Faith Lutheran Church

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



Sunday, September 14, 2025 14th Sunday Pentecost Service of Holy Communion

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.

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

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 14th	September 21st
Announcements	Mary Jimenez	Mary Jimenez
Usher	Letterly	Letterly
Scripture Reader	Dick Leffler	Penny Letterly
Communion Setup	Marty Miller	Penny L/Judy N
Communion Assistant		Jan Leffler
Refreshments	Mary Jimenez	
Power Point	Penny Letterly	Penny Letterly

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.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – ELW 807

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.

GLORY TO GOD

ELW - PAGE 213 (not hymn #)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

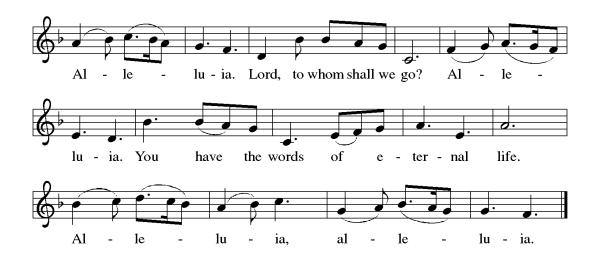
SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the

wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of Our Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY: Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling – ELW 608

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.

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, 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.

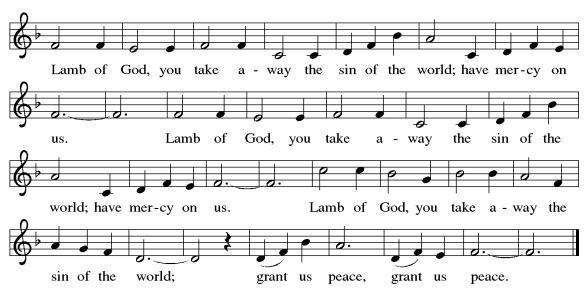
Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the mystery of our faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Amen.

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.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

(Please sit)

(Pastor offers Communion for those worshiping on-line)

COMMUNION HYMN:

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound - ELW 779

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: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us - ELW 789

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Victor Walters

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#### **AUGUST OFFERING:**

September 7th, 2025 Offering gratefully received: \$3068.10

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Birthdays this week:

September 14 Mari Leffler

September 17 Matthew Brailsford

September 19 Seth Letterly

Anniversaries this Week:

September 16 Brent and Mari Leffler

Study Ahead for September 21, 2025:

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Psalm 113

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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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.

# 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, Jerry Klein, Cory Miller.
- For our Community, State, Country, World and all their leaders.

# 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

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.

Children's Sunday School will be every Sunday from 9:50 a.m. to Communion.

Adult Sunday School will be on the First and Third Sunday of each month.

Psalm 51:1-10

- ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
 - ²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
 - ³ For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴ Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

- ⁵ Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- ⁶ Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- ⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.
- ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.
- ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.