



# **PENTECOST 9**

**July 21, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# *Welcome 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.*

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Mark’s gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today’s gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn’t think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers’ need. We are sent from Christ’s table to care for others and for ourselves.

## **PRELUDE**

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

James Kimball

## *Verse of the Day*

*[Read in Unison]*

To God-whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine-to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen Ephesians 3:20-21 The Inclusive Bible

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*[Silence is kept for reflection]*

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG – Build a Longer Table (ACS 1062)



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## 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

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

A reading from Jeremiah:

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

## **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 23 (read in unison)**

<sup>1</sup> **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.**

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> **You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.**

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### **READING: Ephesians 2:11-22**

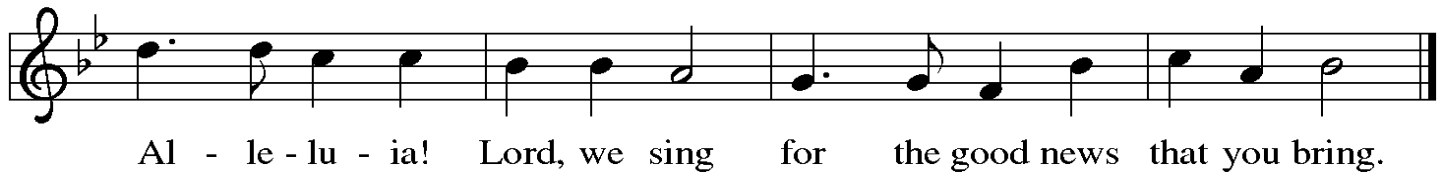
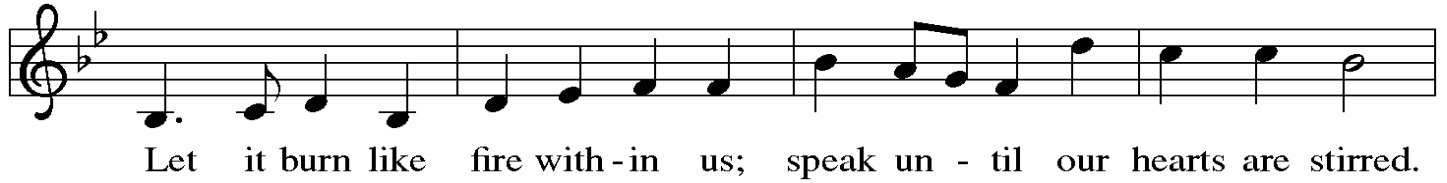
*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

A reading from Ephesians:

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.



The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

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## 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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

"Holy Thy Name"

arr. Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

Summer Choir

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

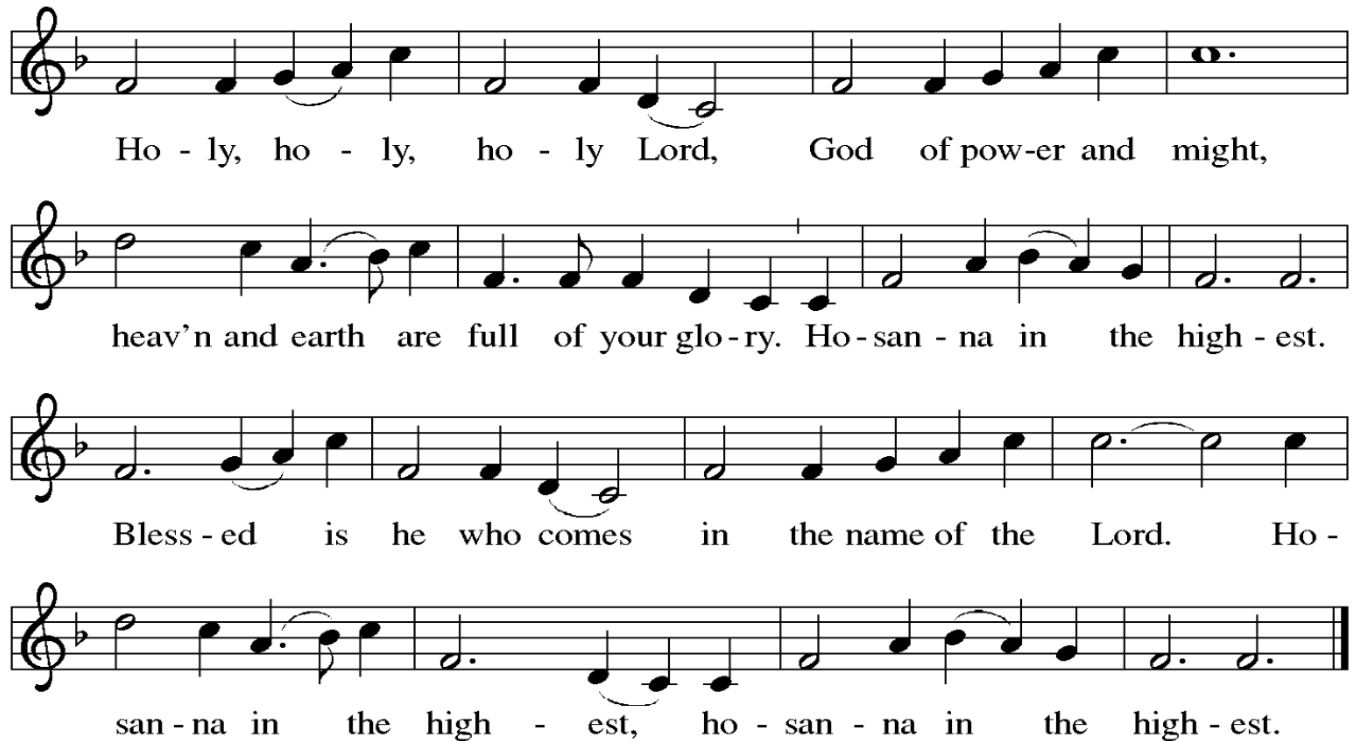
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

**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.**

## ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

There are gluten free wafers available, just let the pastor know when you are at the altar rail. As you receive communion, in the center of each tray, there are a few glasses filled with white grape juice for those who prefer juice rather than wine.

If you would prefer only a blessing, please have your hands folded and the pastor will give you a blessing.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

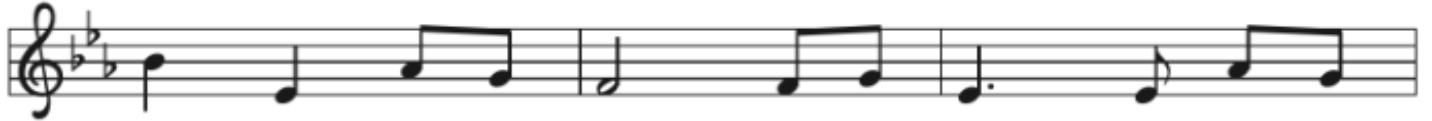
### **COMMUNION**

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

# COMMUNION SONG – Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (ACS 966)



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



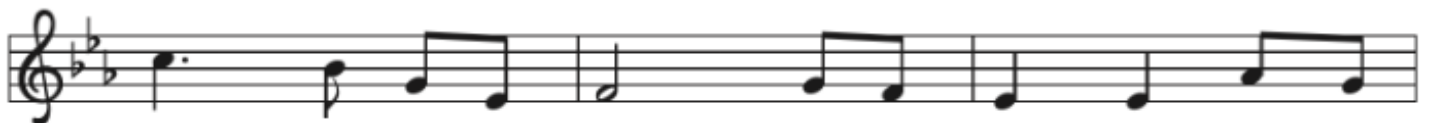
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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## **INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Dale Wood

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG – Lord, Speak to Us (ELW 676)

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Tarantelle”

Denis Bédard

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## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Please see the bulletin board entitled “Prayer Partners” in the Narthex. We have received several cards and letters from other churches that are praying for us. We are also participating in this activity, so **please be sure to sign the letter on the table under the bulletin board.**

## **FLC SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, July 21:**

- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**
- VBS Meeting 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, July 22:**

- Girl Scouts Meeting @ 6:15 pm in Old Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, July 23:**

- Bible Study @ 12:00 pm – Hybrid Call

### **Wednesday, July 24:**

- Quilters Meet @ 9:30 am

### **Sunday, July 28:**

- Worship Service @ 10:00 am: **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
Installation of VBS Staff
- Quarterly Congregational Meeting @11:15 immediately after worship

# FAITH VOLUNTEERS

## July 21

Greeter(s): Harold & Jan Sollenberger

Reader: Lois Neves

Lay Assistant: Bob Nelson

Ushers: John McCracken & Ken Milne

Altar Care: Elaine Harrison

Coffee Hour: The Sanford Family

## July 28

Greeter: Matt Schnizlein & Nick Hirschenberger

Reader: Megan Nyquist

Lay Assistant: Rich Weingartner

Usher: Jon & Elaine Harrison

Altar Care: Brenda Kopf

Coffee Hour: The Thompson Family

## Faith Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report Summary June 2024

### Budget Performance Summary

June 2024	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 20,418	\$ 26,338	\$ (5,920)
Expenses	\$ 27,867	\$ 28,543	\$ (676)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (7,449)	\$ (2,205)	\$ (5,244)

### Year to Date (Jan - June 2024)

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income: General Fund Budget	\$ 151,178	\$ 158,025	\$ (6,847)
Income: Property Sale Proceeds	\$ 37,661		
Expenses: General Fund Budget	\$ 159,286	\$ 170,882	\$ (11,596)
Expenses: Prop. Sale Proceeds to CF-Capital Repairs	\$ 29,000		
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 553	\$ (12,857)	\$ 13,410

### Operating Cash

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year (6/30)
Available Cash	\$ 72,615	\$ 83,224	\$ 34,519
Committed Liabilities	\$ 76,196	\$ 78,993	\$ 35,920
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (3,581)	\$ 4,231	\$ (1,401)

### Endowment Fund

	This Month	Last Month	Last Year (6/30)
Balance	\$ 126,461	\$ 126,461	\$ 112,382

For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service.

## **Lutheran World Relief**

**LWR** continues to give aid to refugees and persons displaced by natural and human disasters. We are collecting items for School Kits during July and August.

Each School Kit Contains

- Four spiral notebooks – 70 pages in each
- One ruler – with both inches and centimeters
- Five pencils – unsharpened with erasers
- Five ink pens – blue or black ink
- One eraser – flat pink
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of scissors – with blunt points
- One box of crayons – 16 or 24 count

See the display board and collection bin in the fellowship area.

## **Faith Lutheran Church and St. Paul's Lutheran is offering VBS “*Son Games*”**

**When: Monday, July 29th to Friday August 2nd**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Who: Ages 4 thru going into 6th grade**

**Best of all –It is FREE!**

**Come and celebrate the victory we have in Jesus!**

**If you had signed up last month online, please reregister.**

**Sign up to attend below (QR code) or by calling the church office or going to our website or e-news.**

**(Held at Faith Lutheran-4515 Dobie Rd)**

**For questions, email Pastor Bruce at  
[pastorbruce@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:pastorbruce@faithlutheranokemos.org)**



## **CHARGE** (Gathering Youth Grades 6-12)

Dates: November 8-10, 2024

Where: Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City, Michigan (<https://www.greatwolf.com/traverse-city>)  
(indoor entertainment and water park)

Depart: 4 pm Friday, November 8, from FLC parking lot

Return: About 3 pm Sunday, November 10, to FLC parking lot

Cost: \$95 (cost **includes** registration fee, lodging, waterpark passes, Saturday lunch, Saturday night pizza, breakfasts x 2; please make check payable to 'Faith Lutheran Church' and place in Kadrofske mailbox)

Other costs: Souvenirs, arcade games, ice cream, additional snacks, Friday dinner, Sunday lunch)

Deadline for registration: **September 1, 2024**; please complete form and send to me electronically or place in Kadrofske FLC mailbox

What to bring: Bathing suit and bathroom and other personal items; warm jacket, etc. for outdoor bonfire Saturday night

Food: GWL has decent food and treat options (pizza, grinders, burgers, ice cream); more specific plans for eating:

- Friday pm: Dinner at Culvers in Traverse City (about 6:45 pm); bring cash
- Saturday lunch: Sleders (<https://sleders.com/>); fun, family-friendly atmosphere ("Smooch the Moose!!")-wide variety of good food
- Saturday dinner (GWL pizza, which is quite good)
- Sunday lunch (Panera or similar); bring cash
- Saturday and Sunday breakfast in the hotel room (cereal, fruit, juice, donuts, etc)

➤ Please notify me of any allergies, food allergies, or food restrictions

My contact information:

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