



August 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

*Bread of Life/Service of the Word
Summer Worship*

***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'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. Young children are welcome in the service. 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 faithhamilton59840@gmail.com

Welcome to Faith and thank you for coming!

God Gathers the Body of Christ

Prelude

Lina Gyles, Accompanist

Call to Worship

Rick brown

Welcome

Am: The Lord be with you.

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.)


(AM: Please stand as you are able for our gathering hymn)



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro -
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant



3
sin and death we flee; all those who search for
wis - dom can im - part; you on - ly can in -
claims your con-qu'ring arm; and those who put their
us that way to know, that truth to keep, that



6
God, you find and by your grace set free.
form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Greeting

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

All: And also with you!

PM: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

All: A people holy to the LORD our God.

PM: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

All: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

PM: One does not live by bread alone,

All: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(AM: Please be seated for the readings)

God Speaks to Us in The Word

First Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Lector: A reading from Joshua, the 24th Chapter;

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²a And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord,

and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Psalm: 34:15-22

(Lector: give directions for congregation's response)

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and God's ears are open to their cry.

**¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.

**¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them from every one.

**²⁰God will keep safe all their bones;
not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

**²²O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Lector: A reading from Ephesians, the 6th Chapter:

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

L: Holy wisdom, holy word...

C: Thanks be to God.

Kids' Talk

Brooke Kimzey

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia Alleluia"

W&P #6 V.1

**Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia;
Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia;**

Gospel

John 6:56-69

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”+

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

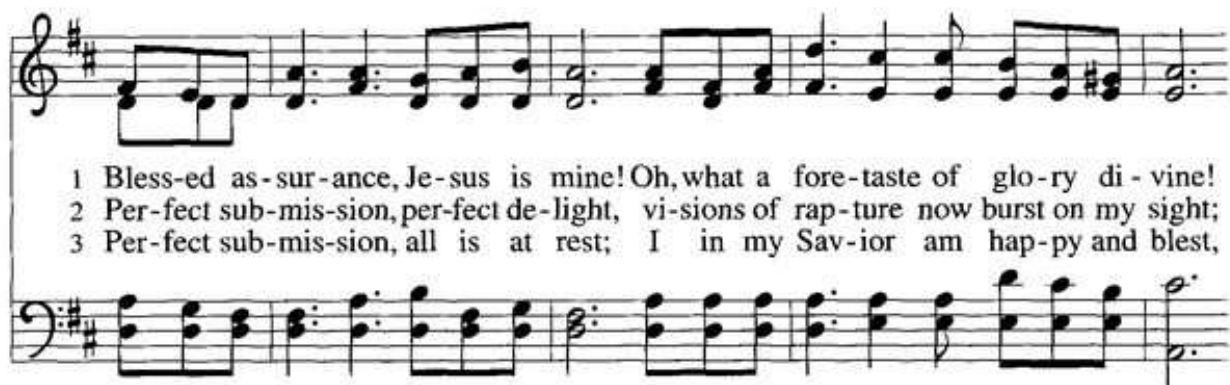
⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

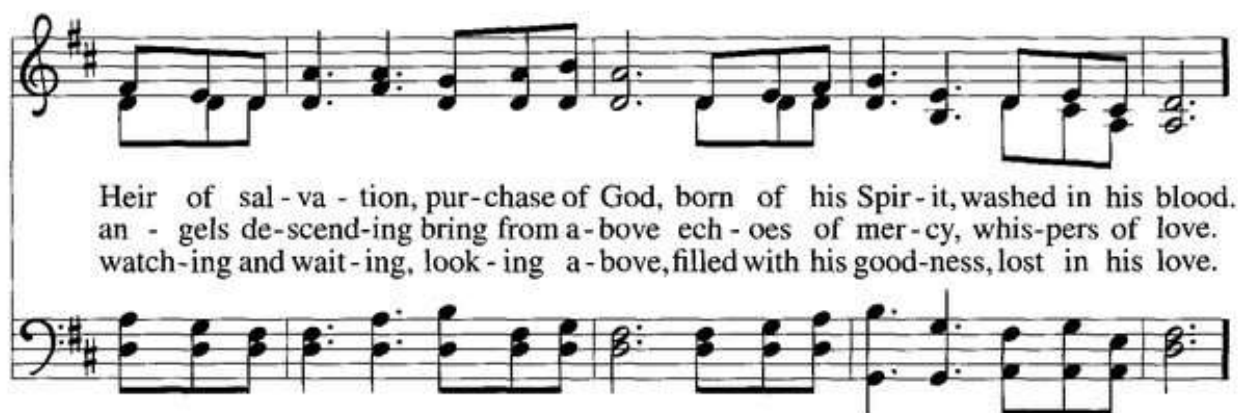
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Paul Anderson



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Response to the Word (*Creed*)

WOV p. 79

AM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

All: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

AM: Living together in trust and hope, we 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 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

Confession

PM: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; *Jude 20*

All: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

PM: Keep yourselves in the love of God; *Jude 21*

All: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

PM: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: *2 Cor. 5:17*

All: Everything old has passed away; behold everything has become new!

PM: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

All: Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

PM: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for confession and reflection)

PM: Most gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of

life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PM: The almighty and merciful God grants you pardon, forgiveness, and release from all your sins.

All: Amen

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)

The Prayers of the Church

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared word.

“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God ”

WOV #783,Vs1-2

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto to you. Alleluia, Alleluia

Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of courage, bless all leaders of your church. Make them ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and strengthen them to preach your loving word.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, bless fields and orchards. Protect the land from drought and bring life-giving rain to support growth. Instruct your people in wise treatment of the world you have provided for all your creatures.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, bless all who seek justice between nations and peoples. Give guidance to bridge-builders, heal divisions, and inspire cooperation in times of crisis, disaster, and war.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, bless all who are in any need. Accompany all who are lonely and feeling abandoned and remind them of your abiding presence. Accompany all who are persecuted and exploited and open us to their cries.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of change, bless our transitions. Guide all who are embarking on new stages in life such as a new job, new school, or new community (especially). Sustain enduring friendships and kindle new relationships and interests.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of comfort, bless all who mourn the deaths of their beloved ones. We give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us (especially). Renew our confidence in your promise of resurrection and life in the world to come.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Pass the Peace

PM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Take a moment to pass the peace with those around you,
and send a message of peace to those listening and watching with you.*

Jesus Comes to Us in His Supper

Dear members and friends of Faith: as you trust the God you see in Jesus, please be welcome to share in the resurrection, as a demonstration that God “loves you to death” and is present to, in, and through you now and forever. Communion will be served in individual portions

Offering “For The Fruit of All Creation ” ELW #679 v.1

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray,

**All: 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 have received here, your body for the life of the
world. Amen**

Words of Institution

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

PM: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection,
and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

All: Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the**

Invitation to the Meal

PM: Jesus Christ is the host of this meal, and he invites you to
share a meal with him—an act of friendship, hospitality,
and a glimpse of the feast that is to come.

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

Lamb of God

ELW #195

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Distribution

Blessing

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

All: Amen

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Jesus, Bread of Life,

All: 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

Benediction

PM: May God the Father prepare your journey,
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,
the spirit of Life strengthen your body,
and the Three in One watch over you,
on every road that you may follow.

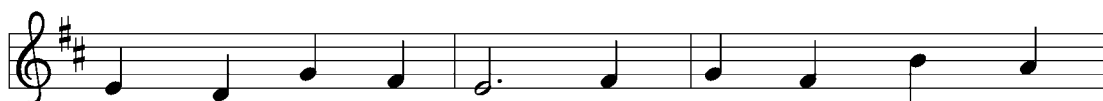
Announcements

Sending Song “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds ” ELW #620

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
 4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
 though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 my prophet, priest, and king,
 my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
 how cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
 with every fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: St. PETER, Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877

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God Sends Us into The World

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests.



Prayers for safety and healing: Cheryl. Charlene Riggle, Annabell and Amelia Bennett (Pastor's granddaughters), Mary Schmidt, Mary Ann, Myrtle Irene Cosner, Steve Forseth, Tom Dolan, Tom Martin, Karla West, Wes and Andy, Rod Snook, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes,

Prayers for comfort: George O' Connell family, Family and friends of Mary McKillop, Mary Wood and family

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

Sapphire: Bertie Senn

Incarcerated: George Davis

Thanks to our Worship Assistants!

Today Aug 22nd

Aug 29th

Accompanist	Lina Gyles	Susan Peterson
Guitarists	Tom Anderson	Tom Anderson
Call To Worship	Deidra Markette	Pastor Paul
Ushers	Susan Wetzsteon	Sandy Russ

Lectors	Deidra Markette	Deb Cathey
Assisting Minister	Carl Russ	Clyde Riggle
Projection	Cole Kimzey	Will Heitmann
Video	Rick Brown	TommyDenney

AUGUST 22, 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



People respond differently to Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:56-71	Many disciples desert Jesus
Monday	Joshua 24:1-18	Many tribes renew the covenant
Tuesday	Ephesians 6:10-20	The whole armor of God
Wednesday	Matthew 16:1-12	Pharisees and Sadducees test Jesus
Thursday	Luke 7:1-10	Jesus heals an army officer's servant
Friday	John 3:1-21	Jesus and Nicodemus
Saturday	Psalms 34:15-22	The Lord is with you
Sunday	Mark 7:1-23	Authentic faith

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Simon Peter answered [Jesus], "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." **John 6:68-69 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, give us faith to trust in you that we may overcome disbelief with faith, fear with hope, and indifference with love through Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we humbly receive this food with thanksgiving, believing that all good things come from you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the one who redeems your life give you peace and joy.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Gather Us In



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:

- In an era of deliberate misinformation, what is something you hold on to without wavering?
- What is something you have heard that is hard to believe?
- What does it mean to you that Peter said that Jesus is the Holy One of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:56-71.

It is difficult to have a conversation about Jesus without a strong reaction. Many of these reactions are experienced in our text from John 6. Some people hear the news of Jesus as the bread of life and complain that the message is difficult or offensive. Others simply experience disbelief. Some reject the message of Jesus and others actively pursue a path of betrayal. In the midst all of these naysayers, Peter states words the church has sung throughout its history: *“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God”* (vv. 68-69). If truth be told, we have likely found ourselves in most—if not all—of those various groups. Such is the humble and challenging life of faith.

At different moments of our lives, we, too, respond differently to the message and the presence of Jesus in our lives. When have you or someone you know sounded like a naysayer to Jesus as the Holy One of God? What moves us from disbelief to hope and from rejection to trust?

Pray: **Dear God, give us hearts of love and faith that dare to trust that Jesus is the bread of life, the Holy One of God, who brings to us the words of eternal life. Amen.**



SERVICE

Paul writes in Ephesians 6:18, *“Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.”* Supplication means to pray for God’s help. We can serve others by praying for them. Is there someone you know who is need of God’s help? How can you pray for them this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

We wear a seat belt in the car and a helmet when riding a bike to protect us from something bad happening. Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us that God helps protect us. The whole armor of God provides truth, righteousness,

peace, faith, and salvation. The sword is the word of God. Draw a picture of a sword, color it, and cut it out. Use the sword as a bookmark in your Bible and as a reminder of the importance of God's word each time you read scripture.

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