

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2026 A.D.

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church – Pierre, SD

Website: www.faithluth.com

Church Phone – (605) 224-2216

Vacant

Vacancy Pastor

Email: faith@faithluth.com

Church Fax – (605) 224-2226



*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 Bless the Lord, My Soul"

(LSB 814)

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

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

P Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!

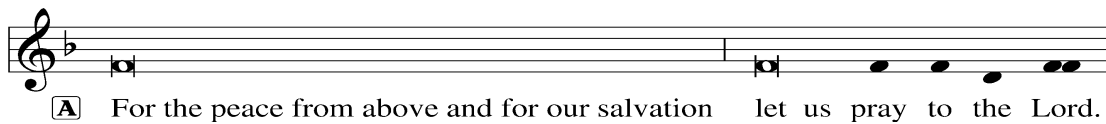
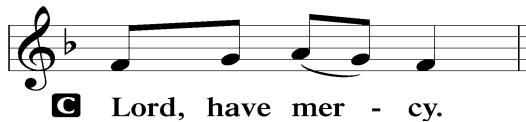
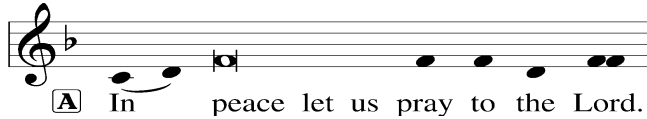
C Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

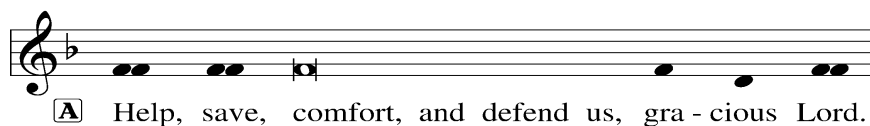
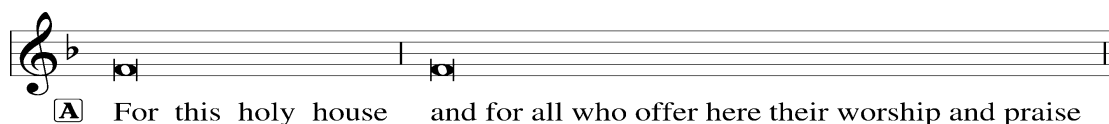
P Enter not into judgement with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.

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 Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!
I have fled to you for refuge!

KYRIE





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. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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 *Genesis 50:15–21* (“Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin.”)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Maybe the Rain”...Greg Scheer
 Kaylee Blauert & Charlie Bowers, vocalists

Today’s anthem, Maybe the Rain, speaks of the desert, plants and animals, who look to the Lord to send rain for their survival. It also reminds us of the “rain” that sometimes falls in our lives – hardship, heartbreak and illness. But when we drink from the oasis that the Lord of Life grows in our souls, that “rain” may be exactly what is needed for us to grow. Musically speaking, all of the sung verses and the refrain never resolve to the tonic chord – until the very end – when the resolution is played in the last chord of the piano accompaniment.

EPISTLE *Romans 14:1–12* (Each of us must give an account before the Lord our God.)

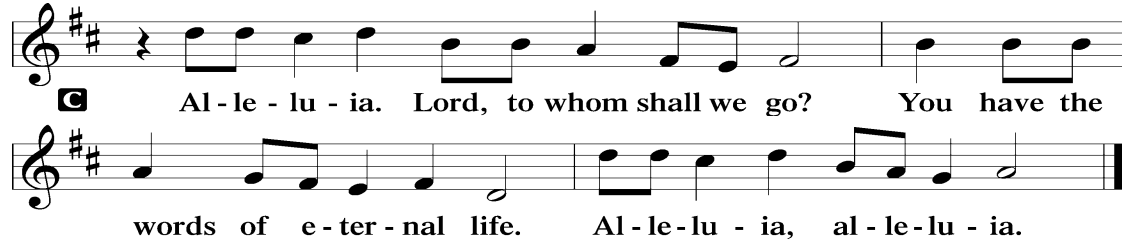
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

ALLELUIA *and* VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:21–35* (“Forgive your brother from your heart.”)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth 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 “Come Down, O Love Divine” (LSB 501)

SERMON *Elder David Zuercher* (*Matthew 18:21–35*)

CREED *Apostles’* *Inside back cover of the Lutheran Service Book*

(Please Sit)

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD’S PEACE

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

(LSB 192)



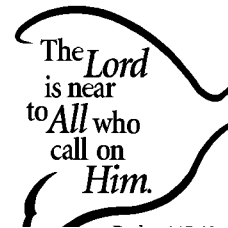
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

(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.

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 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” (LSB 793)

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER We know that it is our calling in Christ to forgive one another, but that does not eliminate the question of how much or how often we should forgive others. It becomes a particularly vexing question when we are asked to forgive the same sin over and over again. The great temptation is for us to make forgiveness conditional upon the person no longer

offending us with their words or actions, but God applies no such condition upon us. Our temptation is to count how often we forgive but to forget how often we are forgiven. Our weakness counts the sins of others, but could it be that God counts only the times we refused to forgive from the heart? We know the riches of the Lord’s limitless grace to forgive us without counting the cost. Today, we pray that we may joyfully receive this precious gift of forgiveness and joyfully forgive others in Christ’s name, counting not the cost to forgive but the cost to refuse forgiveness.

If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14

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 Sixteenth 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.

Delivering our message this morning is Elder David Zuercher. We will be suspending our Wednesday evening services until we have a permanent Pastor on staff. We will also not be having communion unless there is an actual Pastor delivering the sermon.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Wed. Sept. 2, Att. 36; Offering \$120.00; **Sun., Sept. 6, Att. 229;** General Fund \$12,909.51; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$350.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$240.00; Chairs \$200.00; Books \$50.00.

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 We are done collecting recipes. Thanks to all who have submitted your favorites so others may enjoy them also! We will be proofing and getting ready to submit all to the company we have been working with. Hope to get some back by Christmas or shortly thereafter.

Forever Young Potluck This Thursday, Sept. 17th at noon in the Fellowship Hall/Gym Retired and semi-retired folks, 55 and older, get together the third Thursday of each month for food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share; beverages are provided. This friendly group welcomes new people and guests.



We're Helping Local Students in Need September is Faith Lutheran's month to gather donations for the "Governor Grocery" project – a student food pantry located in a building behind Georgia Morse Middle School. We'll help stock the shelves with nonperishable food in single-serving sizes as well as hygiene products. Tables for the donations will be set up in the Narthex through September. Check the posters for items in particular need and help yourself to a shopping list to take to the store with you. Financial contributions are also welcome. Please make checks payable to Governor Grocery, and leave in the church office. (About the Governor Grocery

Project: This program provides free food and hygiene items for local middle and high school students. During the school year, students who stop at the pantry after school on Fridays receive assistance in selecting meal, beverage and snack items for the weekend. At least 160 students use the pantry weekly.)

Riggs Homecoming Parade Float Help

The Board of Missions is putting together a float for the Riggs Homecoming Parade. The board would like to have children ride on the float and others to walk beside and hand out candy wearing the Faith Lutheran Church blue t-shirts. Please sign up in the narthex. The parade is on Tuesday, September 22nd and it starts at 6:30.

Pizza & Movie Night (Family Event) Friday, Sept. 25th at 6:00 pm. The Board of Parish Fellowship will host a free evening of food and family entertainment. Enjoy pizza at 6:00 pm and family-friendly animated movie at 6:30 pm. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up. They will need to know how much pizza to order.

Bible Study “*Parenting is Heart Work*” study that started this summer will resume on Sunday, October 18th and will be held between services. For more information: Vona Johnson at (605) 280-7565

ARK ENCOUNTER + CREATION MUSEUM

Motor Coach Tour Dates: October 18-23, 2026

We have cancelled the trip for this year since not enough people signed up. Will try again next year. In the meantime, please consider going next year and inviting your friends and neighbors. It is a wonderful trip. The Ark really makes the Noah account come to life.





Building Healthy Families: Want to be closer to your spouse, children, or grandchildren? Praying as a couple or as a family is one of the most powerful and intimate things you can do together. Start simply by praying for things you're thankful for, things you need, or things you're worried about. Pray for people you know who are struggling. If you're not currently praying aloud together, consider the many positive impacts of doing so. You will be drawn closer to God, and to each other. Find a creative, practical, and free downloadable resource for fun ways to build prayer into you and your family's daily life, created by our friends at Concordia Center for the Family at

<https://www.concordiafamilystore.org/resources/p/family-prayer-handout>.
www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

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.

Sept 13, 2026

KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - "No Laughing Matter" - A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

10:30 AM - Rev. Kevin Moore, pastor at Messiah & Redeemer Lutheran Church in Redfield & Doland, presents a message titled "Forgiving Isn't Just Forgetting". The sermon is based on Genesis 50:15-21. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Again, our worth is never determined by what we do. God has given us value by creating, redeeming, and calling us as His own. Still, we can be comforted knowing that even as we age and reach the point where we can no longer be active, God not only watches over us and cares for us, He accomplishes great and wonderful things through us. May the Lord of life grant us the faith and the strength to bear the crosses of aging in such a way that others are led to see the love of Christ manifest in us!” *Rev. Dr. Aric Fenske, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – 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.

<https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2026/32595>



Classes Resume

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

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.**

<https://vbsmate.com/events/Faithluthpierre2026/32595>



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Sept. 13

8:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Communion

1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/End.

5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship

Mon: Sept. 14

8:00 am Preschool Begins

5:30 pm Monday Men

6:00 pm Board of Early Education

7:00 pm LWML

Tues: Sept. 15

8:00 am Preschool Begins

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Sept. 16

8:00 am Preschool Begins

5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulf's

6:00 pm *Clearly Christian* Study

6:00 pm Midweek

6:30 pm *Isaiah* Study In Homes

8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Sept. 17

8:00 am Preschool Begins

12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

Fri: Sept. 18

8:00 am Preschool Begins

Sun: Sept. 20

8:30 am Communion

9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*

11:00 am Worship

3:00 pm Board of Education