

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Lectionary 16  
Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA  
Mid-Year Congregational Meeting  
July 19, 2026  
10:00am



## Welcome

**And thank you for worshipping with us today.**

**If you are a visitor**, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out a yellow or green card in your pew and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the *Welcome Place* as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

**Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service** and will learn to participate at a young age if present. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a fully staffed nursery is available at both services for infants through age five. The nursery is located in the lower level of the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating it.

**Children Worship and Wonder** is a ministry designed to help our youngest members experience worship in a way that is meaningful to them. Using a storytelling format, children hear the stories of God, wonder together about their meaning, and respond through hands-on activities. The worship space is set up to encourage reverence, quiet listening, and creativity, helping children grow in faith as they learn to worship God in their own way. Children are dismissed for CWW after the Gathering Hymn at the 11:00 service. Note: CWW runs September through May and will resume in the fall.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like a **pastoral visit**, please fill out a green card in your pew and place it in the offering plate.

Adults and children who receive **Holy Communion** in their home church are invited to receive the sacrament with us. All others are invited to the table to receive a blessing. We use **grape wine** and **wheat bread**. Gluten free wafers are available (please let Pastor know when you come forward if you need one). The fullness of the sacrament is available in either form: if for reasons of health or conscience, you can only receive the bread or the wine, please let Pastor know. After each morning service we invite you to join us for **refreshments and conversation** in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

In order to **prepare for worship**, please: keep **silence** for 10 minutes prior to worship for prayer and meditation; **silence** all electronic devices; **refrain from talking** during the **prelude**, which is the beginning of our worship service.

## Our Mission

*As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect and proclaim God's unconditional love.*

## Our Vision

To provide an active and visible Lutheran presence in the Lexington area by:

- maintaining our doctrinal, spiritual, and liturgical heritage;
- creating a community of disciples committed to growing in their spiritual lives;
- engaging in a vigorous lifestyle of evangelism;
- working to preserve the dignity of all God's people.

## Prelude

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

setting by Bill Ingram

Summer Bells

Debbie Rosenberg, Leah Hower, Janet Walker, Linda McDaniel, Debbie Anderson, Jean Baquero

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

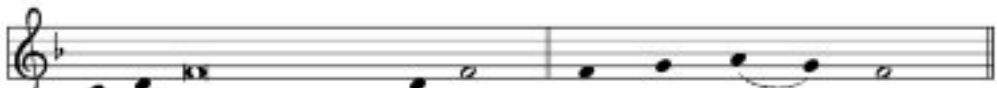
Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**



Greeting            *The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

Kyrie



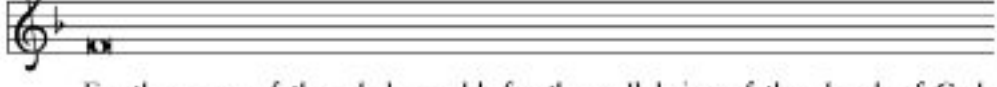
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



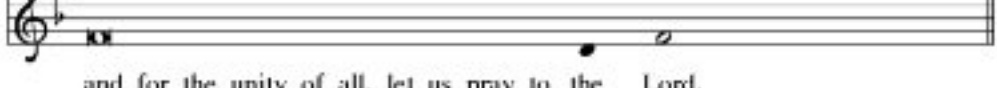
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



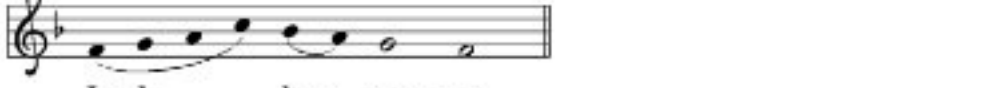
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



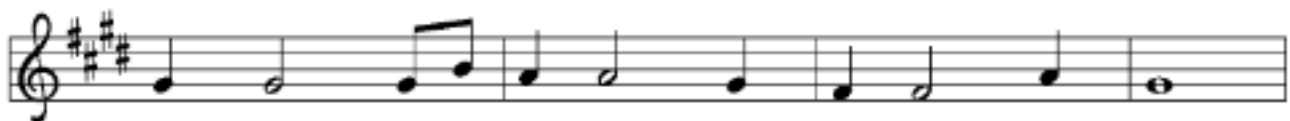
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién;  
1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;  
2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;  
3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;  
4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.  
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.  
yours, Lord, now and al - ways.  
all, Lord, I sur - ren - der. A - men, a - men.  
Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

*We sit.*

First Reading            Isaiah 44:6-8            *There is no other God than the Lord*

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. <sup>8</sup> Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**



**Psalmody** Psalm 86:11-17



<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk <sup>|</sup> in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- <sup>|</sup> vere your name.  
<sup>12</sup> **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with <sup>|</sup> all my heart,**  
**and glorify your name for- <sup>|</sup> evermore. R**  
<sup>13</sup> For great is your <sup>|</sup> love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the <sup>|</sup> pit of death.  
<sup>14</sup> **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people <sup>|</sup> seeks my life;**  
**they have not set you be- <sup>|</sup> fore their eyes. R**  
<sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are gracious and full <sup>|</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- <sup>|</sup> ness and truth.  
<sup>16</sup> **Turn to me and have mer- <sup>|</sup> cy on me;**  
**give your strength to your servant, and save the child <sup>|</sup> of your handmaid.**  
<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be <sup>|</sup> put to shame;  
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- <sup>|</sup> forted me. **R**

**Second Reading** Romans 8:12-25 *The revealing of the children of God*

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—  
<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds  
of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you  
did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When  
we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children  
of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer  
with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present  
time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits  
with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to  
futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation  
itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the  
children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers  
together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first  
fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

<sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one  
already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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*(cantor) My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*  
*(repeat alleluia)*

**Gospel** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The parable of the weeds

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to  
someone who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep an enemy came  
and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and  
bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said  
to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come  
from?’ <sup>28</sup> He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to  
go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the  
wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I  
will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather  
the wheat into my barn.’ ” <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples  
approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered,  
“The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed  
are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy  
who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just  
as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son  
of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all  
evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and

gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!” The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sing the acclamation; then we sit.*

**Sermon** Pastor Dana Lockhart

*We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**Hymn of the Day** ELW 694 *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession** God of grace, hear our prayer.  
**Peace** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*We share the peace of Christ with one another and then sit.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Offertory** *Break Now the Bread of Life* setting by David N. Johnson



**Offering Hymn** ACS 962 *In This Feast of Love*

*Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä*  
 1 In this feast of love, in this  
 2 In this bread and wine, in this  
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

*pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le*  
 feast of love, Lord, you share your  
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

*it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!*  
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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**Offering Prayer**  
**Great Thanksgiving**  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is indeed right...join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,  
. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.  
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.  
Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . . .  
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.  
Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

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Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional  
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## Eucharistic Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Al-le -  
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Be known to us, Lord  
Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Music During Communion

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

setting by Sondra K. Tucker

*After all have communed, we stand.*

## Post Communion Prayer

### Blessing

**Sending Hymn** ELW 693 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* setting by Keith Kolander

**Please stay for lunch in the Narthex and our Mid-Year congregational meeting.**

# THIS WEEK <sup>a</sup><sub>a</sub> GLANCE

## Sunday, July 19

10:00am In-Person/Livestream Worship  
 11:00am Brunch  
 11:30am Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

## Monday, July 20

6:15pm AA

## Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm AA Faith House

## Thursday, July 23

7:15am Men's Group

## Serving Today

Assisting Minister  
 Organist/Pianist  
 Cantor  
 Sacristan  
 Ushers  
 Greeter  
 Counters  
 Livestream Operator

Shane Hadden  
 Kathy Egner  
 Barbie Moore  
 Phyllis Hasbrouck  
 Charlie Hamilton & David Templar  
 Val Dutcher  
 Teri Applegate / Debbie Rosenberg  
 Jonathan Delap

Ministers  
 Pastor  
 Pastor Emeritus  
 Parish Administrator  
 Director of Music  
 Youth Assistant  
 Learning Center Director  
 Facilities Manager

All Members of Faith  
 The Reverend Dana Lockhart  
 The Reverend Ron Luckey  
 Victoria Rusk  
 Kathy Egner  
 Paige Barricklow  
 Courtney Herald  
 Parker Taul

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## Worship Servants for Next Sunday (July 26)

10:00

Assisting Minister  
 Organist/Pianist  
 Cantor  
 Sacristan  
 Ushers  
 Greeter  
 Counters  
 Livestream Operator

Barb Nikolajczyk  
 Kathy Egner  
 Emily Hayes  
 Phyllis Hasbrouck  
 Gordon Grotrian & Dave Nikolajczyk  
 Dave & Judy McGrew  
 Elaine Billington / Penni Black  
 Debbie Rosenberg