

## *Faith Lutheran Church*

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*Our Mission is to joyfully share God's love with all.*

### **Sunday, September 7, 2025 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Pentecost Service of Holy Communion**

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#### **All are welcome to communion.**

The trays contain red wine and in the center is white grape juice.

Gluten free wafers are available at the center ends of the communion railing. Place empty wine cups in the basket at opposite ends of the communion railing.

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Watch us Live at: <https://faitheaton.com>. YouTube link is under "Live". Bulletins are also available under "Resources" on this site. You can watch any service at your leisure, not just at the appointed service time. The new YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchEaton/streams>

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#### **We Are *Grateful* for our Faith Volunteers!**

We have many opportunities to serve at Faith: Please consider signing up to be Ushers, Scripture Readers, Refreshment providers or Power Point Operator. There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex.

#### **Faith Volunteers**

	September 7th	September 14th
Announcements	Mary Jimenez	Mary Jimenez
Usher	Ketterlings	
Scripture Reader	Mary Jimenez	Dick Leffler
Communion Setup	Penny Letterly	Marty Miller
Communion Assistant		
Refreshments	BBQ	Mary Jimenez
Power Point	Joy O'Shea	

PRELUDE: Victor Walters

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,

**we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: God's Work Our Hands – Look at Screen

GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

The Word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God**

## SECOND READING      Philemon 1-21

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To our beloved coworker Philemon, <sup>2</sup> to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. <sup>7</sup> I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

<sup>8</sup> For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, <sup>9</sup> yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. <sup>12</sup> I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup> I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



## GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Our Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me – ELW 798

## CREED (Please Stand)

**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 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 INTERCESSION

ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;  
Come and listen to me.

Each Petition ends: God of Grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERING SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High – ELW 857

## OFFERING PRAYER ^ (Please stand)

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING (Please Stand)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### YOU ARE HOLY

ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand, You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness,  
You are present, let the Cosmos praise you, Lord.  
Sing Hosanna in the highest! Sing Hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to our God.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

With thanksgiving we remember our Lord Jesus Christ:

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.**

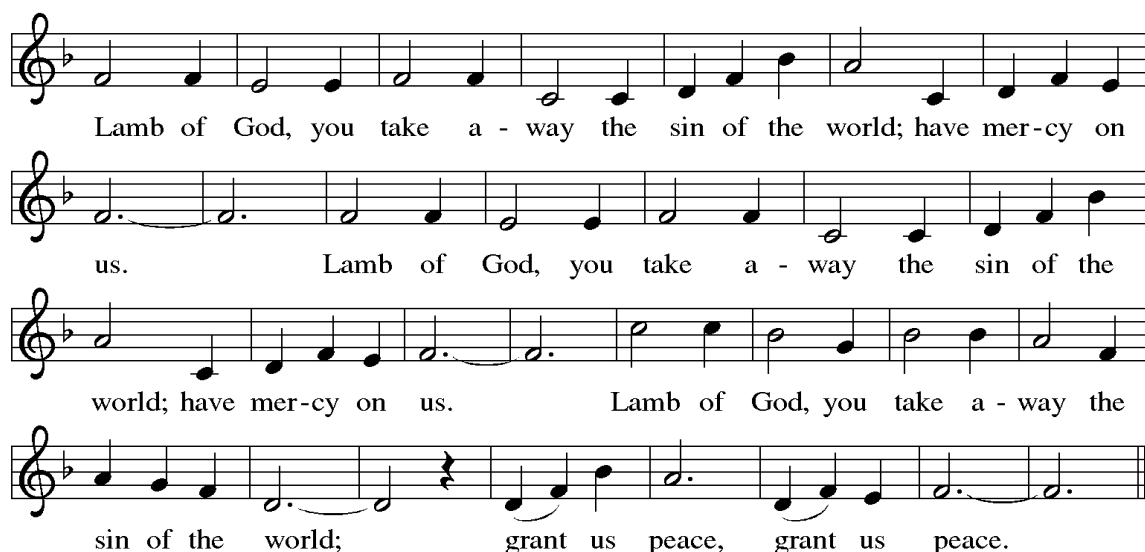
## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

(Please sit)

*(Pastor offers Communion for those worshipping on-line)*

COMMUNION HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised – ELW 810

COMMUNION BLESSING ^ (Please stand)



## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

**Amen**

## SENDING SONG: Lift High the Cross – ELW 660

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE: Victor Walters

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## *AUGUST OFFERING:*

August 31st, 2025 Offering gratefully received: \$1078.10

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## Birthdays this week:

September 11 Sherri Hood

September 12 Penny Letterly

September 12 Curt Elliott

## Anniversaries this Week:

## *Study Ahead for September 14, 2025:*

First Reading Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

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### ***There is power in prayer!***

Looking around in our community, and in our world, we can see changes every day. There are so many positive changes that happen. It is through the power of prayer, through our conversations with God that always make opportunities happen. In this time of discernment, let us all continue to turn to God in prayer in calling a new pastor.

*Pastor Laurie O'Shea*

### ***Please keep in your prayers:***

- For those who are homebound, hospitalized or battling illness, especially: Pat Koplin, Peggy Thompson (Rose's SIL), Manuela Avalos, Tessa Lindsley, Ken Lindsley, Judy Niccoli, the family of Darrel O'Shea.
- For our Community, State, Country, World and all their leaders.

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### ***Faith's Outreach Programs***

\* ***Meals on Wheels*** – We need drivers to deliver to Eaton residents and food prep in Greeley store. Contact Nomie Ketterling (970-381-3417)

\* ***Greeley Interfaith Clothing bank*** – Faith volunteers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Clothing drop box is in the Narthex under the mailboxes. Contact Rose Thompson 970-590-5099 – ***Clothing Bank desperately needs volunteers.***

\* ***Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry*** – There is a need for volunteers to provide a meal for their Sunday evening dinner & student worships. Contact Jen Leffler, 970-301-3489

\* ***The Ault food pantry*** – A donation box is located under the mailboxes in the Narthex.

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## *Upcoming*

Adult Sunday School will be at 9 a.m. September 7<sup>th</sup>, and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Faith will be hosting a BBQ on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Hamburgers, sweet corn and hot dogs will be provided. If you plan to attend, please bring your favorite side dish or desert.

Children's Sunday School will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 a.m. Please share the news with your neighbors, family, and friends.

## *Thank you*

Thank you to everyone at Faith who donated to the preschool loan. We have reached our goal and have paid off the loan for the preschool.

## *Faith Facts*

### **Faith Calendar for September**

Church Council Meetings on the Second Monday of each month.

Preschool Council Meetings on the Second Friday of each month.

Women's Bible Study on the Second Wednesday of each month.

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the  
scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due  
season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**