

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

*The grace of the Lord*

JESUS  
CHRIST,

*the love of*

GOD,

*and the communion of*

THE HOLY  
SPIRIT

*be with all of you.*

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13, NRSV

**MAY 31, 2026**

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Dan Barthels

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 8*

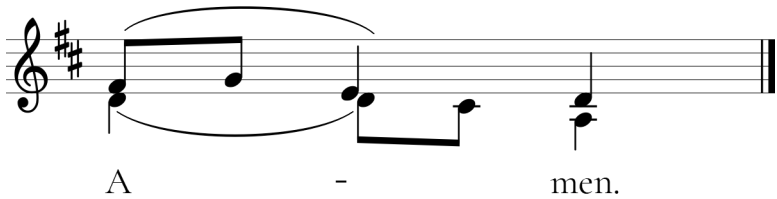
O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, <sup>4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? <sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet, <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen-- Even the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #239 Come, Thou Almighty King

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

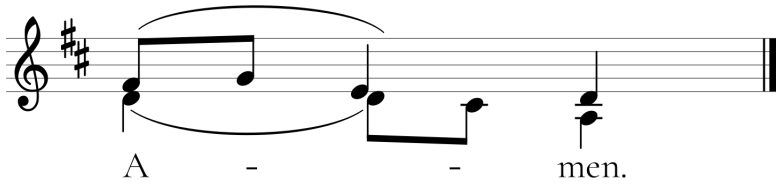


### CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

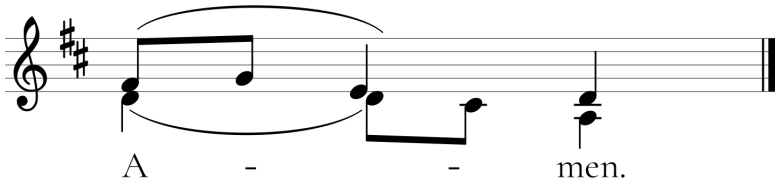


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; For You O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Genesis 1:1-2:3** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and

the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. <sup>6</sup> Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above the firmament; and it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. <sup>9</sup> Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so. <sup>10</sup> And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed, *and* the fruit tree *that* yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed *is* in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, the herb *that* yields seed according to its kind, and the tree *that* yields fruit, whose seed *is* in itself according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>13</sup> So the evening and the morning were the third day. <sup>14</sup> Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; <sup>15</sup> "and let

them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. <sup>16</sup> Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. *He made* the stars also. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>19</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens."<sup>21</sup> So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, *each* according to its kind"; and it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth ac-

ording to its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "See, I have given you every herb *that* yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. <sup>30</sup> "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for food"; and it was so. <sup>31</sup> Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. **2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which

He had done. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

**Acts 2:22-36** <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know-- <sup>23</sup> "Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> "whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. <sup>25</sup> "For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. <sup>27</sup> For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us

to this day. <sup>30</sup> "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup> "he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> "Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. <sup>34</sup> "For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, <sup>35</sup> Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" <sup>36</sup> "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



These words are written that we may believe that  
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered

and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## #245:1-3 God Loved the World

### SERMON

**Matthew 28:16-20** <sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw Him, they worshiped Him;

but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

## A LIMITLESS LIFE

Christ's unlimited authority, strength and love means that we have a limitless life of hope and love.



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #246 Holy, Holy, Holy

### Offering Hymn #792

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
 To God the creator triumphantly raise.  
 Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
 Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,

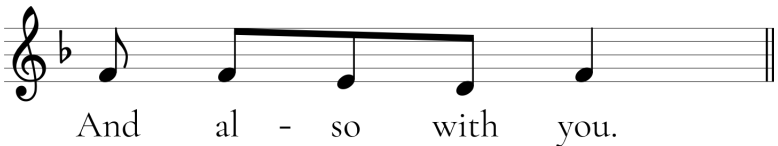
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

## PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

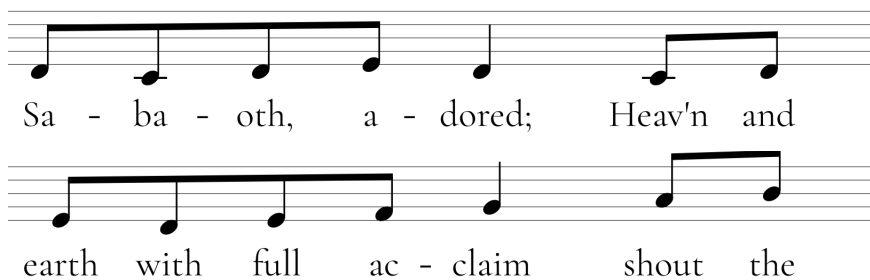
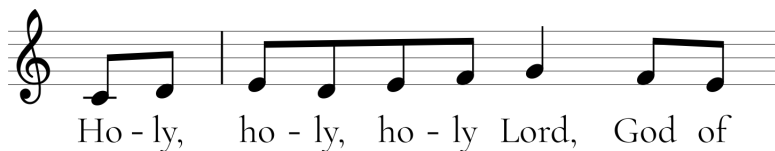
p The Lord be with you.

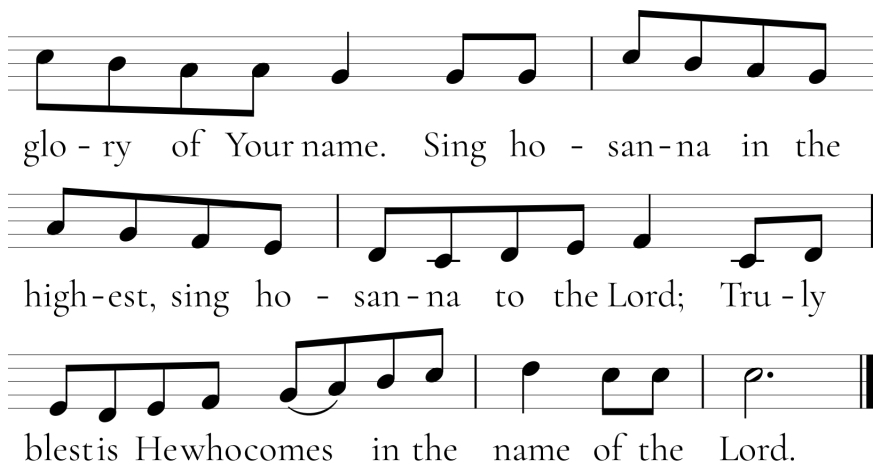


p Lift up your hearts.



p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:





glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san-na in the  
high-est, sing ho - san-na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-  
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
tain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymns 307, 309



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-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Sprit, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



My heart has now be-come Your dwell-ing,



O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With an-gels I, Your



prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal - ly.



Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood



Be for my soul the high - est good.

# THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## #244 Glory Be to God the Father

## **SUNDAY, MAY 31**

9 am Communion Service  
10:15am Call Meeting

## **MONDAY, JUNE 1**

7 pm Communion Service

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

7pm School Board

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

9 am Communion Service

## **MONDAY, JUNE 8**

7 pm Communion Service

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Sunday Service - 46  
General Fund- \$ 4753  
Missions - \$ 100  
Building Fund - \$ 1500

## **USHERS FOR MAY**

Ryan Krueger, Dan Thiem,  
Todd Thiem, Austin Thiem

## **USHERS FOR JUNE (SUNDAY)**

Jared Swyter, Mike Dumke,  
Fred Whitehouse, Joe Brown

## **USHERS FOR JUNE (MONDAY)**

Greg Jones, Bob Kirst,  
Jeff Jooones, Owen Jones

## **COUNTER**

**This Week Team # 5**

Keith Dickerson, Allen Henke

**Next Week Team # 6**

Jim Kok, Greg Suwanski

## **JUNE DAIRY DAYS PARADE**

We are looking for volunteers to walk in this year's June Dairy Days parade. The parade is June 13th at 7pm. We are also looking for donations to purchase candy to handout at the parade. There is a basket in back of church. Any questions, please ask Korlea Thiem

## **COOKBOOK**

A new collection of Faith recipes has begun! All members (men too!) are invited to submit their recipes for Volume 3 of the Faith Lutheran Cookbook. There are recipe forms and a basket for completed recipes on the shelf under the bulletin board. Please start submitting now! All recipes must be submitted by

Sept. 1st. Price of the cookbooks is estimated to be \$10.00 and delivery will be early November. A sign-up sheet for pre-orders (no payment necessary until delivery) is located on the bulletin board. Please indicate the number of books you'd like to help us determine the total number needed to order. Please check your mailbox today for an informational letter and some forms to get you started.

The red Faith cookbook was published in 1995, the blue cookbook in 2004. We are excited to work together to create a new edition for 2026!

## THE BRANCHES MAGAZINE

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## VBS

Volunteer and snack sign up sheets are on the bulletin board.

## LAWN MOWING

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing

## BUILDING FUND

We need to raise an additional \$22,850 for the roof.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 119:65-72

Rom. 4:13-25

Matt. 9:9-13

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad Parish has also returned the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has extended two part-time, one-year teaching calls to Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.





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