

THE THIRTEENTH 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*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE ✠ LSB 151

OPENING HYMN

"O Love, How Deep"

(LSB 544)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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 2:6-7; Ps 117; (antiphon: Ps. 115:18)

P But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

C As for Me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.

P I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.”

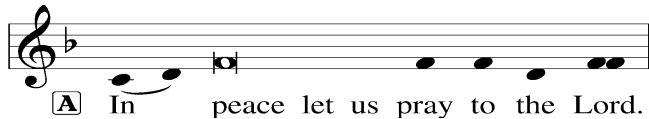
C Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

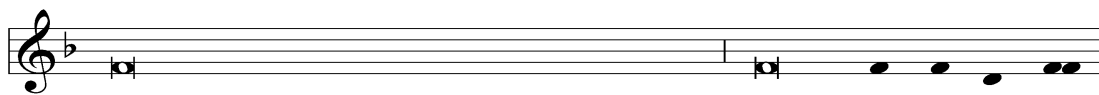
P For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

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 But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

KYRIE





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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



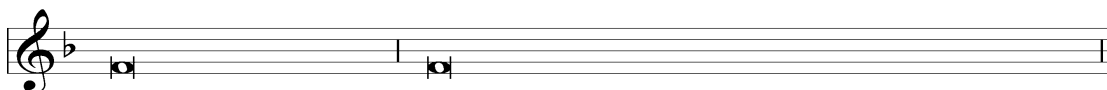
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



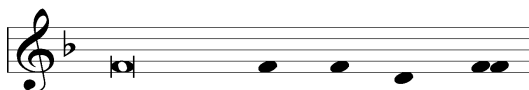
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



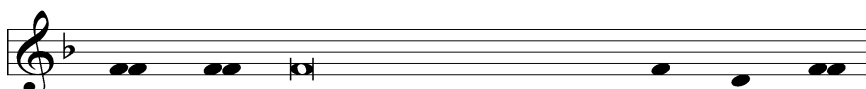
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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.

G 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, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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 51:1–6* (The salvation of the Lord will be forever.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "My Hope Is Built"... Tom Trenney
Haley Hobbie, guest vocalist

EPISTLE *Romans 11:33–12:8* (We are one Body in Christ.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

The musical notation consists of two staves 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). It contains a series of eighth and quarter 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 similar note values. Below the second staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. A small square icon with a 'C' is placed at the beginning of the first staff.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 16:13–20* (Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth 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)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Built on the Rock" (LSB 645)

SERMON *Pastor Michael Kumm* (*Matthew 16:13–20*)

CREED

8:30 am *Apostles' Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

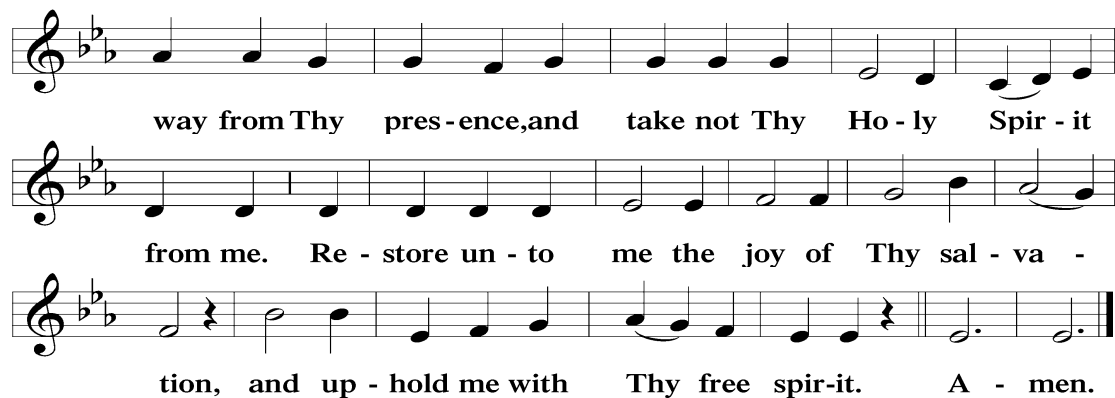
11:00 am *Nicene Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

(Please Sit)

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

OFFERTORY *Psalm 51:10-12* (LSB 192)

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.



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 8:30 am service continues on page 11 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 pastor**, 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 ✠

11:00 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.

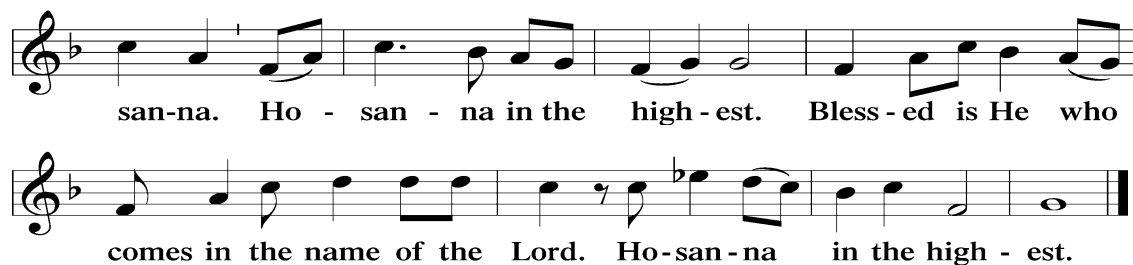
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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



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 -



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

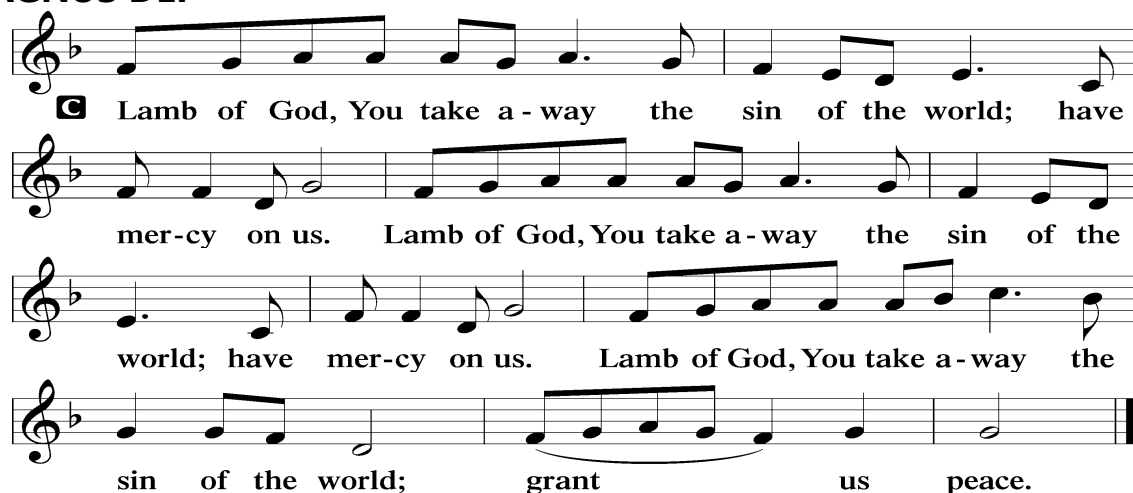
Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord" (LSB 637)

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783)

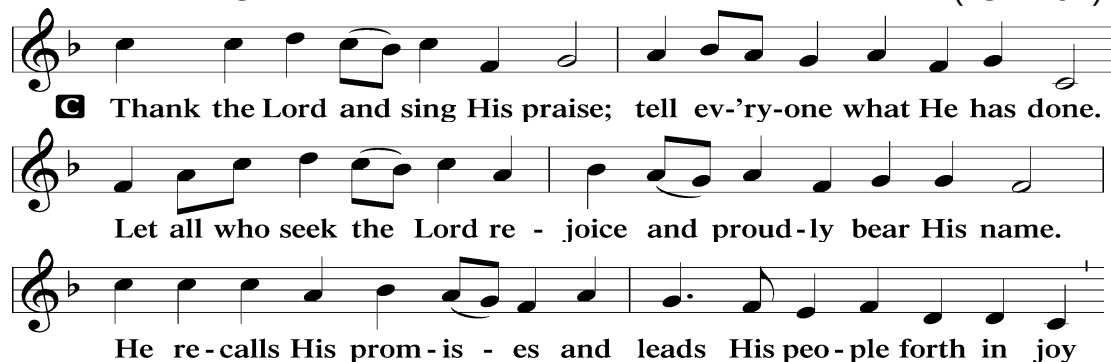
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (LSB 761)



(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

(LSB 164)



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
 Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.
 He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



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 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (LSB 575)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER The word *doxology* encompasses words of praise that are addressed to the triune God. It comes from the Greek word *doxa*, which is used in the New Testament to express the splendor of God and also serves to describe the outpouring of honor and praise to God from His faithful people. When we sing or say "Glory be to God on high," we are joining

the praises spoken by the angels of God in eternity: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 7:12). Such an honor it is for us to join in that praise!

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! Romans 11:33

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 Thirteenth 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. Dr. Michael Kumm, our Vacancy Pastor.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 11:00 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

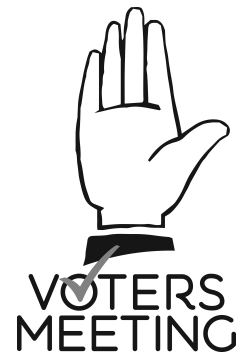
Wed. Aug. 12, Att. 18; Offering \$200.00; **Sun., Aug. 16, Att. 265;** General Fund \$12,464.43; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$250.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$100.00; Broadcasts \$60.00.

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 form of a check.** The counters cannot always find checks to cover when cash is given. Thanks for your help!



New Church Cookbook It has been 29 years since we have had a new cookbook. Bring your recipes. Please write legibly so recipes can be printed accurately. Cookbooks make great gifts. Your family members will be interested to see what recipes you have entered. **Last call for recipes! Try to get them in by the end of the month. We want to get this finished so maybe we can have some by Christmas.**

Voter's Meeting TODAY, Sunday, August 23rd, between services! The Faith Board of Elders is calling a **Voter's meeting for ALL Faith Lutheran voters** on Sunday, August 23rd, between services, **for the purpose of extending a Divine Call for our next pastor.** This is a **VERY** important meeting, and **all voters** (all communicant members 18 years and over) are strongly encouraged to attend.



Grief Share Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Weekly grief support group. **Schedule: Introduction session “Loss of a Spouse” 2pm, August 30, 2026.** 14 Weekly Stand-Alone sessions beginning September 13, 2026. All sessions on Sundays from 2pm to 4pm at Community Bible Church, Room 200, 1516 N Harrison Ave., Pierre. **Missed sessions will be available online.** For questions call: Joel (605-220-0464) Nancy (605-280-5491) Carol (605-280-2763) or Sue (509-669-0349).



Men's Club Monday, August 31 | 7:00 pm | Gym
Hey guys - with fall right around the corner, the monthly Men's Club is starting up again. Typically, the men gather on the first Monday of the month, but the first one has been moved up to August 31st due to the Labor Day holiday. Bring a snack to share; a beverage will be provided. The gang will be playing dartball, so start honing your throwing skills and be ready for some friendly competition!

Altar Guild The Altar Guild will be meeting September 8th at 5:30 in the Young conference room next to the church office.



Important Info Concerning Faith Circle's Mission After Faith Lutheran members graduate from high school Faith Circle Ladies will lift these members up in prayer for four years as they begin their adult lives. In addition to prayers, inspirational items will be sent to their home addresses at both Christmas and Easter. It is our hope that parents will deliver these items for us. If this is not possible, please share your young adult's address with the church office so the items can be sent directly to them. Thank you for your help in ministering to these Faith members. Cindy Fiechtner, Chair



Backpack Program We wish to extend our THANKS! to all those who participated in filling backpacks with school supplies. What a great blessing for these kids who oftentimes go without so much. God bless you for your generosity!

HELP US GET READY FOR COUNTRY FAIR

Mark October 17th on your calendar – it's Country Fair at Faith! This fun annual bazaar raises funds for local, regional and global mission projects. Help us get ready by making items for our booths: crafts, candy of all types (we were WAY short last year), baked goods of all kinds, jellies, pickles, sauces, and more.

Gift baskets are a popular item at Country Fair. We are seeking donations of good quality, medium-sized baskets, as well as gift items to place in them. Of particular need: mugs, Christmas and snowman-themed items, autumn and Thanksgiving-themed items, special occasion items such as birthday and get well, wooden spoons, measuring cup/spoons, whisks, dish towels, hand soaps, lotions, candles, cute notepads, small decorative items, and baby items such as blankets, toys, rattles, bath wash or books. We can also use small, nonperishable food items: microwave popcorn packets, jerky sticks, individual packets of flavored coffee, hot chocolate and tea, wrapped hard candy, and miniature or snack size candy bars. (Not needed: spring, summer, Valentine's or Easter-themed items.)

DEADLINE: Place gift basket items in the big coat closet in the Narthex by **Monday, October 5th**, and label "for gift baskets".

Governor Grocery Project Helps Local Students in Need

September will be Faith Lutheran's month to gather donations of food and personal hygiene products for the Governor Grocery project. Individual serving sizes of shelf-stable, peanut-free food items are requested. A list of items in high demand will be posted in the Narthex in late August and will be included in the September church newsletter.

About the project: Housed in a building behind the Georgia Morse Middle School, Governor Grocery is a pantry that provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. During the school year,

students can stop at the pantry after school on Fridays, and volunteers assist them in selecting meal, beverage and snack items for the weekend. At least 160 students use the pantry weekly.

ARK ENCOUNTER + CREATION MUSEUM

Motor Coach Tour Dates: October 18-23, 2026

Join us for a trip to Kentucky. You will be amazed how the Bible comes to life at the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter! Travel via the Faith Motor Coach. Bus travel cost per person, \$200. Deposit required by Aug. 31. Museum and Ark tickets will be reserved and reimbursed. We would like to reserve a block of rooms by Aug. 31. Room costs will vary based on occupants and meals paid individually.



- Day 1/2: Travel to Kentucky
- Day 3: Tour Ark Encounter at Williamstown, KY
- Day 4: Tour Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY
- Day 5/6: Travel to Pierre, SD

See latest details at www.faithluth.com/ArkTrip

Sign up in the Narthex by August 31. Invite your friends!

Main Street Living “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.

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10 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Flight Plan” A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

10:30 a.m. (KDLT/NBC) – “Main Street Living” Rev. Tom Penrod, pastor at Concordia and Immanuel, Cresbard, presents a message titled, “The Question That Changes Everything.” The sermon is based on Matthew 16:13-16.

Life Quotes “The One who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows is now seated in sovereign authority over all things. He is not pacing the floor of heaven, wringing His hands. He is reigning. And because He reigns, we can have courage and peace even when our world seems like it’s unraveling before our very eyes.” Rev. Brian W. Thomas – *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth

Volunteers needed!

Do you enjoy sharing God's love with others? Could you spare an hour of your time? The Board of Ed is still seeking adults willing to support educational opportunities as teachers, substitutes and leaders for Sunday School, Midweek, Bible Study, LYF and other events this academic year. No prior experience or kids attending classes is required. Schedules are flexible. Please register as a volunteer and comment on your preferences. Questions? Contact Ellen Blauert, Julie Coppersmith, Amy Hatheway, or Jessica Paul for more info.

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Classes Resume

Make sure you register for fall classes and mark your calendar!

SS & Midweek Parents Meeting **Wednesday, Sept. 9th at 6:15 pm.**
Sunday School: Classes begin **9/13**. For potty-trained 3-year-olds through high school. Sundays from 9:45am - 10:45am.

Midweek/Confirmation: Classes begin **9/16**. For grades 2-8. Wednesdays 6-7 pm. **Grades 6-8 are required to attend for those desiring to be confirmed following completion of the 8th grade year.**

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This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Aug. 23

8:30 am Worship

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Aug. 24

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men

Tues: Aug. 25

12:00 pm Mary/Martha Circle

6:30 pm *Parenting* Study

Wed: Aug. 26

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Aug. 27

6:30 pm Church Council

Sun: Aug. 30

8:30 am Communion

11:00 am Communion

Mon: Aug 31

5:00 pm Daycare in Gym

5:30-6:00 pm Monday Men

7:00 pm September Men's Club