

# Welcome to Faith Lutheran

June 11, 2017



*Trinity*  
S U N D A Y

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# Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .  
.. **we Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship  
.. **we Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life  
.. **we Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

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## Faith Lutheran Church's Welcoming Statement:

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as a child of God. As Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, "for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26) We strive to be a place where everyone is welcomed and affirmed.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, faith background, political leanings, or mental or physical ability - you are welcome as you are. As children of God, we are all one in Christ Jesus and rely on the unconditional nature of God's love and grace to be our help and guide.

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Faith Lutheran Church ≈ [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)  
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Sermons

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<http://faithlutheranokemos.org/category/special-music/>

## **Who Is the Trinity?**

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is not an easy concept to grasp. Most descriptions and illustrations often wind up explaining or describing a heresy about who and what God really is rather than clarifying this teaching of the church. God is not one being with three different job titles, or three separate pieces that when put together become one being. God doesn't have multiple personality disorder or shed one role to take on another. There's no hierarchy to the Trinity. God the Father didn't pick a human man to be God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit isn't God's physical breath. It's almost easier to explain who the Trinity isn't than who the Trinity is: one eternal being comprised of three separate but equal persons.

As confusing as the Trinity may be, it is how the church has collectively come to understand who God is. We proclaim this understanding throughout the order of worship: the presider and the assembly greet each other in the name of the triune God, and later we proclaim our belief in the Trinity when we recite the creed.

It's not a mistake that the reading for today includes the Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). Whenever we gather to perform the ritual of baptism, we begin by declaring our faith in God who created us, redeemed us, and sustains us. Through baptism we become children of God, and God makes a promise to be with us always. Understanding that promise is the key to understanding the triune God. The Trinity is God who created us, saved us, and supports us in our lives of faith. The Trinity is God who loves us deeply and passionately and who desires our love. The Trinity is God being present in our lives even to the end of the age.

**Sunday, June 11, 2017**

The Holy Trinity

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

### **Introduction to the day**

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

*If hearing assistance is needed, please ask an usher for a personal PA receiver.*

*The ushers also have large print copies of today's worship folder available.*

*If it will be difficult for you to stand along with the congregation during any part of the worship service, please feel free to remain seated.*

*There is a nursery available during the worship service for those who wish to use it. It is located at the end of the hall beyond the coat racks.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.  
Please register your attendance and join us in fellowship after the service.*

### **Prayer Requests**

## **PRELUDE**

**“When Morning Gilds the Skies”**

**arr. Raymond Haan**

*The pre-service music signals the beginning of the worship service. Silence during the pre-service music enables worshippers to prepare for worship through quiet meditation.*

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## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being.**  
**Look upon us, your children,**  
**the work of your hands.**  
**Forgive us all our offenses,**  
**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**  
**By your grace draw us near to you,**  
**our refuge and our strength;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit given to us.  
In the mercy of almighty God,  
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;  
and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.  
**Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

***ELW #413***

## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory,  
eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-  
Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity,  
and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless  
joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

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## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1--2:4a**

*This first creation story reached its current form during the crisis of the Babylonian exile of the people of Israel. God, not their captors' god Marduk, was responsible for their existence. God created women and men as rulers over creation, to preserve and protect it. God also rested on the seventh day, hallowing that day forever as the Sabbath.*

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome

of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

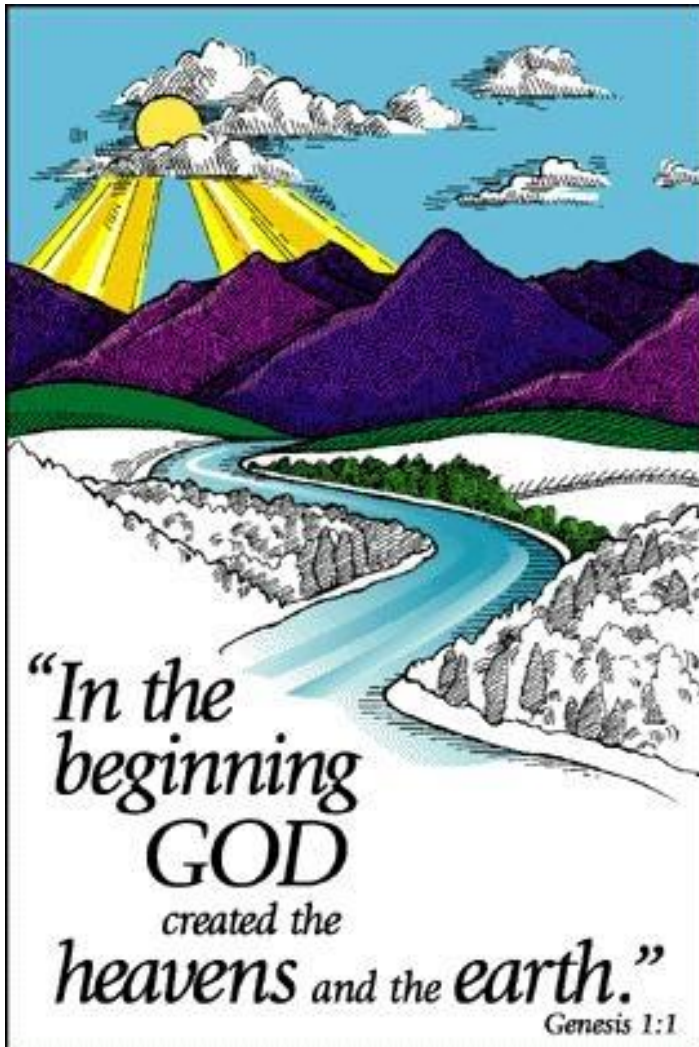
<sup>2:1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their



multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

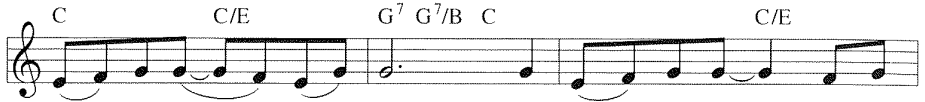


# PSALM

## How majestic is your name



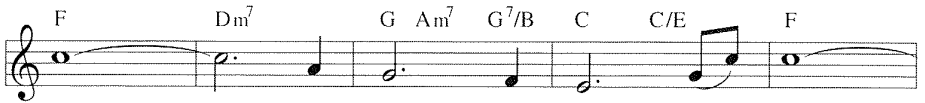
O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your



name in all the earth! O Lord, our Lord, how ma -



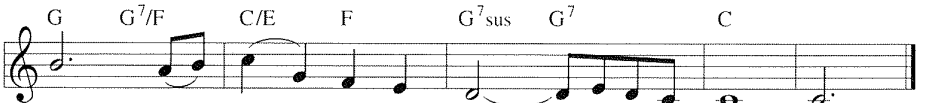
jes - tic is your name in all the earth! O



Lord, we praise your name. O Lord,



we mag - ni - fy your name, Prince of Peace, might - y



God, O Lord God Al - mighty - y.

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## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.*

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

***ELW #396***

## **HONORING OF GRADUATES**

## **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**

Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending  
of God's world.

*Prayers of intercession are prayed.  
To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the  
prayers, and the assembly responds:*

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we  
entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

### And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

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## MEAL

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

"Sonata, Op. 120, Adante"

Franz Schubert



# OFFERING RESPONSE

## Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.  
Merciful God,  
you open wide your hand  
and satisfy the need of every living thing.  
You have set this feast before us.  
Open our hands to receive it.  
Open our hearts to embrace it.  
Open our lives to live it.  
We pray this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

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,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.  
You reveal your glory  
as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff covers the first line of lyrics, the second staff covers the second line, the third staff covers the third line, and the fourth staff covers the fourth line. The music ends with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Our Lord's body let us take together.

### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*When Long before Time*

*ELW #861*

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

*W&P Go Make Disciples*



“Go, make dis-ci-ples, bap-tiz-ing them, teach-ing them.



Go, make dis-ci-ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit-y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv-ing me. Go, make dis-ci-ples.”

*The assembly stands*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,  
you have given us not only this bread and cup,  
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.  
Filled again by these signs of your grace,  
may we hunger for your reign of justice,  
may we thirst for your way of peace,  
for you are Lord forevermore.

**Amen.**

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## **SENDING**

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

May God, whose power working in us  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,  
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

***ELW #579***

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Robert Hebble



# TRINITY SUNDAY

We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit – on this Trinity Sunday and always.  
Amen.

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Director of Christian Education	Katie Love	
Director of Music	Debra Borton-McDonough	
Organist/Pianist	Bruce Williams	

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June 4, 2017 Attendance: 146

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Serving Faith	June 11	June 18
Acolyte		
Altar Care	Ledith Ambs & Jennifer Coe	
Communion Assistants	Adelle Dingledine	
	Bob Nelson	Rich Weingartner
	Natalie Dingledine	Deb Borton-McDonough
Greeters	Bill & Pam Williams	Mark & Molly DeHate
Lay Assistants	Bob Nelson	Rich Weingartner
Readers	Natalie Dingledine	Deb Borton-McDonough
Ushers	Jeremy & Jennifer Coe	Warren & Tammy Heilman
Nursery	Alexis Hereza	O'Briens

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Faith Family & Friends

June 11, 2017

Log onto Faith's website [www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org) 24/7 for updates

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### DEADLINES

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Sunday worship folder announcements—Tuesday of each week  
Submit to Katie at [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)

*August Faith Family News newsletter—*  
**Please submit by Monday July 17**

Submit to Katie at [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)

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### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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Please lift up in prayer this week:

- ✠ Members—Max Ambs, Lowell Barricklow, Ellen Milne, and Harry Nawrock
- ✠ Friends and family—  
Harriet, Pat Belonga, Todd Barricklow, Greg Beckwith, Carol Coyer, Kay Coker, Chris Cotter, Terrie Becker, Allyson, Heather, Al, Lilly, Sai, Jeanne Hicks, Eshwar Lingamgunta, Jenn Leitch, Brian Johnson, Jeanne and Leonard, Tom Brown, Susan Heft, Pat Hillberg & Family, Dennis Cobler, John Joseph Lanzetta, Loretta Milne, Bethany Robison, and the White family. Please keep Rich Weingartners mother, Sally Weingartner and his sister Lani Yearicks in your prayers.
- ✠ Our mission partner congregation—Lansing Redeemer Lutheran Church
- ✠ Those in military service—Jon Schoepf, Lani Yearicks, Melody and Adam Wright and Joe Galvin.
- ✠ Samaritan children who seek adoption— Giovanni, Jessica, LeeAnn and Valerie. Pray for each to be adopted and for Jesus to be their lifelong friend.

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### NORTH/WEST LOWER MICHIGAN SYNOD PRAYER PARTNER

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As Jesus calls us to be one, even as he and the Father are one, please include Pastor Kevin Sullivan and the congregation of Faith Lutheran Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan in your prayers of intercession this week.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

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**Weekly Offering**                      **06/04/17**                      Year-to-date as of 04/30/2017

Loose Cash	\$ 125.00	Income	\$85,262.61
Loose Checks	\$ 100.00	Expenses	<u>\$98,750.61</u>
Flowers	\$ 50.00	Net Income	<b>-13,488.00</b>
Facility Rental	\$ 350.00		
Capital Repairs	\$ 25.00		
Pastor Discretionary Fund	\$ 100.00		
World Hunger	\$ 45.00		
General Fund	<u>\$ 4720.00</u>		
Subtotal	\$ 5515.00		

Simply Giving                      \$ 2101.00

Total                      **\$ 7616.00**

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**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

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Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Wawrzynski family in celebration of Jasper's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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**THIS WEEK'S CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS**

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- 10:00 a.m.      Worship Service: Grad Sunday  
11:30 a.m.      Tent Assembly: HELP NEEDED!  
3:00 p.m.        Worship at the Willows

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 p.m.        America Divided: Democracy for Sale: Large Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

- Worship folder announcements deadline  
Noon             Study in Pastor Ellen's office

Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a.m.        Men's Study  
9:30 a.m.        Quilting and Samaritas ACTION  
7:00 p.m.        Tenor/Bass Rehearsal

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

- 6:00 p.m.        Action of Greater Lansing will be hosting a viewing of the documentary **13<sup>th</sup>**. Everyone is invited.

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Membership Development: Lugnuts Game

9am-8pm Church Rented

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

9am-3pm Lutherans Always Reforming: At University Lutheran

9am -3pm Church Rented for a Wedding

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

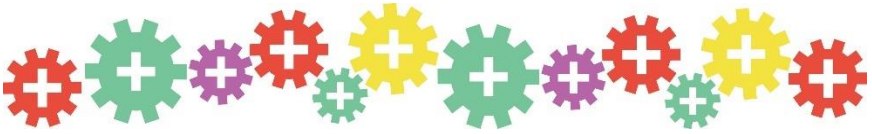


### **Tent Help Needed!!!!!!**

### **TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP!!**

Please come join us as we set-up our new tent for the first time and mark the poles for future use, in order to make installation of the tent much easier. We need all hands on

deck for this to go smoothly.



**Can you help? We need someone to help organize the VBS Picnic on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Help get the food out and hotdogs grilled. If you can help please contact Katie at**

**[klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)**

**Thanks in advance!**

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP

### **What are those Laundry Baskets for?? ARROW TREE FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you so much for being so generous over the past few months! Arrow Tree apartments are very thankful for your donations. Residents there are very appreciative. Suggested items needed:

**SOUP, MAC & CHEESE, CEREAL,**

**OATMEAL, PASTAS, PEANUT BUTTER, HEALTHY SNACK BARS, TUNA, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES ETC.**





## Next Week – Join us for Diversity Sunday!



You are invited to join us for a special worship service next Sunday - Diversity Sunday. We will be celebrating our newly adopted welcoming statement and designation as an RIC congregation. We will celebrate the wonderful diversity that makes up our community - age, gender, sexual orientation, careers, race, ethnicity, cultural background, hobbies, etc.

- We encourage everyone to wear something that makes you unique. Are you a nurse or doctor? Maybe wear your scrubs. Do you like fishing as a hobby? Wear some fishing gear. You can wear something that celebrates your cultural or ethnic heritage, maybe just your favorite color, anything that lets you tell a story about who you are. Feel free to be bold!
- Our worship service will focus on our welcoming statement and becoming RIC with specially selected hymns, prayers, and messages.
- We will commit to our welcoming statement during the service and receive official recognition as an RIC congregation with representatives from Reconciling Works and Open Hearts. Open Church. (The North/West Lower Michigan Synod Task Force on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity)
- We will unveil our new Diversity Center - a central location for resources on a variety of diversity topics.
- There will be a special coffee hour after the service with cake and other refreshments.

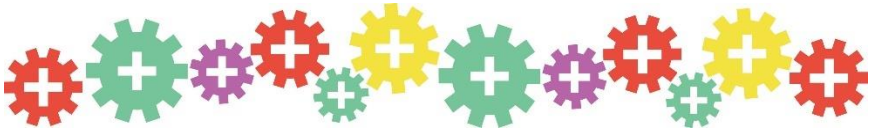
We look forward to seeing you next Sunday. Invite your friends and family to celebrate with us and spread the word that Faith is welcoming and affirming and we are going to celebrate! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ellen or Rich Weingartner.



**Vacation Bible School** will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-12:00. Ages 3yrs - 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed. Pre-registration is greatly appreciated. You can sign up by filling out the registration form on the VBS table in the narthex or by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/692364>

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the various stations and with the groups. Please sign up through the link above or by emailing Katie Love at [kllove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:kllove@faithlutheranokemos.org)

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who took home donation circles already!! The **VBS Donation Robot** has more circles left. Please take a circle (or a couple) home with you today! Your donations are greatly appreciated as we prepare for VBS!



## **VBS PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**ALL ARE INVITED to the VBS Picnic!!**

**Sign up in the narthex or online at**

**[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508094CAAA623A3F49-faith](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/508094CAAA623A3F49-faith)**

***A Florida Sampler:***

***Birds, Animals, Flowers and More***

***Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.***

***(Note that this is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, one week later than usual because of Vacation Bible School)***

A program featuring Tom Rasmussen and his beautiful nature photography is a perennial favorite! You haven't seen Florida until you've seen it through Tom's lens. Join us for a potluck lunch and the most recent photos and stories from Tom's gallery.



***Invite a friend!***

Please sign up on the clipboard on the Faith @ Work display board in the narthex.

**60 +/-**

***Looking ahead:***

We plan our usual informal lunch gatherings at Coral Gables for July 19 and August 16. Pencil in the dates on your summer calendar!

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On Thursday evening, June 15, from 6:00- 9:00 PM, Action of Greater Lansing will be hosting a viewing of the documentary **13<sup>th</sup>** at Faith. They will be hosting a discussion following the video. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

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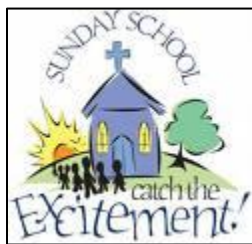


**Congratulations to all the 2017 Graduates!!**

Please see the back pages for a listing.



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**\*\*\*NEEDED - Sunday School Teachers**

**for 2016-2017** – Thank you to all of the volunteers who have stepped forward to donate their time. We truly appreciate your support. There are still several positions available, so please consider helping. The curriculum is VERY easy and the children

are great. If we have multiple teachers per grade, it allows for some flexibility on how often you have to teach. We also need a substitute list.

Pre-School – Kim O'Brien, Brenda Kopf, Laurie Hereza

1-3 Grades – Lori Webb, need 2 more

4-6 Grades (Trinity) – Ransom, need 3 (offered both Sunday and Wednesday night, where a meal is included).

7-8 Grades (Confirmation) – Ellen Schoepf, Brendan Guenther, Melinda Schultz (offered both Sunday and Wednesday night, where a meal is included).

Youth (9-12 Grades) – Katie Love

# DEMOCRACY FOR SALE

FREE PUBLIC EVENT: SCREENING & STORYTELLING



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Monday, June 12

Faith Lutheran Church - 4515 Dobie Rd, Okemos  
7-9pm

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## High School

ANDREW BREIER graduated from Okemos High School and will be attending The University of Toledo in the fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology and plans to study civil or mechanical engineering. Andrew has been a member of Faith since the 5th grade and has been an active participant in Trinity and Confirmation. Andrew has been very involved in music at Okemos High School and has played the trombone since 5th grade. He participated in Symphonic Wind Ensemble (10-12), Jazz Band (10-12), Pit Orchestra (12), and Marching Band (9-12), being a section leader senior year. He received a Division I Rating at State Solo and Ensemble Festival in a trombone quartet (12), as well as Division I Ratings for solos in 7th and 8th grade. Andrew plans on continuing his music by joining the marching band at the University of Toledo.

MAIA GUENTHER is graduating from Williamston High School as a member of the Math and Science Academy. In the fall she will attend Michigan State University and plans to major in accounting. As a senior she qualified for states with Business Professionals of America. During high school, she was a member of the varsity swim and tennis teams all four years. She is looking forward to a summer of life guarding and coaching a youth swim team while earning some college credits at Lansing Community College.

ERIK SCHULTZ graduated from Okemos High School and will be attending Lansing Community College in the fall. He has yet to decide on a major. Erik has been a member of Faith since the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and has been an active participant in Sunday School, Trinity, Confirmation, VBS and he attended several activities with the youth group. In July 2015, Erik attended the ELCA National Gathering in Detroit. Erik also enjoys a wide variety of extracurricular activities. He has sung in choir for six years, making the advanced choir called Someko in his Senior Year. While in Choir, he travelled to Ireland and performed at several cathedrals in Dublin and Kilarney. He is the drummer in the band called A Daydream Away, and their first album dropped on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts of America and will be going to the High Adventure Camp called Philmont in New Mexico this summer to hike the mountain ranges. Erik ran in Cross Country for three years and Track for four years.

## **College**

LINDSEY HIRT graduated with Honors from The University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and a Minor in Community Action and Social Change. She will be working for Cardinal Health in their Human Resources Emerge Program near Columbus, Ohio.

LOGAN HIRT graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising with a concentration in Management and Media. He will be working for Thomson Reuters with their Product Support Group in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

HARINI LINGAMGUNTA received her M.D. from the Caribbean Medical School.



KELLY McCracken graduated with Honors from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Hospitality Business. She will be moving to the Chicago area in June, and working for White Lodging.

KYLE NUSSDORFER graduated from Michigan State University with a Bio-Systems Engineering Degree. He will begin Work with Cargill in July

JACOB SCHROTE graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in Marketing and Communication. He is currently working for Tom Glancey State Farm Agency in Dublin, Ohio.

