



*Faith
Lutheran
Church
Summer
Worship 2017*

FULL SERVICE: September 24, 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

Amber Richardson, 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

“Give to our God Immortal Praise” ELW #848

The Baptism of Luke Montgomery Fessler

Luke is the son of Helen Montgomery Fessler and Curtis Fessler. His sponsor will be Kyle Fessler of Lincoln, Nebraska. Anyone who'd like to celebrate Luke's birth and baptism with his family is welcome to their BBQ, 12:30 to 2:30, 125 Ponce de Leon (Daly Estates).

L: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

The Apostles' Creed

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

The Baptism and Presentation

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

The Welcome

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

“Compassionate Hospitality”

Genesis 18:1-8

Our 3rd Grade and up intergenerational Sunday School this fall is “An Illustrated Compassion.” Grab a cookie, then color and converse about one of our worship lessons. Everybody’s welcome—who doesn’t need a little more compassion? 😊

It was a hot afternoon. Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent, near the oak trees, when God appeared to him. Here’s how it happened:

Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. He ran out to meet them, and bowed, and said, “Please don’t just pass by. Let water

be brought, wash your feet, rest for a while under the tree. I'll bring bread, you rest, and then you can pass on; since you have come here, I'll serve you."

They said, "Do it."

Abraham hurried into the tent and told his wife Sarah, "Get out our best flour, and knead it, and make cakes." Then he ran to their herd of animals, chose a tender calf, and gave it to the servant, who prepared it for the guests. Abraham brought all the food they had prepared, and set it before the guests. He stayed close by, under the trees, while they ate.

Later, Abraham learned that his guests were messengers from God with very important news. Good thing he welcomed them in!

Kids' Time

Psalm 145:1-8

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

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

Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

ELW #172

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Satrum

Sermon Song “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

ELW #674

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.

“Give Me Jesus”

ELW #770

“As the Deer”

Projected

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)

May your vision be as boundless as the breadth of our sky
May your soul have the strength of our mountains
May your life be as peaceful as our gently falling snow
And your days be as many as our trees

Anonymous

Dismissal (AM) & Congregational Meeting prior to Refreshments

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

Special Congregational Meeting:

Please join us after worship to discuss a potential change to the Faith Lutheran Church By-laws.

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

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Read and Study for next Sunday, October 1

Exodus 1;15-21 (Courageous Compassion) , Philippians 2:1-13;

Psalm 25:1-9, Matthew 21:23-32

Birthdays This Week

Kylie Davis, Carolyn Larsen, Jim Owings, Quinn Larson, Rylee Auch
Wanda Huddleson

Last Sunday:

Attendance: 97

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

Giving to support the 2017 Budget: Current YTD Giving is **\$11,578.02 below** requirements for the 2017 Budget.

Giving Last Sunday: **\$2,736.95**

Expected Giving based on 2016: **\$3,292.39**

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

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

October 1

Accompanist
Ushers
Lector
Communion Asst

TBD

Ross Damrow

Assisting Minister
Presiding Minister
Projection



Would you like to help out?

Your Faith Lutheran Church Outreach Steward is seeking your help to cook dinner, or serve dinner, or clean up dinner 1 x a month, the fourth Tuesday of each month, for Community Meals.

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.

TODAY—FEARLESS CONVERSATIONS:

How Lutherans Read the Bible

DVD by Dr. Mark Allen Powell, discussion following.

Starts today at 11, Youth Room, Pastor Brenda



THURSDAY—Soul Keeping Adult Class

Starts Thursday 6:30-8pm with Pastor Brenda

September 28 through November 2. Youth Room

Personal reflection, group conversation, and journaling take you as deep as you want to go. **Contact PB to register.**

FLBC Annual Delegates Retreat and Fall Harvest Festival and Auction October 6-7

The weekend includes: Friday dinner at 6:15 with live auction and kids' activities following. Saturday 5k fun run/walk, family activities, BBQ lunch, Annual Meeting of the Corporation. Call 406-752-6602 to make reservations for dinner and/or overnight accommodations.

Pastor Brenda is gathering items to make a FLC basket for the silent auction. Please contact her to make an auction donation, or to purchase advance tickets for the Friday Dinner & Auction.

This Week

Today, 9/24

9:30 Worship

10:45 Congregational Meeting, then Refreshments

11:00 Worship Assistants Training

11:00 Sunday School for all

6:15 Sapphire Worship

Monday

3:30 Weight Watchers

6:30 Council Mtg

Tuesday

5:30 Weight Watchers

5:30 FLC services Com. Meal
@ Cornerstone

Wednesday, September 27

6:30 Youth/Family Dinner

7:00pm MS WOW/HS YG

Thursday

5:30 AA Meeting

6:30-8pm Soul Keeping,
Youth Room

Sunday, 10/1

Business as usual! ☺

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, Blaine Newman.

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 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.

The Beehive: Morry Mittenness, Larry Pyle

Valley View: Doris Koch, Ruth Dillon

Home Nursing Care: LaVonne Beers, Virginia Roterling

Discovery Care: Bob Mathison