



Faith Lutheran Church

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*I came to bring
fire to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

August 17, 2025 + 8:30 am

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Notes on Communion – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

Communion Distribution – The practice at Faith, after having received communion and the blessing, is that you step back (off the carpet) so that the next group can proceed forward and prepare for receiving communion.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Marilyn Ham
(Terry Allen, piano)

WELCOME

***ENTRANCE HYMN** COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING
LSB 686

*INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

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.

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.

Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** COME, LET US JOIN OUR CHEERFUL SONGS
ELW 204

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.**

**“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“for he was slain for us!”**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings, more than we can give,
He, Lord, forever thine.**

**Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of God who sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Heavenly Father, keep us engaged in your Word and with your people. United with Christ in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the Lord, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone

who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord
to see and to hear his word,
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord!

Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the Lord will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹ "I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

[TUNE: UNSER HERRSCHER]

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
Open now Your saving Word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
Speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing
For the good news that You bring.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 12:49-56

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."
⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

HYMN OF THE DAY HOLY SPIRIT, THE DOVE SENT FROM HEAVEN
LSB 502

MESSAGE

"We Didn't Start the Fire ... But!"
Text: Luke 12:49

Pastor Pape

***A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Barbara Pratt**, P.E.O. sister of Paula Reitz, Jackie Kuipers and Lynne Leinenbach, multiple health issues
- **Elvira Tausch**, dear friend of Doris Laitenberger, undergoing surgery on 8/18 with multiple health issues
- **Beth Harstad**, compression fracture of the 3rd sacral vertebrae following a fall
- **Lisa Nawrocki**, cousin of Beth Harstad, cancer recurrence with positive treatment results
- **Tom Didas**, good friend of Ralph and Beth Harstad, treatment for bladder cancer
- **William Gwin**, friend of the Oaks family who is hospitalized with an aggressive leg infection

- **Scott Hammond**, son of Tom and Nancy, recovering with multiple injuries following an incident at work

Thanksgiving:

- **For the marriage of Abbie Claire Nuijens to Ethan Winter Appleton** on Saturday, August 16, the granddaughter of Kurt & Sharon Finkbeiner and the daughter of Dan & Kristin Nuijens

Called to Glory:

- **Vincent Poromon** (8/9/25), brother of Sunny Poromon, after a battle with cancer
- **Keith Gierman** (8/13/25), husband of Debra, brother-in-law of Yvonne Saner

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

(Jon Allen, soloist; Terry Allen, piano)

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus

Refiner's fire: My heart's one desire
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.
I long to be holy, set apart for You, my Master;
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within. (Chorus)

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+ SACRAMENT +

***PREFACE**

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.

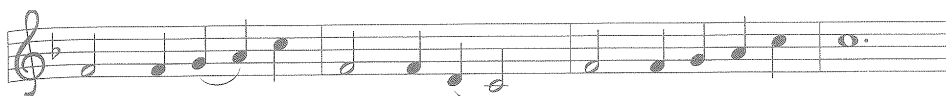
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right and salutary... evermore praising you and saying:

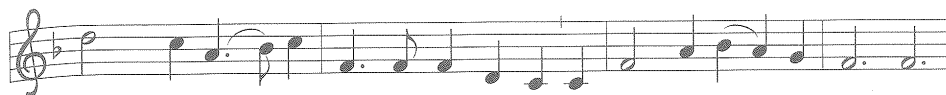
***SANCTUS**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

[TUNE: LAND OF REST]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

***AGNUS DEI**

[Tune: TWENTY-FOURTH]

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, You bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, You bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God You made:
give us Your peace, we pray.**

FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.

+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ I have been baptized.

+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.

(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

***RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

O BLESSED SPRING

LSB 595

THE GIFTS CHRIST FREELY GIVES

LSB 602

***POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

O DAY FULL OF GRACE

LSB 503

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hymns of Praise

arr. Phillip Keveren

Thank you to our volunteers!

Altar Guild: Nancy Alvut, Sue Hutchings, Cheryl Speisman

Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

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Greeters: **TBA**

Lay Reader: Paula Reitz

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Sound: Bob Helm

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