

Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
June 7, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Take heart,
daughter;
your faith
has made
you well**

MATTHEW 9:22

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

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 most welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost: Jesus was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Serving Today Asst Minister: Matthew R **Altar Guild:** Annette W & Kathy W
Tech Support: Alex K **Musicians:** Juliana C, Heinz D, Sarah C **Counters:** Davyann S & Alissa
Coffee Hour: Sykes Family **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE *Meditation from Thais, Jules Massenet*

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 live in your hearts through faith, and you rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

ELW #641

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place. (refrain)*

**2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

**4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*Refrain***

**5 Let us build a house
where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***



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

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

I will return again to my place
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
 In their distress they will beg my favor:

"Come, let us return to the LORD,
 for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
 he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
 After two days he will revive us;
 on the third day he will raise us up,
 that we may live before him.
 Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
 his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
 he will come to us like the showers,
 like the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
 What shall I do with you, O Judah?
 Your love is like a morning cloud,
 like the dew that goes away early.
 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
 I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
 and my judgment goes forth as the light.
 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
 the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 50:7-15

"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
 for I am God, your God.
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.

I will not accept a calf¹ from your stalls,
 nor goats¹ from your pens;
**for all the wild animals of the for-¹est are mine,
 the cattle on a¹ thousand hills.**

I know every bird¹ of the mountains,
 and the creatures of the¹ fields are mine.
**If I were hungry, I¹ would not tell you,
 for the whole world is mine and all¹ that is in it.**

Do you think I eat the¹ flesh of bulls,
 or drink the¹ blood of goats?
**Offer to God a sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving
 and make good your vows to¹ the Most High.**

Call upon me in the¹ day of trouble;
 I will deliver you, and you shall¹ honor me.

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were

written not for his sake alone but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able



Leader:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
and has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.*

(Back to Refrain)

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'

For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."



While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

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

SERMON

"A Down to Earth God"

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls us Here to Meet Him
(See second to last page of bulletin)

by John Bell

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.**

PEACE

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

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

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

Reveal through us your life-giving work.

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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.

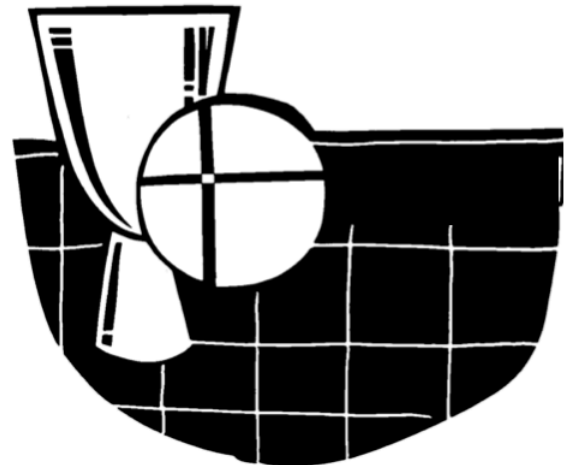
**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

pg. 191

*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.***Christ, you are light**

from the Taize community

Christ, you are light for those who follow you.**You come to bring to all the light of life.****For the Fruit of All Creation**

ELW #679

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

ELW #608

- 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain

*"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

- 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*
- 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW #858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:



Flowers today are provided by Kristine and Dorit Sandmeier in memory of Otto Sandmeier.

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	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

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Today the readings point to the mystery of holiness as a mystery of life-giving and love-sharing power. Such power begins and ends with life and love shared. This mystery is one the disciples of Christ are invited into, for he gives over his power to heal, to enlighten, and to love. That ideal of Christ's power, the power to care, to share, and to heal, has not been the power that humans have used through history. Power over others rather than power for others has been more typical, from personal relationships to those of more global proportions. Today we are called to receive again the power that is given to all disciples. This day we are called to be co-creators with Christ of a world where Christ's power continues to heal, to affirm, to encourage, to empower others. In giving his gift of reconciliation, we receive more of that gift, for Christ's table assures those who believe that they shall share his power to proclaim and manifest God's kingdom.

—*Shawn Madigan, CSJ*

[*Shawn Madigan, CSJ*, in *Homilies for the Christian People*, 112-113.]



1. Je - sus calls us here to meet him as through
 2. Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of
 3. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er, vast - ly
 4. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed



word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's
 life and Lord of all, shar - er of our
 dif - f'rent though we are: creed and col - or,
 firm in time and space, where the Church in



prom - ised pres - ence where Christ's peo - ple live and
 flesh and frail - ness, sav - ing all who fail or
 class and gen - der, nei - ther lim - it nor de -
 earth and heav - en finds a com - mon meet - ing



care. Praise the God who keeps each prom - ise,
 fall. Tell his ho - ly, hu - man sto - ry;
 bar. Join the hand of friend and stran - ger,
 place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y;



praise the Son who calls us friends, praise the Spir - it
 tell his tales that all may hear; tell the world that
 join the hands of age and youth, join the faith - ful
 share the love of which we sing; share the feast for



who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.
 saints and sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

Activities at Faith

~ The **Adult Forum today** focuses on introductions to the gospel of Matthew, the gospel we'll be reading in worship all of this summer. Come join the party of learning and see what to anticipate in this ancient text of our faith story.

~ Note: **Pr Shaun is out of town June 8-11, and then June 15-21.** Pastoral care is available, please just contact the office or the church council.

~ **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 or contact the office. :)

~**Worship Service Same Day Sign Ups - Begins TODAY** and continues 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. (if you know you are signing up and would like a copy of the readings emailed to you please reach out to Ginny on Wednesday or Thursdays)

~ 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.

~**The parking lot** is going to be resealed on **June 19th and restriped on June 20th.** The church parking will be limited to the back parking area and at least on Friday only accessible by the back exit.

~**Father's Day Ice Cream** Sunday, June 21st after worship service. Stay and celebrate!

~**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.

Our Giving and Tithes:

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

Recent giving for the month of **April 2026** was **\$15,833.00**

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