



*Faith
Lutheran
Church
Back to
Church Sunday*

FULL SERVICE: September 17, 2017

We welcome you with open arms & open hearts!

Faith Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-reading, radically welcoming spiritual home for seekers, believers, and everybody between. We're a family of God "because God first loved us." (1 John 4:19) Because you're here, you're part of the family—welcome home!

Please complete a Response Card & put it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher as you pass by. If you are here for the first time, please give us a complete address so we can connect with you.

Kids are welcome in the service or in the toy-filled nursery with supervision. Ushers have coloring sheets, and age-appropriate activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary.

All you need to worship is on the wall. "ELW" refers to the red hymnal. Ask an usher for a large print bulletin. And let us know what else we can do to help you enjoy your time at Faith. Thank you for coming!

GATHERING

Prelude

Ross Damrow, Accompanist

Greeting, Announcements & Prayer Requests

L: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you!**

Gathering Hymn

“Shout to the Lord”

ELW #821

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C: **Amen.** *(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

L: Source of all life,

C: **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

L: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God’s love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ

C: **Amen.**

Song of Praise

“Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

Prayer of the Day *(spoken by all)*

L: The Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love**

and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading (*Spark Bible Reference, p. 60*) Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-14

[¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

**⁴who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**⁶O LORD, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.]

**⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.

**¹⁰You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**¹²As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

¹⁴For you know well how we are formed;
you remember that we are but dust.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word... **C: Thanks be to God.**

Kids' Time

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Satrum

Sermon Song

“O Father, We Have Wandered”

ELW #606

Apostles’ Creed (AM)

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 again 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 the Church “Lord Listen to Your Children” ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying;
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying;
send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

L: God of mercy, **C: hold us in love.**

The Offering “Lord, Be Glorified” ELW #744

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In my life, Lord, be glorified today
2. In our song, Lord...
3. In Your church, Lord...
4. In your world, Lord,...

Offering Prayer

L: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

MEAL

*Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you meet in Jesus, please be welcome to share his meal. Christ offers here and now his body and blood, his death and resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever. We serve **GRAPE JUICE (light colored) and WINE. Please ask for gluten-free or a wafer if you prefer.***

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 & Luke 11:2-4

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

“Agnus Dei”

Projected

1. O come little children, O come one and all:
O come to the table and answer his call.
For Jesus is calling to you and to me,
so come to the table, and there you'll be free.
2. O come little children, O come one and all:
O come to the table and answer his call.
For Jesus, the lamb, took our sins far away:
so come to the table, you're welcome today.
3. O come little children, O come one and all:
O come to the table and answer his call.
For Jesus is living and gives us his peace
so come to the table, O come to the feast.

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW #476

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

ELW #479

SENDING

Blessing

from Colossians 3

L: 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

“The Montana Blessing”

(projected)

Dismissal (AM)

L: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Gloria in Excelsis” & “Agnus Dei” from *Kindermesse*,
developed at Peace Lutheran Church, Belgrade, MT.

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Read and Study for next Sunday, September 24
Jonah 3:10--4:11, Philippians 1:21-30; Psalm 145:1-8,
Matthew 20:1-16

Birthdays This Week

Barbara Heitmann, Emma Mitchell, John Trangmoe, Heather Kilwein,
Eric Larson, Daniel Li, Beth Bitterman, Kathy Owings, Jack Davis

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 65

Financials: *Status of Year to Date (YTD)*

Giving to support the 2017 Budget: Current
YTD Giving is **\$11,022.59 below**
requirements for the 2017 Budget.

Giving Last Sunday: **\$3,075**

Expected Giving based on 2016: **\$3,722.92**

Connections...

Women’s Spiritual Reading Group:

Contact Tracy Walczak at 360-4662 or
tracywalczak@gmail.com

Women’s Circles: Various times and
places. Contact the church office.

Men’s Breakfast: Contact Pastor
Doug Peterson, 381-0885.

Today

Accompanist Ross Damrow
Ushers Troy & Kerry Hanson
Lector Nancy Osborn
Communion Clairice Brady, Karen H.,
Mark Livesay, Helen Volden

Assisting Minister Celeste Pogachar
Presiding Pr. Brenda Satrum
Projection Scott Southwick

September 24

Accompanist Amber Richardson
Ushers Deb Cathey, Susan Wetzsteon
Lector Nancy Osborn
Communion Asst Judy Griffin, Sue Rose,
Nancy Osborn

Assisting Minister Samantha Fife
Presiding Minister Pr. Brenda Satrum
Projection Scott Southwick

*Upcoming
Memorial Service,
All are Welcome*



Betty Tudahl
September 21st,
1pm, here at Faith

This Week

Today

Back To Church Sunday

9:30 New Worship Time

10:45 Refreshments,
Acolyte Training &

Sunday school for all ages

Monday

3:30 Weight Watchers

Tuesday

5:30 Weight Watchers

Wednesday

6:30 Dinner for all

7:00pm MS WOW/HS YG

Thursday

10:30 FH folding party

1:00pm Tudahl Memorial

5:30 AA Meeting

Sunday, September 24

9:30 Worship (Baptize Luke)

10:45 Congregational

Meeting, Refreshments,

Sunday School for All Ages,

Worship Assistants Training

TODAY:

- **Acolyte Training** ages 3rd grade and up. A refresher for veterans and training for newbies. With Celeste in the Sanctuary.
- **Parent Roundup** for elementary Sunday School. With Pastor Brenda in the Fellowship Hall over coffee!

NEXT WEEK:

- **Worship Assistant Training** for adults who help in worship: ushers, readers, greeters, Communion assistants. Share wisdom and experience with new and experienced servants of God. Celeste in the Sanctuary.
- **Adult Class: How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.** Dr. Mark Allen Powell offers our Lutheran-Christian slant, then we'll enjoy a Fearless Conversation. Pastor Brenda in the Youth Room.

Remember in Prayer...

(The prayer list is refreshed monthly—feel free to resubmit!)

Battling Cancer: Laurel, Jim Bice, Todd Schiffman's sister, Betty, Laura, Kristie Parker, Janeen Brookie, Bill Martens, & Susan Glover.

Restoration of Health: Valerie, Nancy, and Charles.

Health, Comfort & Healing: Ann Damrow, Jim Carrington, Karen Heggen, and Greg.

Prayers for: Adrienne Patterson, Holli in prison, for Candra recovering from brain surgery, for Bonnie, Carol A., Marilee, Ken W., Shirley Hanson, for health, healing, and sobriety for Ray, Abby, Eli, Marni, Ira, Nanny Ann, Kasi, Stacy, Dulcie, Ryan, Annie & Marge, Greg B., Jacob Bachman, George Davis, Lee as he battles MS, Steve Wilson, Logan Sons, Jaycie Chambers, Fran Bennett, for the safety of all those fighting wildfires, and Pastor Ed Pomelear, mourning the loss of his wife.

The Beehive: Morry Mitteness

Valley View: Doris Koch, Ruth Dillon

Home Nursing Care: Larry Pyle, LaVonne Beers, Virginia Rotering

Discovery Care: Bob Mathison

HELPING **Please Lend YOUR Hand to Feed Our People!**



HANDS

Your Faith Lutheran Church Outreach Steward is seeking your help to cook, serve, and/or clean up dinner on the last Tuesday of each month for **Community Meals**.

Would you like a valuable reason to get out of your house? Do you need to reduce your isolation and socialize a bit? Would you like to contribute to your community in a direct and beneficial manner? Then let's break bread together during Tuesday Community Meals. Will you be one of the people who will silently decline and hope your neighbors in the pew next to you to says yes OR, will you be a person who approaches me and says yes and enriches your daily life by reaping the benefits of reaching out and helping others?

Please let me know.

Faith Lutheran Church is signed up for the fourth Tuesday of each month beginning in September and concluding in April. I am available electronically at jsmurrillo@gmail.com, (406) 529-9138, and at Faith Lutheran Church on Sundays.

Jennifer Murillo, Outreach

Notice of Special Congregation Meeting for Proposed By-Law Change

There will be a special congregation meeting **after worship on September 24th** to discuss making the following change to FLC's By-Laws.
Section B3.02d:

Currently:

"Review the budget as prepared by each Steward, approve as appropriate and then submit to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting."

Change to:

"Review the budget as prepared by each Steward, approve as appropriate and then submit to the congregation for approval at either a special meeting or the annual meeting of this congregation."