



# ***Faith Lutheran Church***

*July 11th, 2021*

***Youth and Bible Camp Sunday***

**We welcome you with open arms and open hearts!**

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

If you are new to Faith, we would like to be in touch with you. Please share your contact information with the church office, 406-363-2964, or [faithlutheran59840@gmail.com](mailto:faithlutheran59840@gmail.com).

**Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!**

## **God Gathers The Body Of Christ**

**Prelude**

“Be Bold”

“Deep”

“Living Water”

**Call To Worship**

“Sanctuary”

### **Welcome and Prayer Requests**

**AM:** 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.

*AM: Any prayer requests? Please notify the church office to submit names of those you wish to be included in the prayers. No formal offering will be taken today. Please leave in the offering plate on the table in the narthex.*

*Faith is a family of God built on love: worshiping, welcoming, and serving in Christ's name*

**Sharing of the Peace**

**“Salam Al Alaikum”**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

**Camp Style**

**Songs of Praise**

**“All Day Song”**

**Love God in the morning when you see the sun a-risin’  
Love God in the evening cause God took you through the day  
And in the in-between time when you feel the pressure rising  
remember that God loves you and God promises to stay**

**when you think you've got to worry cause it seems the thing to do  
remember God ain't in a hurry, God's always got the time for you and me  
soooooo...**

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Love God in the evening cause God took you through the day  
And in the in-between time when you feel the pressure rising  
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remember that God loves you and God promises to stay**

**Prayer of the Day**

**AM:** Please pray with me,

**All:** O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all commandments; and that we, being defended from the fear

**God Speaks To Us In The Word**

**First Reading**

**Ruth 1:1-18**

**Lector:** A reading from first chapter of Ruth:

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup>They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my

people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" <sup>18</sup>When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

**Lector:** Word of God, Word of life.    **All:** Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 121**

**"I Lift My Eyes Up"**

**I lift my eyes up unto the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from you, maker of heaven  
Creator of the earth.  
Oh, how I need you, Lord; You are my only hope  
You are my only prayer  
So I will wait for you to come and rescue me  
To come and give me life.**

## **Second Reading**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Lector:** A reading from the 19th Chapter of Luke:

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was passing through it. <sup>2</sup>A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. <sup>7</sup>All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup>Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to

this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord   **All: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**

"Saved By Grace"

**Gospel**

**Micah 6:1-8**

**Lector:** A reading from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Micah:

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." <sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**PM:** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

**The Message**

Camp Counselors: Camp Theme Verse Introduction

**Sermon Song**

“Jesus Loves Me Rock Style”

**The Apostles’ Creed**

Camp Style

## **Prayers for Outdoor Ministries and for All**

AM: We give thanks to you, Creator God, for the plants, animals,

**All: In a land full of mountains and creeks, stars and wind,  
lakes, rocks and squirrels, we gather to praise you for your  
wonderful creation.**

AM: Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment  
creation for future generations.

**All: We thank you for giving us camps where we may withdraw  
nature.**

AM: Today, we especially celebrate our outdoor ministries in  
Lutheran Bible Camp.

**All: We pray for those who offer hospitality in the name of Jesus  
members, and summer staff.**

AM: Thank you for all who experience your rejuvenating and restful

**All: We pray that we can offer this to all of our VBS campers  
coming this week, as we act as your hands and feet in this  
world.**

AM: Holy One, here among us, please respond to the call of people  
or illness, especially *those we name to you now aloud and in  
silence...*

Embrace them with your hope and health.

**All: Help us to see more clearly the vision of safe place and holy  
to come by sending campers to camp, by going on retreats,**

**and by supporting those who have answered the call to serve you at camp.**

AM: Lord, continue to bless us, our Bible camps, and all who seek your presence and power. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, **Amen.**

**The Offering**

**“Love Round”**

## **God Sends Us Into The World**

### **Benediction**

Lector: May God send us out into his creation as humble servants who seek to share God’s Love and grace with all. May we find God in all of the world’s beautiful spaces, and take it upon ourselves to care for all creation. **Amen.**

**Sending Song**

**“The Montana Blessing”**

**May your visions be as boundless as the breadth of our sky  
May your soul have the strength of our mountains**

**May your lives be as peaceful as the gently falling snow  
And your days be as many as the trees.....**

## **Dismissal**

**AM**

AM: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

AM: And all of God's outdoor ministry loving children said:

**All: Amen!**

## **Postlude**

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## **Thanks to our Worship Assistants!**

### **Today July 11**

**Accompanist**

Camp Counselors

**Ushers**

Susan Wetzsteon

**Lector**

Youth

**Assisting Minister**

Josie VanDenburg

**Projection**

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**Video**

Tommy Denny

### **July 18**

Colleen Southwick

Sandy Russ

Sandy Russ

Scott Southwick

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**JULY 11, 2021  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*God's steadfast love and faithfulness.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mark 6:14-29</b>	<b>The death of John the Baptist</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Amos 7:7-15</b>	<b>Vision of setting a plumb line</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Ephesians 1:3-14</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for blessings</b>

Wednesday	Psalm 86:1-17	Save me, Lord
Thursday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Friday	Leviticus 26:1-13	Rewards for obedience
Saturday	Psalm 85:8-13	God speaks peace to the people
Sunday	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Jesus teaches and heals

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Psalm 85:10 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

God of glory and might, guide the rulers of the earth toward justice and mercy for the sake of peace in your world through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we see in this food a banquet filled with your love that brings justice and peace to all the earth. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May our God and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you with love and faithfulness. (Psalm 85:10)

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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

## WEEKLY MILESTONES CARING CONVERSATIONS

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you had a magic wand, what would you want to do or have happen?
- We like to have power, but power can be misused and be insensitive to others. Give an example of someone misusing their power.
- Jesus brings a power full of love and faithfulness. Where do you see that power in action?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Mark 6:14-29.

This story of the beheading of John the Baptist at a banquet hosted by King Herod presents an image of contrasts. This story comes between last week's Gospel reading about Jesus' disciples traveling without riches or power of their own and staying with others as guests. The Gospel reading two weeks from now is about Jesus' own banquet of feeding hungry souls on a hillside. Jesus treated the people with compassion like a shepherd caring for the sheep. Earthly powers represented by Herod bend toward corruption, greed, violence, and impulsive actions without thought of consequences. Jesus' rule brings people together in peace, feeds the multitudes out of love, and brings healing and an end to demonic powers. We are reminded that earthly powers and governments are not the rule that wins the day in God's universe. We are called to an ordering of life where *"love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other"* (Psalm 85:10). How does Jesus' power in your life influence your thoughts and actions?

***Pray:* Shepherd God, in a world that seeks to dominate and humiliate others, we thank you for your reign of love and faithfulness that will never let us go through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SERVICE 🙌

In our forms of government, local, regional, and national representatives need to hear from us, especially about issues that relate to our moral resolve. How have you voiced your views on current issues?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 🕯️

Psalm 85 talks about peace. Verse 8 states, *“Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.”* Make a list or draw a picture of what brings peace to you. Then, read the verse slowly three times. Pause after each reading and wonder what God may be saying to you today. Close by praying the Lord’s Prayer.

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)