



Faith Lutheran Church

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OCTOBER 26, 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 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.

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.

Reformation Sunday

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025 + 8:30 am

PRELUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN**

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

LSB 656

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together,

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through 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 Psalm 46 (NIV)

46 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

**² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

**⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

**⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**⁸ Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

**¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

LSB 157

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 8:31-36

LSB 157

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the

house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY NOT WHAT THESE HANDS HAVE DONE

LSB 567

MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

And 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.

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. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *Praise the Lord*
from "Judas Maccabeus"
(Choir)

Handel/Hopson

Praise the Lord. Let songs of joy break forth. Sing alleluia.

Praise His name forevermore.

Shout, sing and dance, come dance and celebrate.

Rejoice; let all within us praise His name....

Shout, sing, and dance and celebrate. Sing alleluia.

Praise His name forevermore. Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth.

Praise the Lord, O praise Him. Let songs of joy break forth.

Sing alleluia.....Praise His name forevermore.

Shout, sing, let songs of joy break forth. Sing for joy.
Rejoice. O praise His name forevermore.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Scott**, son of a friend of Bruce & Chris Kulp, who had a stroke at a young age
- **Allen McMullen**, relative of the Bailey-Hutchings Family, surgery and reconstruction for cancerous lesion
- **Bob Mindler**, friend of the Hutchings Family, in ICU on a ventilator at URM
- **Jan Klapetzky**, friend of Tom & Nancy Hammond, lung cancer
- **Michael Wangemann**, friend of Diane Van Auken, receiving palliative care
- **Dan Behnfeldt**, hospitalized
- **Lou Iovoli**, friend of Al Crouse & John Gerlach, battling bladder cancer

Thanksgiving:

- Prayers of gratitude for the healthy birth of **Bryson Robert Somphith** on October 14th, great-nephew of Valerie Ruoff
- For the Baptism of **Violet Wood**, daughter of Chris & Tori Wood, granddaughter of Mark & Liz Wood
- For the Baptism of **Alan Fernaays**

***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.

***BENEDICTION**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fughette on A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Johann Pachelbel

Thank you to our volunteers!

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Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

Greeters: Bob Freitag

Lay Reader: **TBA**

Live Stream: McKayla Nolan

Sound: Bob Helm

Ushers: Fred Mason, Karen Nitschke, Geoff Kaeuper, David &
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