

**Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
June 21, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*You are of
more value
than many
sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31



Blessed Pentecost! We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Most of the liturgy is printed within or in the ELW Hymnal, Setting 8 pg 184; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin.

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on the 4th Sunday after Pentecost: God does not promise that the disciple's path will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid, for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Ruth H presides this day and Benjamin Pesis is our preacher.

Serving Today *Asst Minister:* Erica W *Altar Guild:* Eileen & Diane *Tech Support:* Alex K
Musicians: Heinz D, Olivia K *Counters:* Alissa & Sigrun
Coffee Hour: Father's Day Ice Cream Social *Preacher:* Ben Pesis *Presider:* Ruth Hanusa

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

La Foi (The Faith) by Georg Goltermann

moment of centering

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

please rise in body and/or Spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins, what we have done and what we have left undone.

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.
May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ lives in your hearts through faith, and you rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

ELW #556

**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

ELW, Setting 8, pages 184-185

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that
you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him."
But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

**I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.

**Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me.

**Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.



[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven,³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me,³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Ben Pesis

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798

**1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"**

**2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"**

**3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"**

4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

RESPONSE OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

PR: In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.

Reveal through us your life-giving work.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -**OFFERING**

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PRESENTATION HYMN**Doxology****ELW #885**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
 so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and
 forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION & HYMNS

AGNUS DEI

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*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.*

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Refrain

*As the grains of wheat once scattered
 on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our
 bread;
 so may all your people from all the
 ends of earth
 be gathered into one in you.*



- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
 may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
 when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

ELW #656

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
 our hearts in Christian love;
 the unity of heart and mind
 is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father's throne
 we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 our comforts and our cares.

**3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

ELW #742



**1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:

*Flowers today are provided by Betty Thompson in loving memory of Ken
Thompson and Sons!*



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June Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	7th	14th	21st	28th
*Asst. Minister	Matthew R	Sam S	Erica W	Sharon S
*Altar Guild	Annette Kathy	Annette	Eileen Diane	O'Reillys
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Davyann Alissa	Davyann Linda	Alissa Sigrun	Linda Theresa
Coffee after Worship	Sykes Family	Zimmermans	Ice Cream for Father's Day	Sharon S

Thank you for your service and for signing-up during these Summer months!

Activities at Faith

~**Father's Day Ice Cream Today:** after worship service. Stay and celebrate!

~ **Your voice requested!** Sign up for a listening session with Pr Shaun: "Listening for Faith Lutheran." We are clarifying our mission as a congregation, and this step includes one-on-one conversations about your faith and the life and future of Faith Lutheran. Grab a time on the sign up sheet in the narthex, please!

~**Worship Service Same Day Sign Ups** - Through the summer months. *Your participation is needed to keep our worship service running smoothly.* If you are here & are able to serve, sign up. Thank You, Your Worship Team.

~ Every Tuesday **Bible Readers** meet at 1:30pm here at Faith . We read and go over the lectionary for the following Sunday. *We offer zoom or in person.* This is a good way to dig deeper, share ideas and prepare yourself for Sundays.

~**Faith's Supper Club:** Thursday, June 25th at Lakeside Bar and Grill at 4:30pm. We'd love to see you there! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

~**A Friendly reminder to sign-up for Coffee after worship and Sunday's flowers,** July has several openings for both. Thank you!

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**

Recent giving for the month of **May 2026** was **\$13,080**

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