FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH 16th Sunday of Pentecost September 8th, 2024, 9:00 AM

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church!

We gather this day to worship God together in a community of faith, to hear God's Word spoken, and to receive the Sacraments. From here, the Holy Spirit sends us out into the world as children of God called to share the Gospel and to care for our neighbors locally, nationally, and internationally.

During worship we will use the TV screen, as well as hymns and readings from "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (*ELW*) the Red book found under the seat in front of you.

Can I take Communion here?

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this congregation, a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion in this church. We offer pre-packaged kits and intinction. Folks will be ushered forward where they can then dip bread into the wine or grape juice or receive a kit.

If you do not wish to receive the sacrament you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated. If you wish to receive the sacrament but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and Communion will be brought to you.

Our Mission:

"Working to spread the Gospel here and throughout the world."

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Gathering Song: "Earth and All Stars" ELW 731

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; a the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God

Psalm: Psalm 146 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed

down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without

mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

P: The Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: "Healer of Our Every III" ELW 612

Communion Song: "Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

Sending Hymn: "God Bless the Hands" ACS Handout

Serving in Worship

	Lay Reader	Greeters	Music	Video- streaming
9/8/24	Gretchan Dobbins	Amy Davis & Debby Carlson	Rhonda Buss	Dillon Ford
9/15/24	Robbin Peterson	Amy Davis & Debby Carlson	Rhonda Buss	Dillon Ford

PRAYERS

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN, LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND,

BODY, AND SPIRIT: Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Ollie DeMuth, Megan Schiller, Ann Woelfel, Duane and Colleen Bonack, Rick Gensler Sr., Hailey Schultz, Ruth Sammetinger, Beth Schomisch, Jim Stroschein, Kris Tenges, Lou Medeiros, Myrna Stroschein, Heidi Lulloff, Olivia, Maggie Servant and Delores Rutherford.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE ARMED FORCES: David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Jamie Madl, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young, Emily Fink, Jared Benter, Scott Williams, and Kieran Saffia Jr.

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH:

1st Tammy Schroeder 5th Patrick Zutavern

- 6th Jan Lenderhaus
- 8th Betty Roth
- 9th Joyce Hagland & Ty Larson

11th Dora James 13th Bailee Bauknecht 18th Katelyn Bredesen 23rd Maria Madl 28th Traeton Fogerty

Also Remember: Corwin Schroeder

This Week at Faith

Sunday, September 8 st 16 th Sunday of Pentecost	9:00am	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Bible Study
Wednesday, September 11 th	12:30pm	Quilting
Sunday, September 15th 17 th Sunday of Pentecost	9:00am	Holy Communion
	Following Service	Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>LIVE-STREAMING</u>: Did you know that when you're away, you can watch our service as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website <u>https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org</u>

<u>MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS</u> are available online! If you would like to receive a paper copy, please sign up on the sheet outside of the office. Newsletters can be found at <u>https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/newsletters</u> or right on the front page of the website.

<u>YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MISSION</u> easier than ever with our **NEW** donation platform! You can visit <u>faith3lakes.churchtrac.com</u> and contribute securely online. Thank you for your continued support!

PLEASE SIGN IN when you attend service. This is helpful for the church office to have

a tally for reporting. Thank you!

<u>BIBLE STUDY</u> is offered following all Sunday church services. Currently we are diving deeper into 1 & 2 Sammuel. Bibles and materials are provided. All are invited and welcome to attend. Please join us for some lively discussions!

<u>**CHURCHTRAC:**</u> Our church has a new program! Churchtrac will be used for communications, event information, a church directory, app and online giving. The first step is setting up your profile! Go to faith3lakes.churchtrac.com to create your username and password and fill out your profile!

Backpack Blessing

On September 8th we will bless school bags as the new school year begins. We invite students and teachers to bring their bags to church for this blessing.

