

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 3, 2023 A.D.
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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*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

(LSB 594)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Ps 37:5-7; (antiphon: Ps. 377:4)

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.**

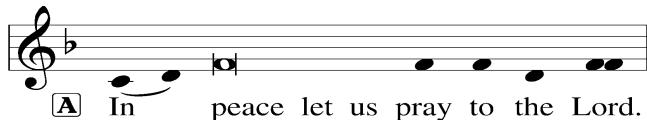
P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

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.

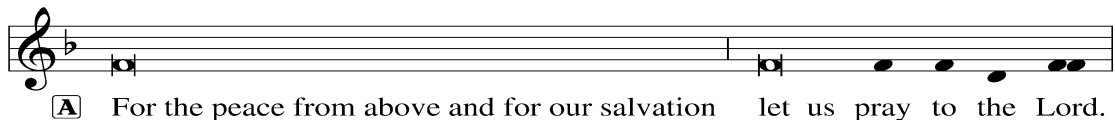
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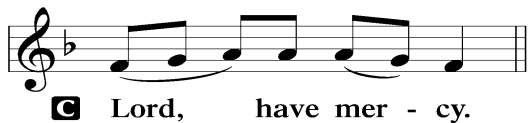
A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



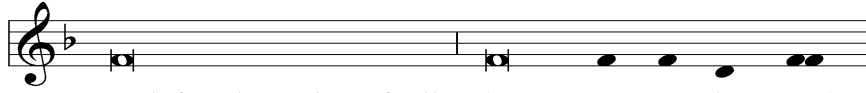
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



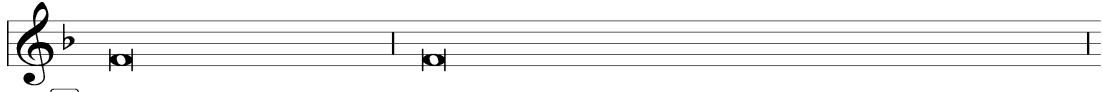
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



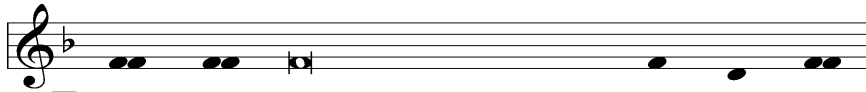
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



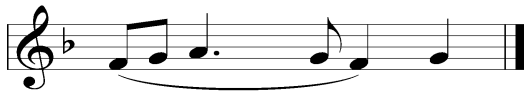
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS “*Glory to God in the Highest*”

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 55:8-11* page 17 *(Invitation to the Thirsty)*

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (Kevin J. Hildebrand)

Helen Kiepke, vocalist

Andrew Wulf, flute

EPISTLE Acts 16:11-15, 40 page 17 (Lydia's Conversion in Philippi)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. Below the second staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. A common time signature (C) is also present below the second staff.

HOLY GOSPEL John 3:9-17 page 18 (Jesus Teaches Nicodemus)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

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

"Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"

(LSB 586)

SERMON

"Lydia Hears God's Word"
Pastor Sam Handschke

(Acts 16:11-15, 40)

CREED 8:30 *Nicene* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*
 11:00 *Apostles'* *Inside back cover of the*
Lutheran Service Book

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty Avenger, teach Your faithful ones to trust so fully in Your fatherly care that they seek not vengeance but mercy. Stoke our zeal to bless those who curse us, and so heap holy coals upon their heads. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the worldly company of revelers who despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to brazenly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Great Physician, heal and restore. [*We especially remember _____.*] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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 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 pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠
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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

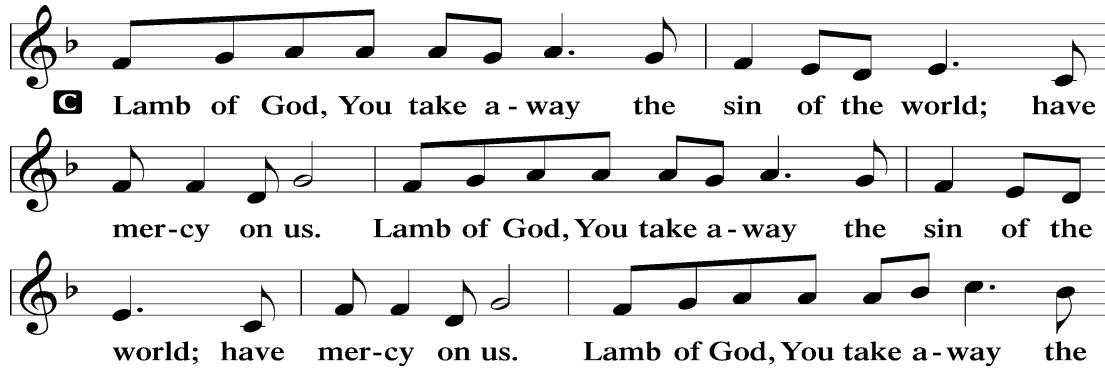
Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI





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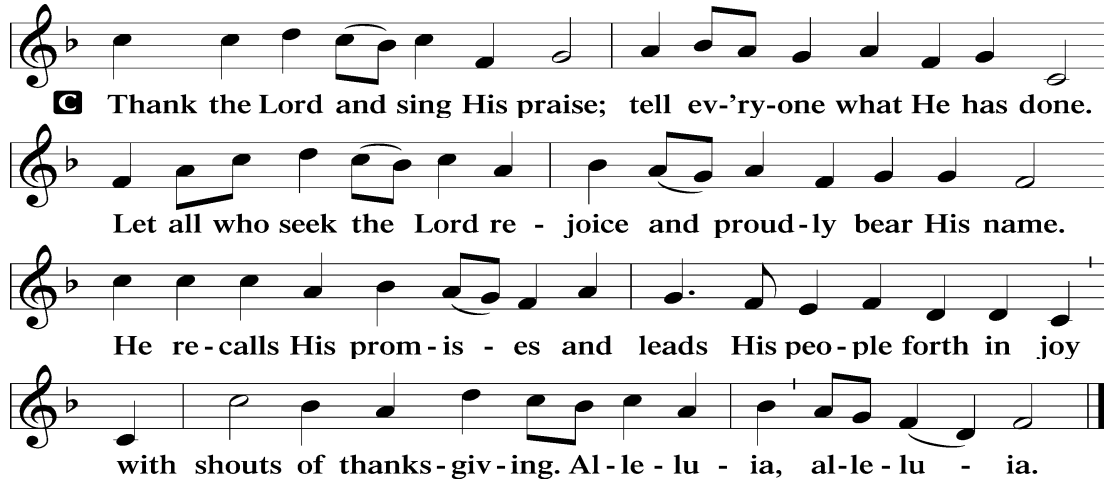
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” (LSB 601)

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” (LSB 622)

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

(LSB 837)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AS WE GATHER Today, we sit along a riverbank, where Paul and his missionary partners share Jesus with a group of Jewish women who have gathered there to pray. One prominent woman opens her home to the missionaries, and her whole household is baptized. When we gather in our congregation, we sit beside the baptismal river, learning of Jesus Christ, praying to God, and sharing our love with one and all.

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. Acts 16:14-15

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion 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 Fourteenth 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 this morning is Rev. Samuel Handschke, our Senior Pastor. He finishes our preaching series, "Living Water." Pastor Urbach is preaching at Zion Lutheran in Chamberlain for its Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Pastor Urbach will preach at Faith next Sunday as our Pastors begin a 4 week preaching series entitled "Let's

Go..." which will conclude on Sunday October 1 with the theme "Let's Go Work," with an enjoyable Open House which will highlight several ways in which we do the work of our Lord.

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.

First Sunday Fellowship Please join us in the Fellowship Hall/Gym for our First Sunday Fellowship at 9:30. We thank the ladies of Rebekah Circle for the goodies and for hosting our fellowship this morning.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Aug. 23, Att. 22; Offering \$0.00; **Sun., Aug. 27, Att. 295;** General Fund \$7,650.56; Sunday School \$1.26; Building Fund \$0.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$300.00; Organ Fund \$500.00; Bus Use Donation \$4378.67; HVAC \$150.00; Endowment Fund (Foundations) \$200.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Darwin Ripley (Blessings) \$20.00.

Endowment Fund There are lime green envelopes on the back side of the large center support post in the Narthex for your use. Donations do not have to be in memory of someone, they can be in celebration of an event in your lives, to the glory of God, or any number of happenings in your lives. The envelopes have an area where you can designate where you wish the funds to go. Please use a separate **check** for your donation. Where we deposit the funds does not take cash, so it needs to be in the **check** form. The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!

First Sunday of the month fellowship We thank the women of our Rebekah Circle for providing goodies and hosting our first Sunday of the month fellowship this morning after our first service. Join us in the fellowship hall.

Bible Studies On **September 10** our Adult Bible Study will begin its study of the

Gospel of Luke. Class will normally meet Sunday mornings between Church Services (9:45 ish until 10:45 ish), in the St. Matthew Room, upstairs in the Christian Family Life Center. Class members will learn some things that were not taught in Sunday School.

Why is a study of the Gospel of Luke appropriate for me?

Luke's Gospel is written for those who do not have a background in the Jewish faith. Luke provides more detail on Old Testament laws and prophecies to help the student better understand relevant aspects of Jewish culture and Jewish faith. Matthew's and Mark's Gospels were written primarily for Jews, who already had a good background in the Old Testament Scriptures.

The early church found that non-Jews required much more instruction/education to become believers. They needed a Gospel to help them understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Luke wrote such a message. Our study will help you understand what Luke had to say.

During his earthly ministry, Jesus practiced "table fellowship." His example set the pattern for early mission activity of the church. It also set the pattern for worship in the church. How does "table fellowship" relate to worship services in the church, today? Our study of Luke will explain this relationship.

Luke's Gospel contains many passages that are incorporated into the church's liturgy as Canticles, which are especially rich in OT themes. Can you name them? If not, our study will identify them, review them, and show where they appear in our liturgies.

Luke's gospel is a book of the church, written for the church, to be used by the church in its proclamation of the Gospel to both the unbaptized and the baptized. The Holy Spirit works through the teaching of the Gospel to instill faith in the hearer. Those who receive the Gospel become part of the worshipping community.

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

THE TRUTH PROJECT: An In-Depth Christian Worldview Experience

Led by Vona Johnson

605.280.7565

Held at Vona's Home (Call for directions)

Starting Date: September 5, 2023

The Truth Project, a Focus on the Family DVD-based small group study, is designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons

discuss God’s design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. Most importantly, it addresses the need to marry our actions to our core beliefs.

TUESDAY 10:30 – 11:30 A.M.

UNSHAKABLE

Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard

Led by Karen Lindbloom

Held in the Young Conference room by the church office.

Starting Date: **October 3, 2023**



WEDNESDAY 6:00 –7:00 P.M.

THE ENGAGEMENT PROJECT

Led by Dennis Ryckman

605-222-7713

Held at church

Starting Date: September 6, 2023

The Engagement Project Class is an essential training course for everyone to know how God is leading us to make Him known in our world today.

Reading the Psalms

Join us on **Thursday nights at 6:00PM** in the Living Room.

Matt Reitzel will be leading the study.

Join us at the FLC Living Room on Thursday nights at 6:00

for “Reading the Psalms.” We will read through the Psalms

responsively and discuss their meaning as found in the

Lutheran Study Bible and the Concordia Publishing book *Engaging the Psalms*. Feel free

to join us as your schedule allows. **First meeting Thursday, September 14.** Feel free to

join us as your schedule allows, if you miss a night it doesn’t mean you are out of the

loop.



Fed by Faith will be having a cooking session on Saturday, September 9, from 10 am to 2 pm. If you would like to join in for a time of fun, fellowship, and yes cooking, we would love to have you join us. Sub sandwiches will be provided as we will be working over the lunch hour. Sarah Poppe is coordinating this and will have everything available for you to just come and help. Thanks much!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Country Fair will be held **Saturday, Oct. 21** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church. Organized by the Faith Lutheran LWML, the annual bazaar raises funds for many worthwhile causes. **HOW YOU CAN HELP:** Make and bring items for the booths: homemade arts and crafts, baked goods, candy, homegrown produce and canned goods. Donate small items to be used in gift baskets (these items should be marked “for gift baskets” and left in the coat closet by Oct. 4). Sign up to furnish items needed to prepare the noon lunch. Volunteer to help in a booth. And be sure to attend Country Fair on October 21st! (For more information, contact Dawn Koch at 605.222.8964 or Kathleen Monfore at 605.280.5945.)

Grief Share is a support group for those who have lost a loved one.
▪ **When:** TODAY, August 27, 2023 from 2-4 PM with introductory session “Loss of a Spouse.” The following 14 weekly sessions will begin on September 10, 2023 from 2-4 PM **Where:** Community Bible Church located at **1516 N. Harrison** in Pierre. Questions: call Scott at 605-224-3330 or Carol at 605-280-2763, GRIEF Share/CBC
▪ cbcpierre.org

“**Main Street Living**” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

Sept. 3, 2023 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - “The Sound of Doors Closing” - A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

10:30 AM - Rev. Robert Hinckley, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Chamberlain, presents a message titled “Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus.” This sermon is based on Matthew 16:24. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “We are made holy by the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ, ours by faith in His life, death, and resurrection. Yet we are holy in another sense, too. We have

been set apart, called out, by a holy God for God’s holy purposes—to love God and our neighbor, to serve, to make disciples. We have been set apart to serve as spouses, parents and grandparents, citizens, workers.” *Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Midweek/Catechism classes begin Wednesday, September 6th at 6:00 pm. This is for ALL our 2nd-8th graders.

Bible Bowl 2024 We received word from the South Dakota LCMS district on the 2024 Bible Bowl. The books of the Bible are Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Students from sixth grade to seniors are eligible to participate. The statewide competition is before Palm Sunday. For more information or to register please see Bible Bowl coach LeRoy Kropuenske. He is around on Sunday for Sunday School and Wednesday for confirmation.

This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 3

8:30 am Communion
9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship

Mon: Sept. 4 LABOR DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

Tues: Sept. 5

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Wed: Sept. 6

6:00 pm The Engagement Project Study
6:00 pm Midweek/Catechism Classes
7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Sept. 7

8:00 am Staff Devotions

Sat: Sept. 9

10:00 am-2:00 pm Fed by Faith Meals
Preparation

Sun: Sept. 10

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/Luke Study

11:00 am Communion

12:00 pm Church Picnic in Gym

2:00 pm Board of Education

6:00 pm Board of Elders

6:30 pm 1, 2, 3 John Study continues

7:30 pm Board of Missions

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 55:8-11

Invitation to the Thirsty

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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,

¹¹ so 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.

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 16:11-15, 40

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the ¹³ district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some

days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

⁴⁰ So they went out of the prison and visited Lydia. And when they had seen the brothers, they encouraged them and departed.

The Gospel Lesson

John 4:1-30

Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you[Ⓜ] do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.[Ⓜ] ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.[Ⓜ]

For God So Loved the World

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world,[Ⓜ] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the



world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.