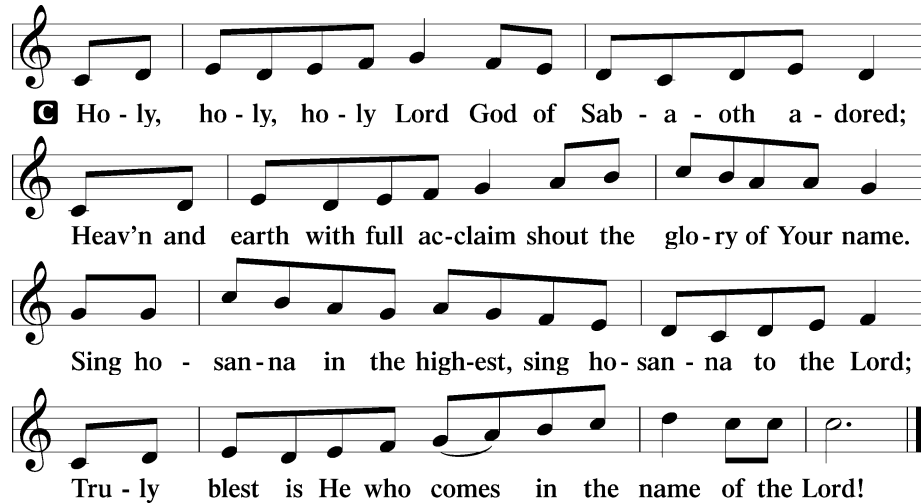
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all

the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

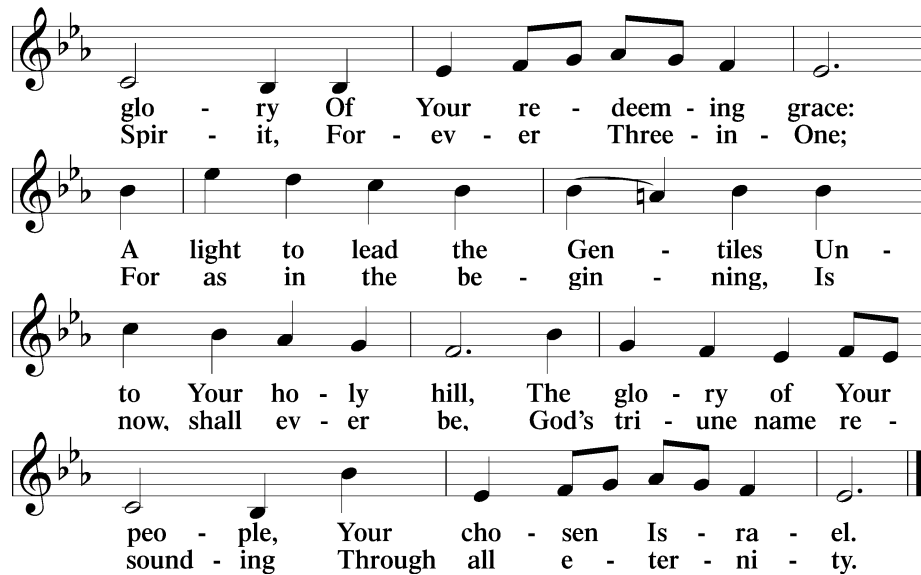
"Seek Ye First" (LSB 712)
"You Are the Way; through You Alone" (LSB 526)
"By Grace I'm Saved" (LSB 566)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS *and* BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

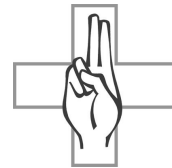
P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.



C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life"

(LSB 783)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER “Equipping God’s people for life.” We continue to focus upon the gift of life that God gives. We’ll look at it in a very particular way: God gives us the promise of **eternal life**, the destination that we will reach after this **lifelong journey** of learning more about him, which is filled with choices in our **daily lives** as we live according to his design, a time in which we share **life together** as we celebrate joys and encourage each other during hardship and struggle.

Today Jesus presents us with insider information. He chooses to address people in parables, stories that can appear as only earthly information: one about a farmer, another about a net, still another about a merchant seeking some inventory. But these stories also reveal things about God and his attitude towards us. The parables, when heard as God’s people, are heavenly stories adorned with earthly trappings. These stories, as well as the whole of God’s Word, are ones that we continue to hear and learn. As we head towards eternal life, we learn more and more about God and what he has done for us. Our **lifelong journey** is filled with a desire to grow in our relationship with God.

¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ...¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. ¹⁷ For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the yellow prayer request card. Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching today is Reverend Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Want to listen to our worship service via livestream? Go to: www.faithluth.com. Click on

livestream and it will take you to the service or if you have missed the service it will take you to the archived services. We livestream our 8:30 service each Sunday.

If you have envelope number 312 please contact Helen in the office at 605-224-2216.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Sept. 7, Att. 58; Offering \$954.59; **Sun., Sept. 11, Att. 242;** General Fund \$8,334.23; Building Fund \$70.00; Sunday School \$3.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Bus Maintenance \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$1,250.00.

Endowment Fund When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

BLUE CARDS The blue cards in the pew racks are for attendance, communion records and on the back side are for prayer requests. If it is a communion service you must also sign the bottom of the card or you will not be counted as having had communion. They are **NOT** to be used as scribble sheets for your children. There are activity bags at the back of the Sanctuary on each side that have pages for your children to color and scribble on. **PLEASE** use the activity bags instead of the blue cards. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Confirmation gowns are missing! The LWML has two of the white confirmation gowns that have not been returned. Please check your closets...or check at the cleaners! Thank you for your help! If found, please return to the church coat racks.

Congregational Directory We had a good start with registration for the photo schedule last Sunday. Thanks also to those who registered online. Please let Helen know in the office if you wish to volunteer and help facilitate this project. **We would love to have every family in our congregation represented in the new directory.** No high-pressure sales pitch. Every family represented will get a FREE 8 x 10 photo and a directory. If you want to purchase more, you may do so. The dates when pictures will be taken are October 19-22, November 2-5, December 5-10, and January 2-7. **All pictures taken and ordered at the October, November, and December settings will be available by Christmas.** You may call the office to schedule. We will be scheduling after each worship service also.



MUSIC ENSEMBLES ORGANIZING It will soon be time for our music ensembles to begin forming and rehearsing. Due to so many people on the go, traveling on weekends, and being overcommitted, we have changed up our rehearsals a bit.

CHOIR – Last year we began by scheduling a few Sundays where most of our voices were available to sing, and then rehearsed for two or three weeks prior. Attendance at rehearsals was good, and we also had the benefit of working on one song per rehearsal, rather than multiple pieces. We're going to continue doing this, as it produced good results.

BELL CHOIR – A number of years ago, we ditched weekly rehearsals in favor of the same operating schedule the choir follows. We have a pool of ringers who commit to a particular Sunday where all the bells can be covered, and like the choir, commit to two or three rehearsals prior. Ringers must be able to read music and understand and apply rhythm concepts.

If you are interested in choir, a small vocal ensemble or bell choir, but have not participated, please contact Karen Lindbloom at 605-280-2490 or at bolmd@pie.midco.net. You can also contact the office. We are aiming to have the choir sing at least two or three times before the end of the year, and the bell choir ring at least twice during the same time period.

Country Fair We are preparing for this year's Country Fair. Please consider serving in one of many ways or donate items (food or crafts) - the sign-up sheet is in the narthex. You can also join us on **Saturday, Oct 1 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM** and purchase some wonderful items. The money raised helps out with ministries here at Faith as well as in our state and country.

Main Street Living **Did you know** the Main Street Living program is broadcast throughout South Dakota and into bordering states on two TV stations: KDLT in Sioux Falls at 10:00 AM central and KEVN at 8:00 AM mountain in Rapid City?

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “But Not For Lunch” - A man has difficulty adjusting to retirement until he turns his time over to the Lord.

10:30 AM - Rev. John Fries, pastor at Grace and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Deadwood and Sturgis, presents a message titled “God and Mammon.” This sermon is based on Luke 16. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “To be authentic is to be vulnerable with others—and that may make us fearful. It might be messy, and that makes us uncomfortable. It takes time. Our reminder as we [the Church] seek to become a place of belonging is 1 Corinthians 12:18: ‘But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.’” *Mona Fuerstenau– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Parents – the second graders will receive their Bibles and the fourth graders will receive their Small Catechisms on **Sunday, September 25th**. They will be handed out at both services, so please attend your usual worship service.

JYM – Middle School Youth Group Students in 6th-8th grade, please join us for JYM youth group. We meet **TODAY** from 2:00-5:00PM and on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We'll play a game, spend time studying God's word, and enjoy a delicious snack. This time will connect us with one another and with Jesus.

On the Lighter Side...Puns for Fun

Q. What goes up but never goes down?

A. *Your age*

Q. What is something that you own, but others use more than you do?

A. *Your Name*

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 18

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Boards of Stewardship/Endow

2:00 pm JYM

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Study

Mon: Sept. 19

5:30 pm Altar Guild

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Sept. 20

8:00 am Staff Devotions

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

5:30 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Sept. 21

6:00 pm Catechism

6:00 pm Jeremiah/Lamentations Study

6:00 pm Romans Bible Study

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Sept. 22

8:00 am Staff Devotions

5-8 pm MOPS in CFLC gym

7:00 pm Psalms Study in Sanctuary

Sun: Sept. 25

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Study

11:00 am Communion

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Study