

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Blessed is the nation  
whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has  
chosen as his heritage!

Psalm 33:12, ESV

*Celebrating freedom —*  
in Christ and in our nation.

## JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

# WELCOME

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

## TODAY'S SERVICE

July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Organist: Sarah Ude

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 33:12-22*

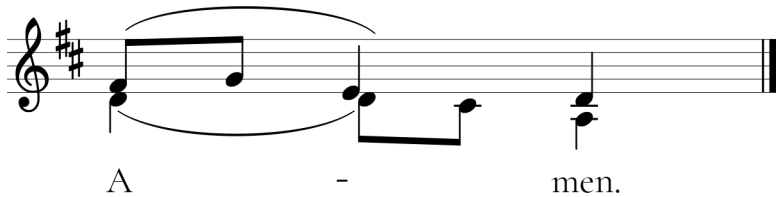
<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. <sup>13</sup> The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. <sup>14</sup> From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; <sup>15</sup> He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. <sup>16</sup> No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. <sup>17</sup> A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength. <sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, <sup>19</sup> To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. <sup>21</sup> For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name. <sup>22</sup> Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

#570:1-3,7,8 Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God

## INVOCATION

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

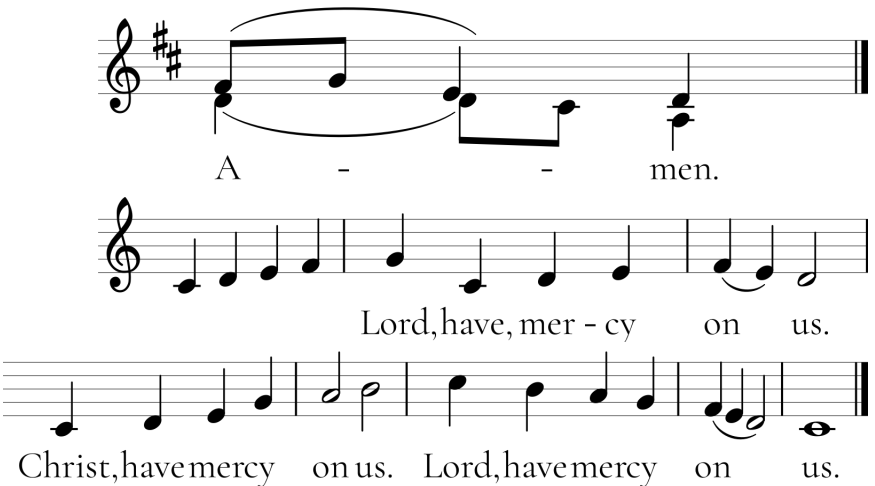


## CONFESSION OF SINS

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.



A - - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



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

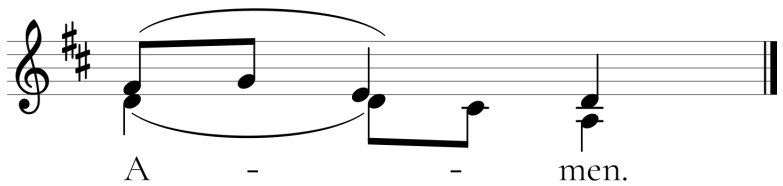


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

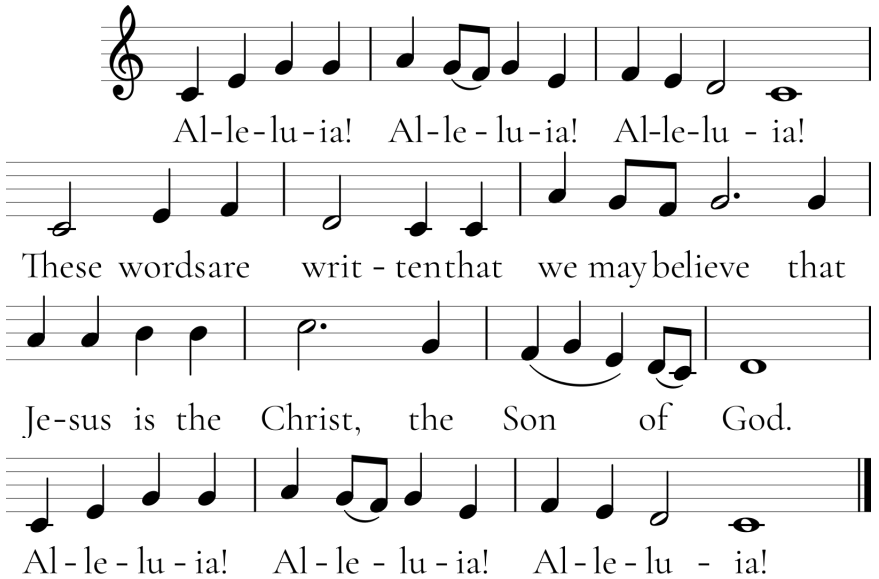
**Zechariah 9:9-12** <sup>9</sup> "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim And the horse from Jerusalem; The battle bow shall be cut off. He shall speak peace to the nations; His dominion *shall be* from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.' <sup>11</sup> "As for you also, Because of the blood of your covenant, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to the

stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare *That* I will restore double to you.

**Romans 7:14-25** <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. <sup>16</sup> If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good. <sup>17</sup> But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I will to *do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not to *do*, that I practice. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I will not to *do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> I thank God-- through Jesus Christ our

Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

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



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are writ - ten 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 APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**#370 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

# SERMON: WHAT GOD THINKS

**Psalm 33:12,18** <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. <sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,

## The People of Freedom

**John 8:34-36** <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup> "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

## The Source of Freedom

**Galatians 5:13** <sup>13</sup> For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

## The Service of Freedom



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.

## #568 We Praise Thee, O God

### Offering Hymn #572:4

As the prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all  
 our best. And by deeds of kindly love, for Thy mercies  
 grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days, Praise to  
 God, immortal praise.

# PRAYERS, 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.

## 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.



## #577 God Bless Our Native Land

## SUNDAY, JULY 5

9 am Worship Service

## MONDAY, JULY 6

7 pm Worship Service

## TUESDAY, JULY 7

7pm School Board

## SUNDAY, JULY 12

9 am Worship Service

## MONDAY, JULY 13

7 pm Worship Service

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 54

Monday Service – 17

General Fund - \$ 2437

Mission - \$ 95

Building Fund - \$200 in memory of Gary Brown

Building Fund – \$ 1000 in memory of Curtis Brown

## USHERS FOR JULY (SUNDAY)

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,  
Jake Kearns, Tristan Jenkins

## USHERS FOR JULY (MONDAY)

Ryan Krueger, Dan Thiem  
Todd Cotteril, Troy Cotterill

## COUNTER

**This Week Team # 4**

Dennis Jones, Preston Schmidt

**Next Week Team # 5**

Keith Dickerson, Allen Henke

## VBS SNACKS

A snack sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

If you bring snacks please plan for 40 kids.

## VBS REGISTRATION

VBS is July 14-17

To register text Alison Brown, 920-229-9854, before July 1st.

Quarterly Voters Meeting

7pm July 30th

## RECIPE COLLECTION UPDATE

Thanks to those who have begun submitting recipes; the data entry process has begun!

We encourage everyone to be generous in sharing your family's favor-

ites. One member suggested that many of us have favorite recipes that could be credited to deceased Faith members. Please feel free to do so. It can be reflected who the recipe came from, and who submitted it in their memory.

A reminder that we are hoping for at least ten recipes per contributor, and more are welcomed. Please place them in the wire basket underneath the bulletin board.

## LAWN MOWING

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

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:10–13

Psalms 65:1–13

Rom. 8:12–17

Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has returned the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN.

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call

to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Mr. Steve Sydow has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Lori Ruthenbeck has accepted a one-year teaching call to St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN.

Jill Liepold has accepted a one-year teaching call to St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN.

Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose has also received the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN.



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