



August 8th, 2021

Youth 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.

Welcome to Faith and thank you for worshipping with us!

God Gathers The Body Of Christ

Prelude

Call To Worship

Josie VanDenburg

Welcome

PM: The grace and guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love and wisdom 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 or fill out a response card in narthex 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.

Prayer of the Day

AM: Please pray with me

All: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gathering Song

“All Are Welcome”

ELW#641

Passing of the Peace

Confession and Forgiveness

PM: As we approach this time of confession, let us remember that Jesus went to the cross to pay for our sins. There are many sins we commit collectively that seek to pull us apart from one another.

(silence for reflection)

Please join me in the confession,

All: We confess we sin by dividing ourselves into groups: the haves and the have-nots, the best and the worst, winners and losers, the popular and shunned. Forgive us for division. We sin by excluding those who are different from us: by how they look, what they wear, how they behave, how they talk, and where they are from. Forgive us for exclusiveness. We sin by isolating ourselves from the outside world. We ignore injustice. We pretend tragedies do not exist so we do not have to feel obligated to help. Forgive us for isolation. We sin by putting up walls. We keep out the things that make us uncomfortable even if it's at the expense of others. We block out the things we don't understand without seeking to hear a different perspective from our own. Forgive us for putting up walls. We sin through hate. We choose not to love our neighbors. We see the worst in others. We stereotype. We mock. We insult. We generalize. We do not give the benefit of the doubt. We hurt others. Forgive us for our hate. Amen.

PM: I am glad to remind you that Christ's love has no limits and all that we have confessed is forgiven by the grace of God through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Song of Praise

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW #674

**Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**R: Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the word around: loaves abound!**

**Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live and bless,
love in word and in deed express. (R:)**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! (R:)**

God Speaks To Us In the Word

(AM: please be seated for the readings)

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Lector: A reading from the 19th chapter of First Kings:

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Lector: Word of God, Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-8

Lector: Today's Psalm is Psalm 34

(Give response directions to congregation)

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be
in my mouth.

²I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's
name together.

**⁴I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from
all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Lector: A reading from the 4th chapter of Ephesians:

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ⁵⁻¹Therefore be imitators of God, as

beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord,

All: Thanks be to God

Kids' Talk

Josie VanDenburg

AM: Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Gospel Acclamation “Humble Thyself”

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo)

And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift)

You up, higher and higher

And He (and He) shall lift (shall lift) you up

(sing twice)

Our God is an Awesome God, He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love, Our God is an awesome God

(sing twice)

The Gospel

John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came

down from heaven.”⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?”⁴³Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves.⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.⁴⁸I am the bread of life.⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

PM: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Message

Pastor Paul

(AM: Please stand as you are able for the Song of the Day)

Song of the Day

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW #807

**Come thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing,**

**call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love.
Teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer:
Here by thy great help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let thy goodness like a fetter
bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above**

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.**

We Respond To God's Word

Statement of Faith

All: We believe in God our Parent, who is ever present throughout our life and supports us endlessly with grace and love even when we may not always be aware of God's presence.

We believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God, who was sent down from heaven and was our teacher and when the time came, he died for our sins and became the living bread that now nourishes us in our daily lives.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who will be our guide and coach as we continue on in our journey in life, learning, and faith.

We believe in the Holy Trinity whose power and support is ever present, and the church universal who will be with us always as we continue in our journey in God's love and community. Amen.

Written by Josie VanDenburg

(AM: Please be seated for the prayers)

Prayers of Intercession *(led by AM)*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

For the church of Christ in all its diverse forms. For mission developers, new mission starts, and all communities of faith exploring new models of ministry for the sake of the gospel. For congregations facing difficult decisions about their future. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

For the health and well-being of creation. For shade trees that provide refuge from the hot summer sun. For lakes, rivers, and oceans contaminated by pollution and all who lack clean water. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

For those called to positions of authority in our legal system, we pray. For judges, lawyers, law clerks, and court employees who ensure the fair administration of justice. For corrections officers and prison chaplains, that they would deal mercifully with those who are incarcerated. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

For all who cry out to you in their affliction. For exiles, refugees, and others who face long and difficult journeys, uncertain about the future. For all who mourn the death of a loved one. For all who are sick (especially). God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

For this assembly gathered around your table, we pray. For those among us who bake bread and prepare the vessels for our communion celebration. For those who bring the food from this

table to those who are homebound or hospitalized. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

For those who have been raised to eternal life, we give thanks. With all the saints we praise you for the bread of life that keeps us in your love forever. God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Offering “We Are an Offering” ELW #692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours;
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

**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 voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.**

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 receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen**

Jesus Comes to Us In His Supper

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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

All: 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.

The Distribution

*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. The Risen Christ is truly here in the bread and wine, so come, eat, and trust that his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life is for you! **Communion will be served in individual portions.***

Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

AM: Let us pray,

All: Jesus, Bread of life, 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. The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon us now and forever. In your name we pray. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

Child of God

AM: Go forth with a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of God and a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here and whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God. And whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life,

keep peace within your soul because even with all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams it is still a beautiful world that God has made you with love to go out and be part of.

God Sends Us Into The World

Sending Song

“We are Called”

ELW #720

1. Come live in the light!

**Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the Kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**R: We are called to act with justice,
We are called to love tenderly:
We are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

2. Come, open your heart!

**Show God’s mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. (R:)**

3. Sing, sing a new song!

**Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. (R:)**

Sending

PM: As God sends us out into the world to have us grow
and let him to guide us to do his endeavors of acceptance,
good, love, and wisdom. Peace be with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen

Postlude

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Today Aug 8		Aug 15th
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Ushers	Youth	
Lector	Youth	Nancy Osborn
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Projection	Will Heitmann	Scott Southwick
Video	Rick Brown	Rick Brown

Pray for our Members and Friends...

Please call or email us with your prayer requests

Prayers for safety and healing: Tom Martin, Karla West, Sidoruk family, Wes and Andy, Rod Snook, Bertie Senn, Geri Grymes, Mary Schmidt, Deb Cathey, Rick Brown, Richard Castor



Prayers for comfort: friends and family of Keith Robinson, Mable McKillop, Mary Wood and family

Discovery:

Beehive: Yvonne Olson

Valley View: Ruth Dillon

Remington: Chuck Olson, Kathleen Gazzara

At Home: Bertie Senn

Incarcerated: George Davis

**AUGUST 8, 2021
ELEVENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**



Eternal life begins now through faith in Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 6:35, 41-51	Bread from heaven
Monday	1 Kings 19:4-8	Elijah flees from Jezebel
Tuesday	Ephesians 4:25–5:2	Rules for the new life
Wednesday	Colossians 1:9-14	Paul thanks God
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-36	Listen to what you are taught
Friday	1 Timothy 6:11-16	The good fight of faith
Saturday	Psalms 34:1-8	Taste and see
Sunday	John 6:51-58	Christ, the true food and drink

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us faith to see in Jesus the bread of life that feeds us and cares for us now and always. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear Bread of Life, we thank you that with this gift of food, we taste and see that you are good.

Amen. (Psalm 34:8 and John 6:35)

A Blessing to Give:

May God come to you and bless you with faith and hope through Christ our Lord.

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HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Are an Offering

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:

- What is something that you look forward to?
- How do your hopes for the future affect your life today?
- How does faith in Jesus impact your life today and in the future?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 6:35, 41-51.

Twice in this text Jesus says *“I am the bread of life”* (vv. 35 and 48). He also says *“I am the living bread”* (v. 51). These words create tension with those who object to Jesus making such claims about himself. This text acknowledges that the uniqueness of Jesus causes a divide between those who accept Jesus’ identity and those who do not. This passage does not try to explain why some believe while others do not, except to note that those who believe in Jesus do so by God’s power. Jesus also states that believing in him as the one who is the bread of life gives not just life but

eternal life. The eternal life that Jesus gives now, not just at some future time. It is not for us to understand how one comes to believe in Jesus bread of life, except to know that it is a gift from

begins to as the God.

Jesus is the source of life that begins now and knows no end. It is a life entered through faith in Jesus, the one whose life feeds the world in hope. How is it helpful for you to know that eternal life with God has already begun?



Pray: Living God, give us Jesus, the bread of life, that we may live each day in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SERVICE 🙏

Ephesians 4:26 says: *“do not let the sun go down on your anger.”* Anger that festers against others destroys relationships and entire communities. Take time this week to reflect on those with whom you may have experienced conflict. Pray for a clean heart that forgives this person and that you can receive forgiveness from this person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 🕯️

Sometimes we are focused on the future or on disappointments in life and miss God’s care for us now. Write a list of ways God’s eternal care blesses your life today. After composing the list pray: **Gracious God, thank you for caring for [name what is on your list]. Thank you for the gift of life that blesses me now and in the future. Amen.**

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