



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025-Prayer & Preaching Service

We Are Humbled and Exalted by the Cross of Christ: *"Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,"* Jesus proclaims, but *"he who humbles himself will be exalted"* (Luke 14:11). For your hope is in the name of the Lord, who humbled Himself unto death on the cross and was exalted in His resurrection. So, are you humbled by His cross, and *"at the resurrection of the just,"* He will say to you, *"Friend, move up higher"* (Luke 14:10, 13-14)? By His grace, the King will honor you *"in the presence of a noble,"* where your eyes will gaze upon the Prince, His dearly beloved Son (Prov. 25:7). As He has dealt so graciously with you, *"do not neglect to do good and to share what you have"* (Heb. 13:16), and *"do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers"* (Heb. 13:2). Humble yourself and exalt your neighbor.

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Welcome

We are thankful you have joined us today!

Hymn

Seek Ye First | 712

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened to you,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Please stand.

Opening Versicles

☞ This is the day which the Lord has made;

☞ **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** [Psalm 118:24]

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised. [Psalm 113:3]

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

Teach me Your paths.

Sanctify us in Your truth.

Your Word is truth. [Psalm 84:10; John 17:17]

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving | 789

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor We may be fed.
Sowing of tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all other May know Your care.

Please sit.

Readings from God's Word

The First Reading is from Hebrews:

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not fear;

what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obeys your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

[Hebrews 13:1-17]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son[a] or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

[Luke 14:1-14]

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Responsory

[Psalm 119:89; Luke 11:28]

Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Please stand.

Ten Commandments

[Exodus 20:2-17]

You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord of your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his

manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Confession of Faith

*Please stand to confess the **Apostles' Creed** printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.*

Lord's Prayer

**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.** [Matt 6:9-13]

Children's Talk

[Mark 10:14-16; Matt 19:14; Luke 18:16-17]

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Fitch.

Hymn

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb | 740

I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leave me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me into His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

Sermon

Please stand.

Offering

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Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul,
let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.



[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Collect

Blessed Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride. You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Hymn

Almighty Father, Bless the Word | 923

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures hear below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us. **Amen.**

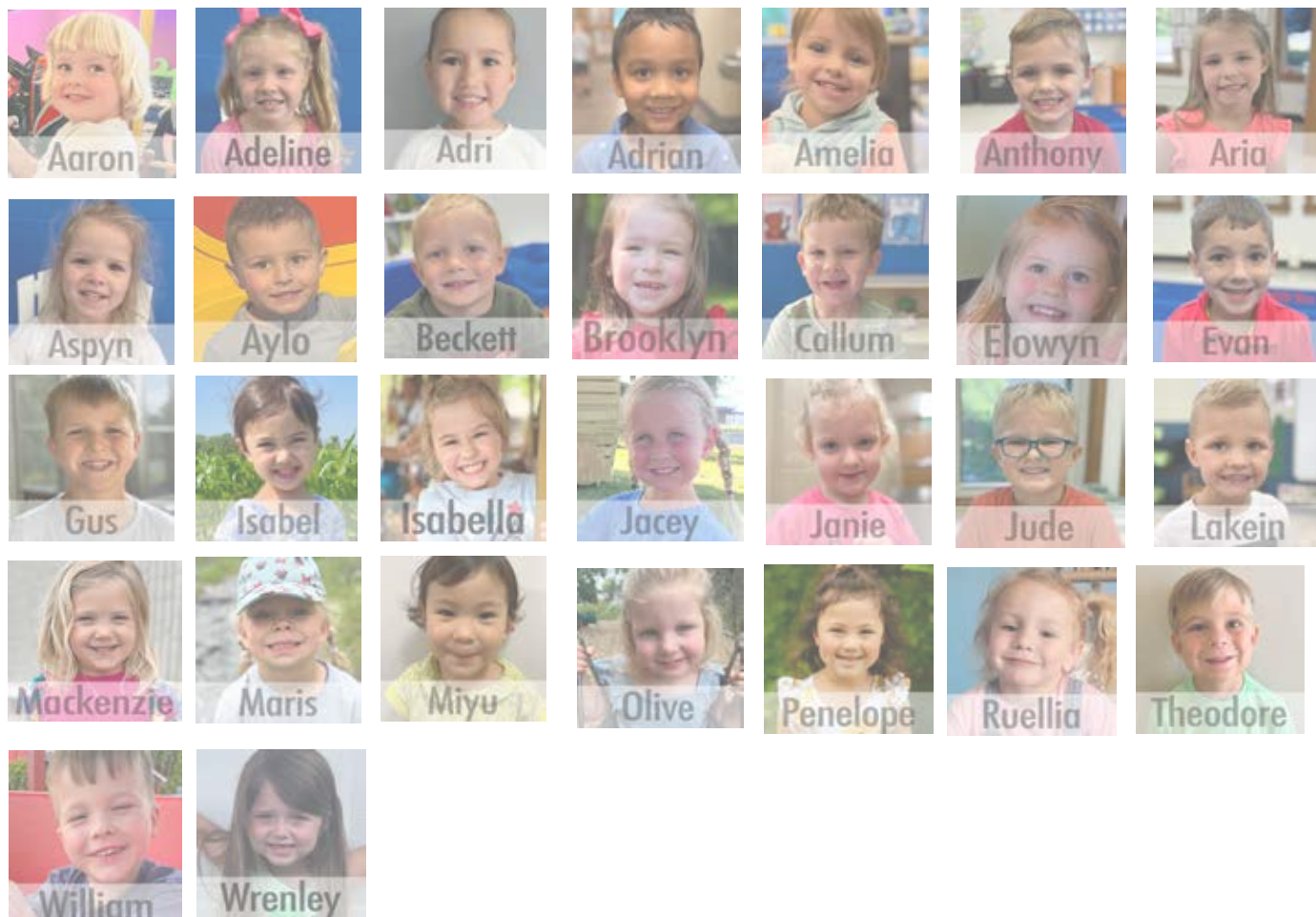
Postlude

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**Please join us for Fun and Fellowship
at our Annual Church Picnic
following worship this morning!**

2025-26 Faith Lutheran Preschool

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years, we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



2025-26 Faith Lutheran After School



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The purpose of this congregation shall be to serve its members and community and to spread the Kingdom of God by preaching the Word of God, by the administration of the Sacraments and by the religious instruction of youth and adults, according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church, and to foster Christian fellowship and charity. It shall also be the purpose and the responsibility of this congregation to provide a Christian and parochial education for its children to the best of its ability.

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