



**Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
July 5, 2026**

Faith Lutheran Church
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Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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LSB Setting Four/Combined Liturgy

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Bold-congregation responses

PRELUDE KINGSFOLD

Arr. Lynette Maynard

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

KINGSFOLD



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's



1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy



1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In



1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of



1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - lived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

Music: trad. English melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

***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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD


***KYRIE**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord



Lord, have mer - cy Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth;
To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high.
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, Jesus bids us to come to him when we are weary, promising his yoke of love will be easy. Give us the grace to see that our true peace comes from assuming his yoke and serving you until we are at last at rest in him; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST READING

The First Reading is from Zechariah, the 9th chapter.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145

The LORD is gra-cious and full of com - pas-sion, the
LORD is full of com - pas - sion.

- ¹I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ²Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name forever and ever.
- ³Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised
there is no end to his greatness.
- ⁴One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power. **Refrain:**
- ⁵I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.
- ⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- ⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **Refrain:**

SECOND READING

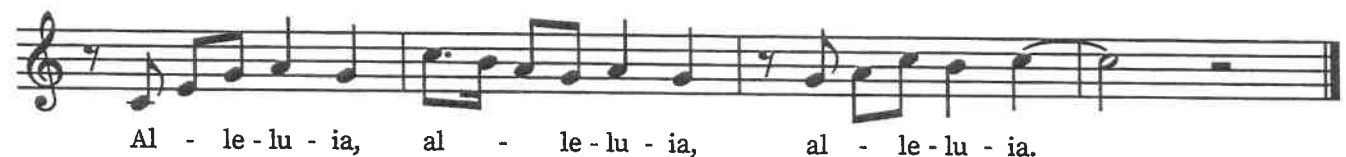
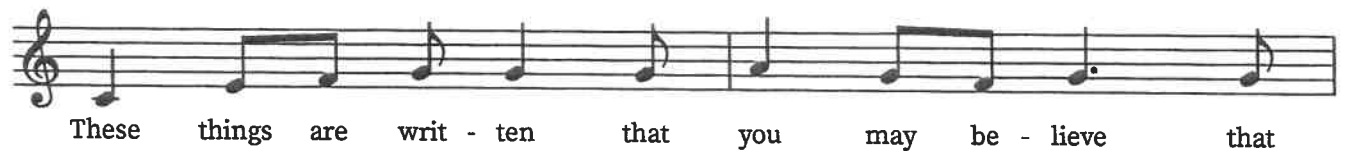
The Second Reading is from Romans, the 7th chapter.

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA AND VERSE



***HOLY GOSPEL**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

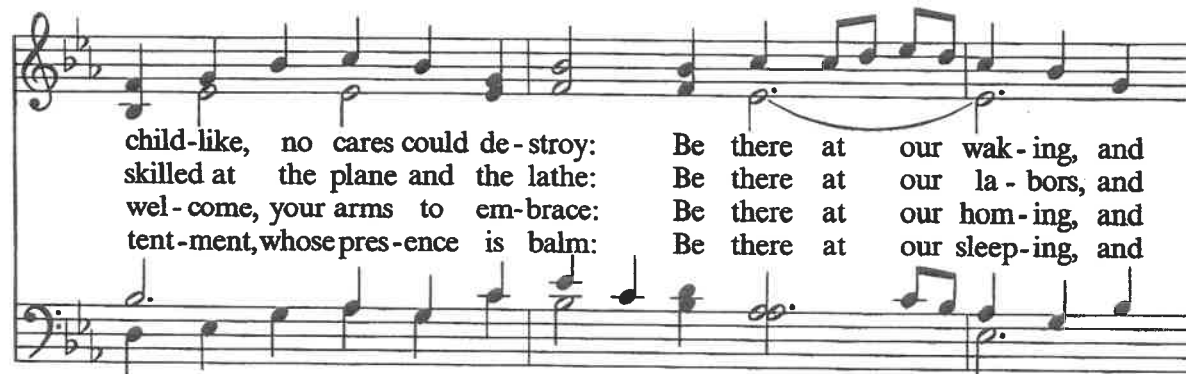
SERMON: Pr. Paul “Freedom in Belonging”



HYMN OF THE DAY Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ev - er
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is con -



child-like, no cares could de - stroy: Be there at our wak - ing, and
skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be there at our la - bors, and
wel - come, your arms to em - brace: Be there at our hom - ing, and
tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: Be there at our sleep - ing, and



give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

© Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
Tune: Irish folk tune

SLANE
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***APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

And also with you.

(At this time we offer each other a sign of God's peace)

OFFERTORY "Come To Me" Faith Choir

Text and music: Gregory Norbert, OSB

*Refrain: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened,
and I shall give you rest.*

*Take up my yoke and learn from me,
For I am meek and humble of heart
And you'll find rest for your souls.*

*Yes, my yoke is easy
And my burden is light.*

*WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be:
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

WORDS: William W. How (1823-1897)
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

SCHUMANN
S.M.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up you hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*SANCTUS



***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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;

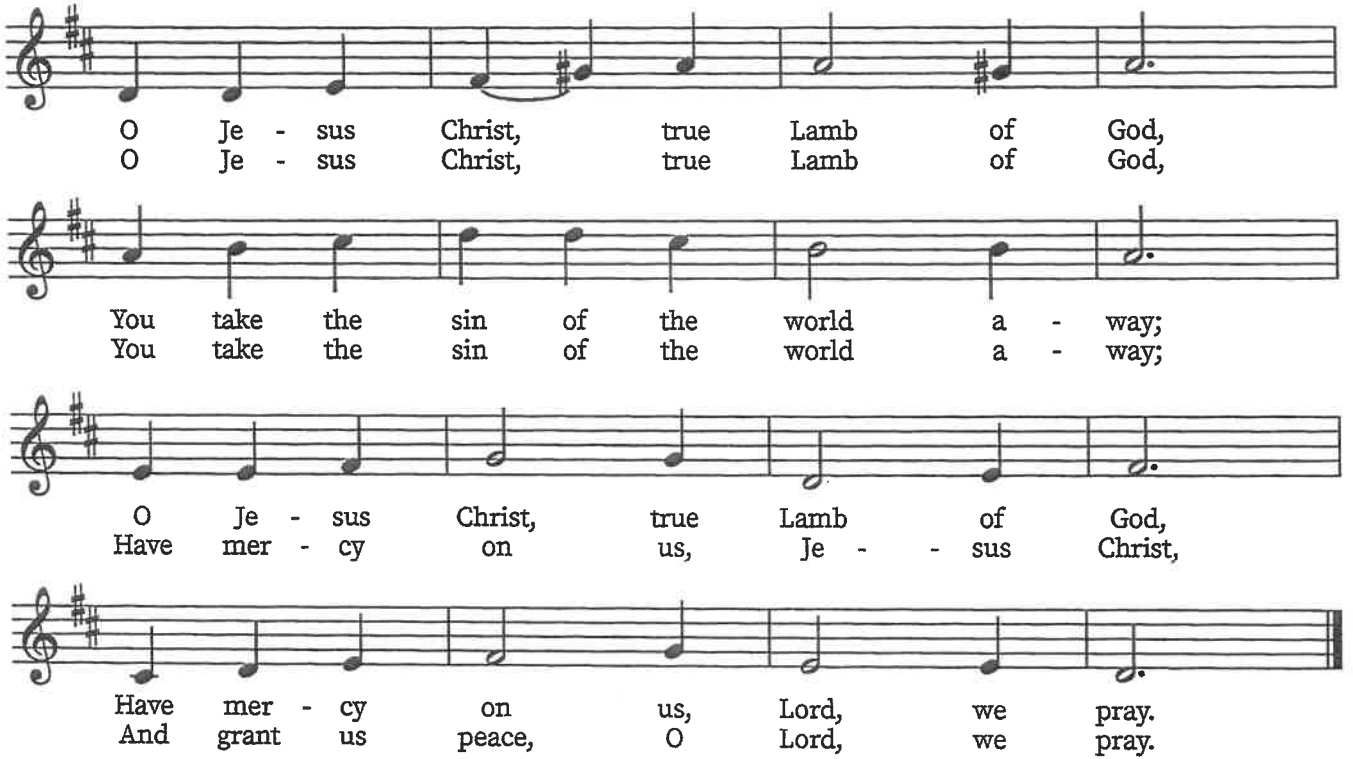
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.



*AGNUS DEI



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

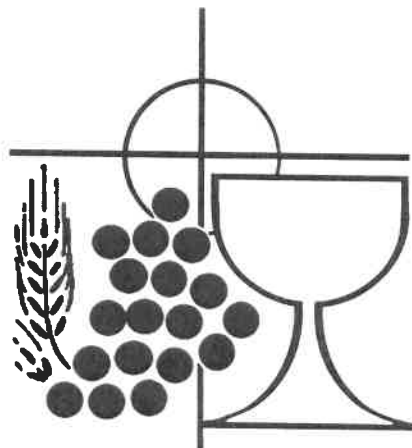
COMMUNION

The body of Christ given for you.

Amen.


The blood of Christ shed for you.

Amen.




COMMUNION HYMN One Bread, One Body

Refrain




One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,



one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And

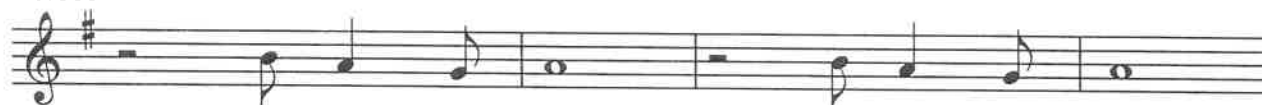


we, though man-y, through-out the earth,



we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses



- | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. Gen - tile | or Jew, | ser - vant | or free, |
| 2. Man - y | the gifts, | man - y | the works, |
| 3. Grain for | the fields, | scat - tered | and grown, |



wom - an	or man	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.

D.C.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4, Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939
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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

Amen.

*NUNC DIMITTIS



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re
peo - ple, Your chos - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

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 † give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN God, Bless America**

GOD BLESS A - MER - I - CA,

LAND THAT I LOVE. STAND BE -

SIDE HER AND GUIDE HER THRU THE

NIGHT WITH A LIGHT FROM A - BOVE. FROM THE

MOUN - TAINS, TO THE PRAI - RIES, TO THE

O - CEANS WHITE WITH FOAM.

GOD BLESS A - MER - I - CA, MY

HOME SWEET HOME.

GOD BLESS A - MER - I - CA, MY

HOME SWEET HOME. HOME.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgical elements from: The Lutheran Service Book, Lutheran Book of Worship & Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

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Serving the Family of Faith

This Week: 7/5

Reader: Renate Gray

Communion: Renate Gray

Fellowship: Connie Palmer

Usher: Ken Schiess

Next Week: 7/12

Reader: Zan Bramley

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Jan Zinnecker

Usher: Frank Gray

Birthday: 7/6 Monday, Jerry Bramley

Reminder: Pr. Paul and Deb will be gone 7/7 – 7/23

7/12 Pr. Heidi Punt, Piedmont East Dean, CMR,NALC
will be visiting.

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