

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LWML SUNDAY

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



✠ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING FOUR ✠ LSB 203

OPENING HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” (LSB 827)
(We Rise)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L 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.

L Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

L 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: Ps.118:1

L Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

C The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

L This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

L Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
for His steadfast love endures forever!

KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- 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 - shiped 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

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 5:1–7* (God's love song for His beloved)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Holy Manna"... *arr. Susan Greschke*
Con Brio Bells

EPISTLE *Philippians 3:4b-14* (The surpassing worth of knowing Christ)

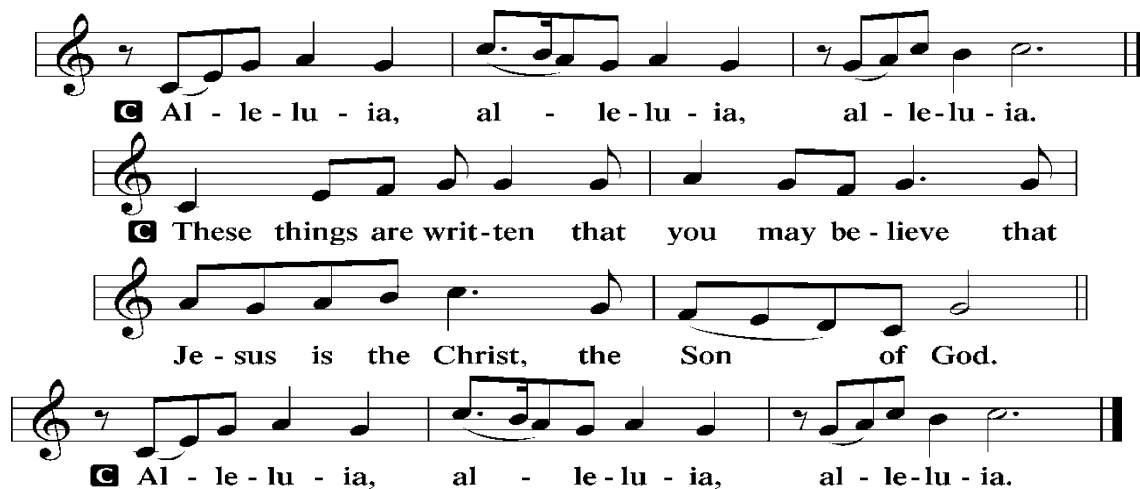
After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand as you are able)

ALLELUIA and VERSE



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

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

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

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

The image shows four staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is for the Alleluia, followed by a verse. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first Alleluia line is: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The verse line is: "These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that". The second Alleluia line is: "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." The final Alleluia line is: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:33-46* (The parable of the tenants)

L The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN "O Love, How Deep" (LSB 544)

SERMON "Master Strange Love" *(Matthew 21:33-46)*
 Elder Mike Vasilie

OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

LWLML LEAGUE PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His bloodbought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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

L 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.



CLOSING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

(LSB 644)

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



AS WE GATHER "God loves you." It is not like we have never heard that before. We may even have taken that fact for granted, thinking, "Well, of course He does! That's His thing! 1 John 4:8 says that God *is* love." Nevertheless, as our lives and circumstances unfold, through the uncertainties of sin and doubt and failure, many have come up short and been forced to

wonder, “How can God love me now?” Love, after all, is always in direct proportion to our worthiness of it, to how lovable we are, right?

The highest love of God, agape, can commonly be defined as the love of intelligence and corresponding purpose. This definition may seem at first to drain the whole idea of the depth of emotion or the value of love. But we discover the power of God’s love even more as we are convinced of the greatness of our need—our own sin and unworthiness. That’s when the cross of Calvary and the sacrifice of Christ crucified shines forth as the highest, greatest, and almost unbelievable love of God for you—even you. Notice how many of today’s hymns examine the depth and, yes, “strangeness” of the fact that God loves you.

*My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die? LSB 430:1*

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 Nineteenth 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 sermon this morning is Elder Mike Vasilie. During this time of pastoral vacancy, our Elders will deliver our sermons and occasionally (if they are available) a visiting Pastor will deliver our sermons and officiate communion. So far, our Elders are doing a wonderful job! Thanks so much!

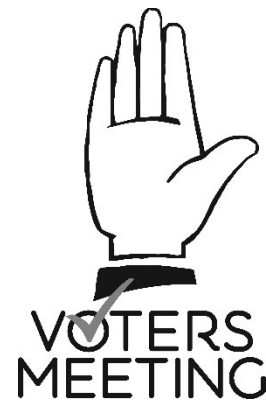
Holy Communion will be celebrated at our services when we have an ordained Pastor preaching who will consecrate the elements. This may be sporadic for a while. Thank you.



First Sunday Fellowship This morning we thank the women of Mary/Martha Circle for furnishing goodies for our fellowship. Join us in the Fellowship Hall/Gym.

Vacancy Information I would encourage all to attend Sunday Morning services during this time of transition. The Board of Elders is planning to have services at the same time on Sunday morning. The District President has been looking for a Vacancy Pastor to come to Pierre. Pastor Greenseth has agreed to be the Pastor to call **in case of an emergency**. His phone number is **605-516-0077**. The Board of Elders is also working to call a Pastor to be in Pierre. Pastor David Otten will take over the vacancy at Trinity Blunt until Nov. 1 when their Pastor will be installed. Pastor Otten can be reached at **605-630-9541**. Pastor Otten

Voter's Meeting, Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 pm! The Faith Board of Elders is calling a **Voter's meeting for ALL Faith Lutheran voters** on Sunday, October 18th, **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.



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

Sun., Sept. 27, Att. 255; General Fund \$16,271.69; Sunday School \$33.01; Building Fund \$75.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$500.00; Broadcasts \$60.00; Altar Guild-Banner \$1,053.50; Postage \$50.00; Endowment Fund in memory of Bud Morris (Blessings) \$25.00, (Undesignated) \$10.00.

Endowment Fund There are envelopes in your box of envelopes to 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!

The congregations of Onida, Blunt, and Harrold placed a call to Pastor Gordon Naumann from Saint John Lutheran Church, Hazleton, PA. Pastor Naumann accepted the call and will be installed November 1. Pastor Naumann has a large family with a wife and eight children. The congregations have reached out to Faith Lutheran and have asked if we wish to help fill a freezer with meat. If you would like to donate meat or funds to purchase meat, please let the church office know 605-224-2216. Please have your donations made by Sunday, October 18th. Thank you.

Bible Study “*Raising Internally Motivated Kids*” new study will begin on **Sunday, October 18th between services.** For more information: Vona Johnson at (605) 280-7565

Men’s Club Fellowship NOTE NEW START TIME **Monday, October 5th at 6:30 pm in the Gym.** Men’s Club gatherings are held the first Monday of each month. All men are welcome to



attend even if you never have before. The start time has been moved up to 6:30 pm so there's a shorter break between Monday Men's Bible Study and Men's Club. Dartball is on the agenda, so be ready for some friendly competition! Bring a snack to share; a beverage will be provided.

Pierre LWML Fall Zone Rally October 11, 2026 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall Pastor Richard Carter will be the presenter. He was a missionary in Mongolia last year. He and his wife will have a PowerPoint presentation. It is open to the congregation. Refreshments will be served.

There will be a short meeting after the presentation with election of officers. Please consider holding an office.



Country Fair October 17th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Lunch counter (pulled beef sandwiches, homemade soups and chili, corn dogs and chips), baked goods, candies, crafts, homegrown produce, jellies, sauces and other canned goods. Caramel rolls for breakfast and pie by the slice or whole (if you check out the baked goods booth). To go orders available starting at 10:30 am. If you haven't signed up to help, there is still time. Check the table in the Narthex. A busy and fun day!

Trunk 'N' Treat October 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Like we have done in past years, we need families to supply their trunks so little ones can trick-or-treat safely. Would love to have 20 "trunks". We suggest you start with 500 pieces of candy. With the generosity of the congregation, we will then have candy to supplement if you run out. There will be a box in the Narthex and one in the office for candy donations starting October 1st. Thanks for your help!



Bus Trip to Branson There has been some discussion of making a trip to Branson in December (first or second week) for their Christmas shows. If you are interested, please let the office know soon or sign-up on info table.



Building Healthy Families: From the newborn infant to the hospice patient in his final hours and for all stages of life in between, physical touch from another person is vitally important. Infants who aren't touched, even though they receive nourishment, will die from Failure to Thrive Syndrome. God designed humans of all ages to need human touch. Safe physical contact releases oxytocin, which lowers stress hormones and builds social bonds. Safe touch can lower blood pressure, decrease anxiety, and reduce pain. In a world increasingly shaped by digital interaction and isolation, physical touch has become a rare form of connection. How long has it been since you have held another person's hand or given or received a hug? If you have to think about it for too long, it's been too long! 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.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00am - “The Fathering Kind”- A single father who is down and out trying to raise a son on his own.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jeremy Yeadon, pastor at St. John in Groton, SD & Zion in Andover, SD, presents a message titled “God's Vineyard”. The sermon is based on Matt 21:33-46. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

Life Quotes “Your life is valuable, and your life has purpose. It was not an accident; it was planned from the beginning. But that doesn’t mean it will be easy. You will experience hardship and suffering. As you age, your body will wear out. Your mind will dull. Your abilities will lessen. And yet, it is in your body with all of its brokenness that the Holy Spirit resides. It is this, your body, that God the Father formed by hand, and it is this, your body, that Jesus, God’s Son, redeemed. And your body, a unique and miraculous gift, will be raised from the dead and made new.” *Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



Volunteers needed!

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 Continue

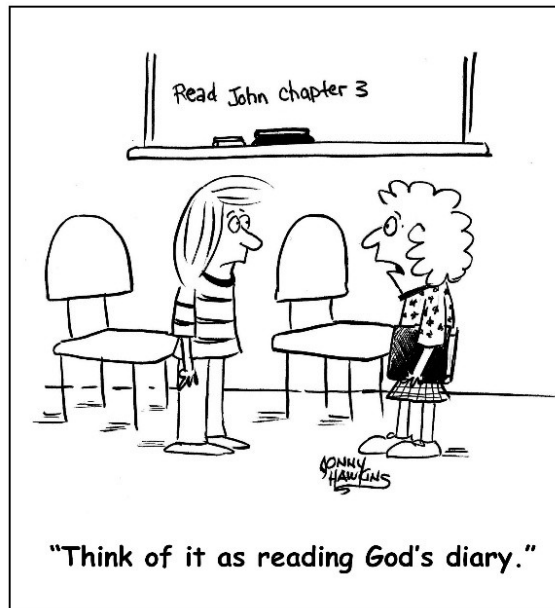
Make sure you register for fall classes and mark your calendar!

Sunday School: Classes continue. For potty-trained 3-year-olds through high school. Sundays from 9:45am - 10:45am.

Midweek/Confirmation: Classes continue. For grades 4-8. 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: Oct. 4

8:30 am Worship
 9:30 am First Sunday Fellowship
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
 11:00 am Worship
 5:00 pm Bd. of Parish Fellowship
 6:00 pm Board of Elders

Mon: Oct. 5

5:30 pm Monday Men
 6:30 pm Men's Club Fellowship

Tues: Oct. 6

10:30 am Women's Bible Study

Wed: Oct. 7

5:45 pm *Revelation* at Wulf's
 6:00 pm *Clearly Christian* Study

6:00 pm Midweek
 6:30 pm *Isaiah* In Homes
 8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Oct. 8

7:00 pm Faith Circle

Sun: Oct. 11

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Sunday School/*Revelation*
 11:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Bd. of Missions/Evang.
 2:00 pm LWML Pierre Zone Rally

Psalms 80:7-19

- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.
- ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River. ^[a]
- ¹² Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
- ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
- ¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- ¹⁶ They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
- ¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- ¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- ¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!