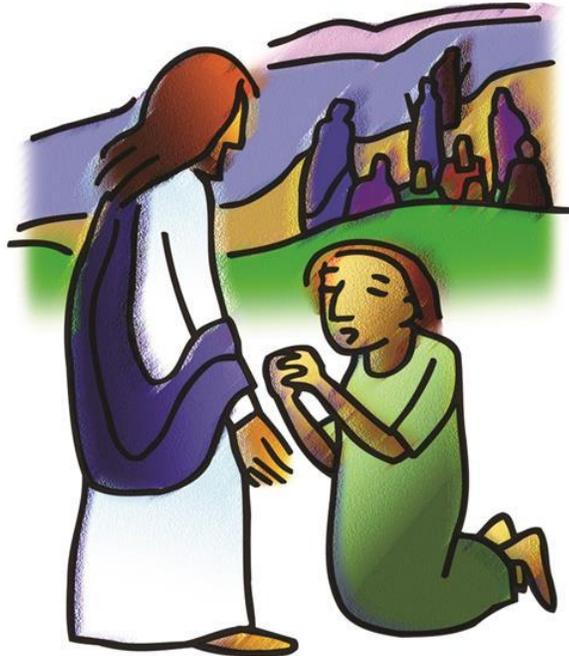


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

4515 Dobie Road
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 12, 2025

10:00 AM

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WELCOME STATEMENT

We, at Faith Lutheran Church, welcome you as God's beloved child, "for in Christ Jesus... [we] are all children of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26). No matter your age, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, marital status, neurodivergent status, faith background, political leanings, or mental, intellectual or physical ability – you are welcomed here just as you are. In this church, we commit to pursue gender and racial equity in all that we do, and to support one another as chosen family, being parents and siblings for each other regardless of who we have as biological family (Mark 3:31-35). For 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 as we strive to serve our world.

For safety reasons, please do not allow your children to wander unsupervised past the coat racks or downstairs during the church service. Our nursery is open but not staffed. You are welcome to use it, but please do not leave your children unattended.

PRELUDE

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN – Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven (ELW 864)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – He Is Exalted (WP 55)

F F/A B \flat B \flat /D C/E

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

F F/A B \flat C/B \flat B \flat /C C

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise his

D sus D/C G m D m/F C/E C F A m

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

B \flat F/A G m D m/F C/E C F A m

reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

B \flat F/A G m B \flat /F E $\text{b}M^7$ B \flat /C F B \flat /F F

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Asst: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST READING 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 111

Reader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

All: **Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

Reader: Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

All: **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

Reader: You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

All: **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

Reader: The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

All: **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

Reader: You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

All: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined.

Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹ The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON (Noisy Offering for Youth Group)



Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Megan Floyd

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY – We Come to You for Healing, Lord (ELW 617)



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

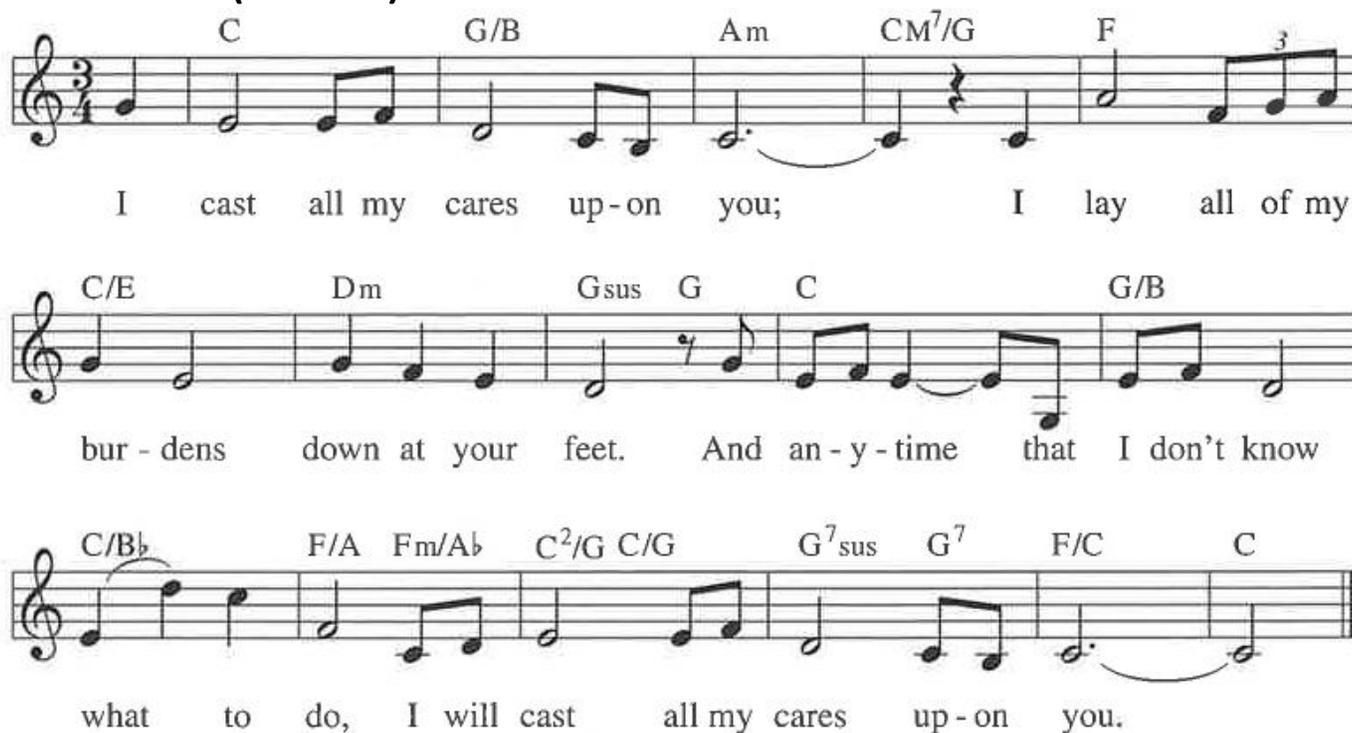
APOSTLES CREED

Pastor: Joining the saints from every time and place, let us confess our faith.

All: **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

Cares Chorus (W&P 27)



I cast all my cares up-on you; I lay all of my
bur - dens down at your feet. And an - y - time that I don't know
what to do, I will cast all my cares up - on you.

Asst: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

...God of grace,

All: **Receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Repeat "Cares Chorus"

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING

“Shine a Little Light”

Andy Beck

Chancel Choir
Ray Herek and Paula Pulter, soloists

LITURGICAL HAND WASHING

Pastor and assisting ministers sanitize and wash their hands.

*“I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.” –
Psalm 26:6*



OFFERING RESPONSE – We are an Offering (ELW 692)

The musical score is written on six staves of music. Each staff has a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) on the first, third, and sixth staves. The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing."

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Asst: Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

Pastor: 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 (ELW 191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kin[g]dom 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 kin[g]dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready!

All are invited to come to the table to receive what the Lord offers. If, however, you would prefer not to receive communion, you may come to the table for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers are available upon request when you come to receive communion at the altar rail.

Our trays have wine (darker liquid) in the outer part of the tray, and grape juice (lighter liquid) in the center. Please choose whichever you prefer.

If it would be easier for you to have communion brought to you, please let an usher know and we will be happy to serve you at your seat.

If you have any further questions, please ask an usher.

The assembly may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD (WOV 621)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

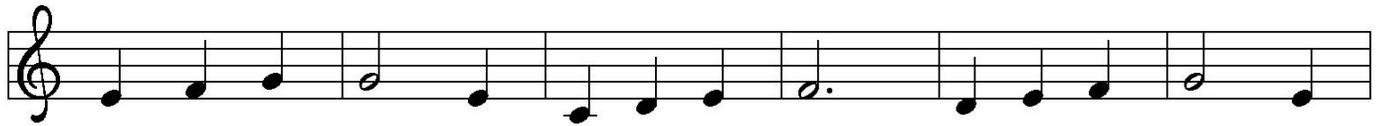


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

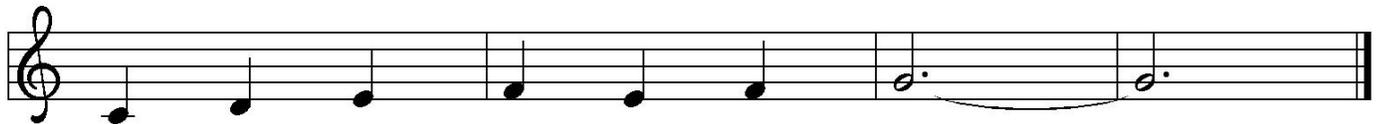
COMMUNION SONG – God of the Sparrow (ELW 740)



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor
 God of the foe
 God of the pruning hook
 How does the creature say Love
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages
 God near at hand
 God of the loving heart
 How do your children say Joy
 How do your children say Home

Please stand as you are able.

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Asst: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: **Amen.**

BLESSING

Pastor: May the God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

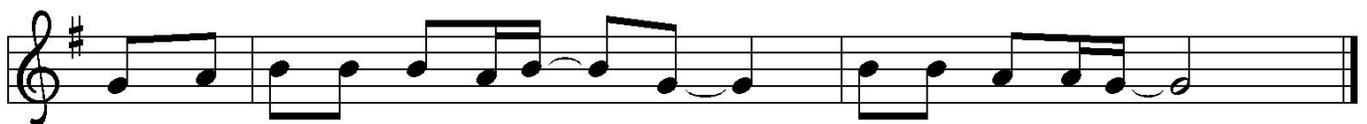
SENDING SONG – I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing-ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

DISMISSAL

Asst: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel?”

arr. Carleton Inniss

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12

Worship Service @10:00am: **18th Sunday after Pentecost**
A Vigil for our Country @6:30pm in the Sanctuary

Monday, October 13

Scouts @5:30pm in Fellowship Hall
Council Meeting @7pm in Library

Tuesday, October 14

CAMTA @9am in Sanctuary
Worship Meeting @11am in Library
Bible Study @12pm in Library
Girl Scouts @5:30pm

Wednesday, October 15

Quilters @9:30am
FLC Staff Meeting @10:15am
Lunch Bunch @11:45am
Faith Formation Pre-K-8th @5:45pm
Faith Bells@ 6:30pm
Chancel Choir @7:30pm

Thursday, October 16

A time of prayer @11:45am in the Sanctuary (or wherever you are)

Sunday, October 19

Worship Service@10:00am: **19th Sunday after Pentecost**
(With worship special guest, Jesse Barr, from Living Water Ministries!)
HS Youth Group @5pm

FAITH VOLUNTEERS

October 12

Greeter(s): Connie Nelson
Usher(s): Randy Royalty/John Backman
Coffee Hour: Herek Family
Counters: Jamie Royalty/Ramona Backman
Noisy Offering: Matt Schnizlein
Acolyte:
Reader: Warren Heilman
Lay Assistant: Brenda Kopf
Altar Care: Heidi Bowers

October 19

Greeter(s): Mike Eschelbach
Usher(s): Doug & Linda Hirt
Coffee Hour: Royalty Family
Counters: Kathy Mace/Matt Schnizlein
Noisy Offering:
Acolyte:
Reader: Ryan Thompson
Lay Assistant: Bob Nelson
Altar Care: Jamie Royalty



We invite you to hold these people in your prayers each day this week.

We pray for all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and overall health and wellness, especially Danielle, Grace, Julie, Maxwell, Sarah, Dan, Ellie, Marj, Kate, and Marla.

We pray for all those in military service, especially those connected to our community: Alex, Braxton, Joey, Jon, Landon, Hannah, Joe, Reuben, Lane, and Aiden.

We pray for the larger church, especially our synod prayer partner, Two Churches (Including Ascension Lutheran) in Kentwood, their pastor, Rev. Pauline Standley, and our companion synods in Papua New Guinea and Honduras.

****New additions to our prayers are listed in bold; names will remain on the printed list for six weeks. Please contact the church office or Pastor Megan to add or reinstate names to the prayer list.***

Prayer Partners Letter

We are participating in this activity and would love you to add your signature. The letter is located on the table under the bulletin board entitled "Prayer Partners."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT AUCTION FOR A BEAUTIFUL QUILT!

To raise money to continue their work, the quilting team here at Faith has completed a beautiful quilt for silent auction. The quilt is currently on display in the narthex. **Bidding on this one ends at noon on Sunday, October 19.**

VIGIL FOR OUR COUNTRY

Join us on Sunday, October 12, at 6:30pm. We will host a vigil for our country. This will be an evening of songs and prayers for justice and peace. Any questions ask Pastor Megan!

FAITH FORMATION: Pre-K through Middle School (Confirmation):

We will meet on the third Wednesday evening each month for a community meal, followed by a VBS-style rotation for our younger students and confirmation programming for our middle schoolers. *We will not have Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings before worship. **Our next Faith Formation night is Wednesday, October 15 @5:45pm.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We are collaborating with University Lutheran to form a community High School Youth Group that will meet in the evenings on the first Sunday of the month at ULC, and on the third Sunday of the month at Faith. We'll share a meal and build community through various activities. **Our next meeting is Sunday, October 19 @5pm @Faith.**

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE DRIVE

Your Faith-ful Finance Committee wants to put forward the best 2026 Budget Proposal possible! To do that, we would greatly appreciate knowing your plans for sharing in the ministry here at Faith. Please return your pledge card to the offering plate or complete the online pledge form by clicking this link: [Online Pledge](#). *Pledges are due by our quarterly meeting on Sunday, October 26th!*

REFORMATION SUNDAY – October 26th

We'll celebrate the ongoing reformation of the Church by handing out Bibles to our youth. Join us to joyfully receive God's word.

QUARTERLY MEETING – October 26th, after worship

We walk this Faith journey together... and our quarterly meetings are the perfect opportunity for your congregational leadership to share with you what's new. Please plan to stay after worship and participate in this important time together.