



Faith Lutheran Church

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from childhood you
have known the
Holy Scriptures
which are able to
make you wise for
salvation through
faith which is in
Christ Jesus

2 Timothy 3:15

October 19, 2025 + 9:30 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 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 – Today we will practice “continuous distribution.” This means that the servers will be stationary, while those communing will file by them to receive the Sacrament.

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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Confirmation Sunday

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On this Confirmation Sunday, we celebrate alongside our high school confirmands and their families as they publicly confirm their baptismal faith in Jesus. These Confirmands, along with every Christian, have been made righteous in God's eyes and are called to live out our righteousness in the world every day.

PRELUDE *Come, Now is the Time to Worship* arr. Lawrence
(Saxophone Sextet: Mason Deutsch, Ed Freeman, Lois Smith, Paul VanHorn, Brad Willard, Roxanne Willard; Piano: Elizabeth Balentine)

WELCOME

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** IN CHRIST ALONE Getty & Townend

Verse 1

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light my strength my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace!
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand!**

Verse 2

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin, on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live!**

Verse 3

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

Verse 4

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns, or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

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***INVOCATION**

***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**

HOUSE OF THE LORD

Phil Wickham

**We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is,
We worship the God who evermore will be;
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea,
My God, He holds the victory.**

Chorus

**There's joy in the house of the Lord!
There's joy in the house of the Lord today!
And we won't be quiet, we should out Your praise!
There's joy in the house of the Lord!
Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet,
We shout out Your praise!**

We shout out Your praise!

**We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves,
We sing to the God who always makes a way;
'Cause He hung upon that cross, and He rose up from that
grave!
My God's still rollin' stones away! *Chorus***

Bridge

**We were the beggars, now we're royalty,
We were the prisoners, now we're runnin' free,
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!**

Repeat Stanza

Chorus twice

We shout out Your praise!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 121

121 I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

² My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵ The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸ The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***CELTIC ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

18 [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism:

Avery Nicole Cummings	Romans 8:18
Amelia Nicole DuBois	Philippians 4:13
Evan Emory Ford	Joshua 1:9
Kendyl Bailey Mosko	Psalms 32:8
Benjamin Michael Resch	Proverbs 4:23
Sydney Baker Resch	Matthew 6:26
Brianna Bella Crawford Tindall	1 Corinthians 16:14

(Confirmands proceed to the altar rail.)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of His Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from His Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at this holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church - the faith into which we baptize.

Do you, this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your baptism?

I do.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

(The congregation now joins our Confirmands in the profession of faith.)

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(The Confirmands now respond.)

Do you desire to be a confirmed member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

I do.

Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and sacraments, which are His means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do so intend by the grace of God.

(Confirmands kneel to receive their blessing.)

(If you are a family member or guest of a confirmand, please stand when your confirmand's name is read.)

THE CONFIRMATION BLESSING

Upon this profession and promise, I invite and welcome you as confirmed members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation to share with us in all the gifts our Lord has for his Church, and to live them out continually in His worship and service.

We welcome you as confirmed members of the Lord's family; we affirm you as fellow members of the Body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, working with us in His kingdom.

The Almighty and most merciful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless and keep you.

Amen.

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.**

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MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

MUSICAL OFFERING *In Christ Alone* arr. Lawrence
(Saxophone Sextet: Mason Deutsch, Ed Freeman, Lois Smith, Paul
VanHorn, Brad Willard, Roxanne Willard; Piano: Elizabeth Balentine)

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

Heavenly Father, we thank You for sending us Your Son, Jesus, who lived a perfect life, died the death we deserve, and rose from the dead to forgive us our sins, grant us new life, and save us forever. In Christ, we have been made righteous in Your sight. Help us to actively live out our righteousness in every area of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, through water and Your Word, we have been baptized into Your Son's death and resurrection. Your baptismal grace floods our hearts everyday and empowers us to share Your Story and love with the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for our Confirmands who are confirming their baptismal faith in You today! Be with them as they continue to live and grow in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, Your Son came to heal the sick and restore the broken. We ask that you be with:

- **Scarlett Miller**, granddaughter of John & Barbara Bruning, hospitalized with an eating disorder
- **Erika LeBarre**, niece of John & Barbara Bruning, diagnosed with breast cancer for the second time
- **Barb McMahon**, friend of Stacie Poromon, recovering after illness
- **Dan Behnfeldt**, hospitalized

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, through Your Son's resurrection on Easter, You have made us to be Your resurrection people. By believing in Jesus, we know that death is not the end of our story, but the beginning of eternal life with You. Fill grieving people with Your hope and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, You are the giver of all good things and we thank You for the joyful milestones of life. May we continue to look for these bright parts of our days and give You the glory.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***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.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

COME, JUST AS YOU ARE Joseph Sabolick

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come and see Come, receive,

Come and live forever.

**Life everlasting, and strength for today;
Taste the Living Water, and never thirst again.**

Come just as you are, hear the Spirit call.

Come just as you are.

Come receive Christ, the King.

Come and live forevermore.

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.**

**Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

Chorus

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.**

(Chorus twice)

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***WE ARE SENT WITH GOD'S BLESSING**

Verse 1

**Who am I that the highest King would welcome me.
I was lost but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me.
Oh, His love for me.**

Chorus

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.**

Verse 2

**Free at last, He has ransomed me,
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me.
Yes, He died for me. *Chorus***

**In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.**

Bridge

**I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am. *Repeat stanza***

I am who You say I am.

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.
In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am. *Bridge twice***

I am who You say I am.

**Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, Yes I am.**

**In my Father's house there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.**

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTSERVICE MUSIC *Everyday*

*Everyone is invited for a cake and punch reception in the
concourse!*

Thank you to our volunteers!

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Acolyte/Crucifer: Declan Burke

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