

Faith Lutheran Church



THE LORD'S

Unfailing Love

SURROUNDS THE ONE
WHO TRUSTS IN HIM.
PSALM 32:10, NIV

September 6, 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

September 6th, 2026

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. ⁸ "When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked *man*, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ "Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. ¹⁰ "Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: 'Thus you say, "If our transgressions and our sins *lie* upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?"' ¹¹ "Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#1 Open Now the Gates of Beauty

INVOCATION

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my**

thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant 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.



p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men,

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory

O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Romans 13:1-10 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴ For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do

evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵ Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷ Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor. ⁸ Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

Matthew 18:21-35 ²¹ Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times

seven. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. ²⁶ "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ²⁷ "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' ²⁹ "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' ³⁰ "And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. ³¹ "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. ³² "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant,

just as I had pity on you?" ³⁴ "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



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.

400 Take My Life and Let It Be

SERMON

Psalm 32:1-11 Blessed is *he whose* transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit *there* is no deceit. ³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah ⁶ For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him. ⁷ You *are* my hiding place; You shall pre-

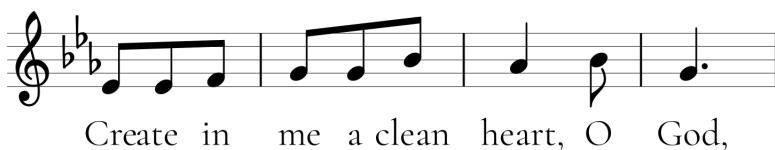
serve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah ⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. ⁹ Do not be like the horse *or* like the mule, *Which* have no understanding, *Which* must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. ¹⁰ Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him. ¹¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all *you* upright in heart!

LET GOD CHOOSE YOUR CLOTHING

Our attempts to cloth our souls are failures.

Only God can cover our sins.

(sermon worksheet page 16)





and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and

take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to

me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-

hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

#428 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

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 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.

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.



#54 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Sermon Worksheet - Psalm 32

Why was clothing first given to Adam and Eve?

What did Adam and Eve try to do after they sinned, and why did their solution fail?

In Psalm 32:1–2, what makes a person “blessed”?

What does the comparison to lye hiding the smell of a dead body teach about trying to hide sin?

What two habits does the sermon say people have become very skilled at using to avoid facing their sins?

How does the late-night restroom example help explain why people delay confessing their sins?

What happened when the psalmist acknowledged and confessed his sin to the Lord?

List the blessings that become ours when we confess our sins.

1.

2.

3.

4.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15am Sunday School

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7pm Elders
7:30pm Council

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9am Worship
10 am Sunday School
10:15 Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 87
Sunday General Fund - \$ 3305
Sunday Missions - \$ 440
Sunday School Fund-\$ 22
Sunday Building Fund - \$ 50
Monday Service – 20
Monday Building Fund - \$ 50
Monday Organ Fund - \$ 50

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Russ Brown, Jim Brown,
Mitch Newton, Kade Muelenhaupt

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of faith will be meeting at
6pm on September 13th

FAITH CLOTHING STORE

is open now and will close on 8.31
<https://cvsports.chipply.com/faithschool>

COUNTER

This Week Team #1

Randy StreLOW, Lynn Dumke

Next Week Team #2

Fred Whitehouse, Gary quade

NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

Gen. 50:15–21
Psalm 103:1–12
Rom. 14:1–12
Matt. 18:21–35

CALL NEWS

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has received the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND.

Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

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

received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ. Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has received the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN. Mr. Nick Naumann has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

ANNIVERSARIES

Grace Lutheran School, Fridley, MN, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 13, 2026. Pastor Neal Radichel will be the guest speaker.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA, will be celebrating its 75th anniversary on September 20, 2026. President Michael Wilke will be the guest speaker.

Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026. Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will be the guest speaker.



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