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AS WE GATHER

God is always present with His people. He continually pursues those who have wandered away from Him.

In the past, He spoke through the prophets. At the beginning of this age, He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, to teach all people about the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus calls us His friends, and as our friend, He desires to be part of every aspect of our lives. In your comings and goings, your waking and sleeping, He is there, saying, *"I will be with you."*

Today, He works through the power of His Holy Spirit. Are you listening for His voice? Are you praying to Him - and listening, looking, waiting earnestly for His response? Perhaps this is the moment to pause, to sit in silence, to open your heart and begin a conversation with God. Give Him space - and trust that He will fill the void with His presence.

YOU BELONG HERE

Welcome to Faith! We're so glad you're worshiping with us today. We believe God brought you here for a reason. If you're searching for a community where you can grow in faith and find connection, come talk to us! Visit the Welcome Station or speak with Pastor Galligar - we'd love to get to know you.

NEED HELP HEARING THE SERVICE?

We're happy to assist! Please see an usher before worship to borrow a hearing assistance device.

HOLY COMMUNION Our Lord shares with us His precious Body and Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians and who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of the Christian Faith:

- $\ensuremath{\textcircled{P}}$ I believe that Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from all sin.
- \clubsuit I believe that the true body and blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.
- ✤ I resolve, with the Holy Spirit's help, to live for my Lord and witness through my actions that He is my Savior.

** Individual cups in the center ring of each tray are grape juice. **

☆ HOLY COMMUNION WORSHIP DIVINE SERVICE THREE p. 184 ☆

OPENING HYMN

"Christ is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912

(please stand)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

P: In the name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

- P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, C: who made heaven and earth.
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins.
- P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

\oplus SERVICE OF THE WORD \oplus

INTROIT

Psalm 85:8-10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

C: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,

P: to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

C: Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

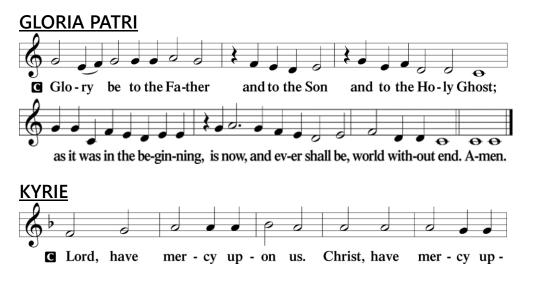
P: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

C: Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

C: 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.

P: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,

C: and grant us your salvation.



Lord, on us. have mer - cy up - on us. **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** P: Glory be to God on high: O 0 **C** and on earth will peace, good toward Θ O O We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee, Ο Ο ρ 0 0 0 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. 0 O 10 O O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. 0 10 Ø O Lord, begotten Son, Christ; the only Je - sus O Ø P 0 O Lord God, Lamb of God, of Son the Father, Ø Θ O 0 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. θ O 0 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer. O θ O

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

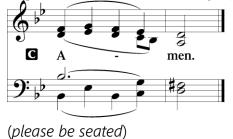


SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The LORD be with you.



P: Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Kings 19:9b-21

Behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven

thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.



When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 the Son together is worshipped 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. (please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **LSB 685**

MESSAGE

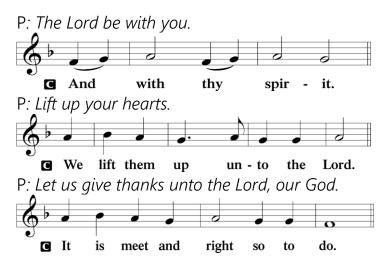
Vertical Connections: when?

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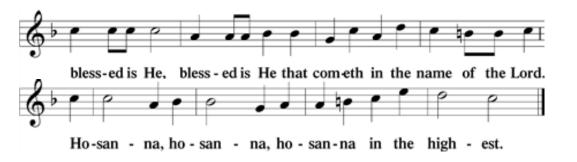
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT P



P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

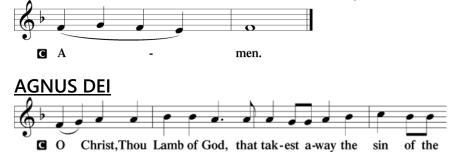


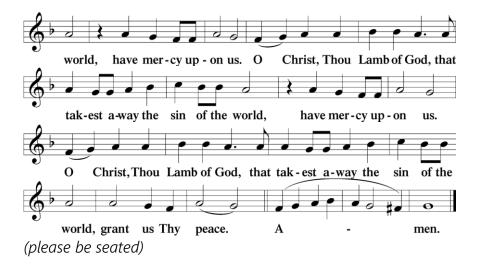
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ♣ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My ♣ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.



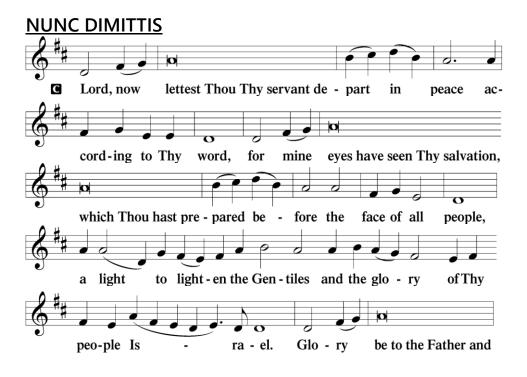


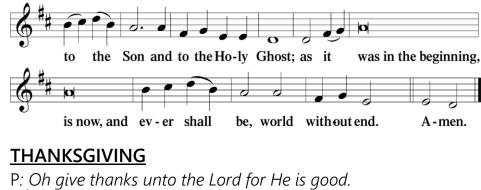
DISTRIBUTION & HYMN

"Within the Father's House"

LSB 410

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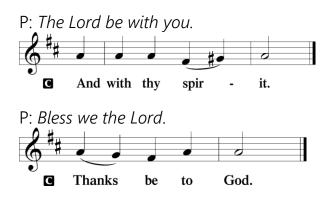




POST COMMUNION COLLECT:

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you \clubsuit and give you peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>CLOSING HYMN</u> "Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725

SILENT PRAYER

VERTICAL CONNECTIONS: when? – is the theme of our worship this weekend. Is there a particular time when we should pray to God? Should we be seeking a particular time to spend with God in prayer. Does it matter to our Father in heaven when we pray? Are we more likely to get the answers we seek if we pray at a certain time? Is it right that the answers here will be different for all of us?

- Hearts filled with the power of God's Holy Spirit, find themselves praying always, even in the midst of the day-to-day interruptions of life.
- Pray without ceasing, says St. Paul. This means that the words on our lips should always be prayers to God. Even when we are speaking to others, He should be on our mind.
- Part of our series is focused on the Lord's Prayer this gift from Jesus. As you have been praying through the petitions and the explanations, how is this moving you to better understand the gift this prayer is to you from Jesus?
- Through this series, Lord Jesus, draw me closer to You, for I truly desire to grow closer and connect better with You daily through prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ✤ God Almighty, King of the Universe, hear our prayers... as we spend these silent moments in connection with You, O Lord,
- Health concerns: Terry Weiland, Candy Lott, Millie, Patricia Ulvund, Eliza Long, Sharon Beyer, Dale Schluckbier, Steve Petty, Gina Galligar, Bonnie & Robert, Dee Breight, Susan Schmidt, Geneva Davis, Debbie Vasel, Bonnie Berg, Edward Monty, Jerry Marquette, Dean Moore, Debbie Zilm, Kim Malave, Barbara Schenk, George Scalzi, Bill Engelbrecht, Nita Hass, Phyllis Jodis, Aaron Cote, Todd Moothart, Don Jones, Gia Schultz, Harry & Rose Detlefs, Connie Weiss, Margie Budd, Doug Deuchler, Patrick Daley, Andy Borchardt, Katie Arias.
- ✤ Pray for God to continue to be our Shepherd and guide as He leads us forward through these seasons leaning into His Will and His Way.

LIFTING ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

Prayer Request? Is there something on your heart - whether a joy, a concern, or a request for strength or healing? We invite you to share it with us. You can submit a prayer request in any of these ways:

- Fill out a yellow prayer card (located in the pews)
- Visit our website: www.faithlecanto.org/prayer
- Email our Prayer Chain: prayer@faithlecanto.org

You may indicate if you'd like your request to remain private or be shared with the congregation.

Interested in joining our Prayer Chain? As mentioned in last week's bulletin, this ministry connects you to real-time requests from our church family and community. To join or reaffirm your commitment, visit the church office or use the form at the Welcome Table. Let's continue to support one another through the gift of prayer.

NOTES FROM PASTOR GALLIGAR

- Fourth of July Celebrations together we celebrate the freedoms we have in these United States as we remember the battles that were fought to win our Independence from British Rule and authority. And even as we celebrate these freedoms, we acknowledge that the ones who began this battle, were men and women of great faith in their Savior, Jesus Christ.
- In Dependence Day when the fireworks go off, and the lights finally fade away as the smoke clears, remember that the Founding Fathers were declaring two things on that fateful day, July 4th, 1776. First was their Declaration of Independence from British rule and the authority of the King of England. Second however, and rarely acknowledged or celebrated, was their Declaration of Dependence on the mercy and grace of Almighty God. It was never their intent to be declared independent of the Creator, Savior and Redeemer who is Jesus Christ. Rather, they acknowledged that they were utterly In Dependence on His mercy, grace, and favor.

NEED A VISIT OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES? If you or a loved one is hospitalized, homebound, or simply in need of a pastoral visit, we want to be there for you. Reach out to Pastor Galligar at (812) 350-7820, or contact your assigned elder. Not sure who your elder is? Just check the board in the narthex, or call the church office at (352) 527-3325. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM. We are here to walk with you in times of need.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

We'd love to welcome you into the Faith Lutheran family! If you're considering membership, contact Pastor Galligar to schedule a Faith Chat - a relaxed conversation where we can learn more about you, share how Faith Lutheran serves both our members and our community, and explore ways you can be part of our mission. We'll find a time that works best for you.

CHURCH DIRECTORY IS HERE!

Great News! One copy per family will be personally distributed in the narthex after each service this weekend. If you miss it, stop by the church office to receive your copy.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: Saturday 30 Sunday 81 Total 111

WEEKLY BUDGETED GIVING

Week	Budget giving	Over/under
22	6966	916
23	5940 -110	
24	4260 -1790	
25	4103	-1947
	Budget is 6050/we	eek

The Vanco App is a simple way to manage your giving in support of the mission and ministry of Faith. Use this QR code to connect to the app. For some, this is an easy way to simplify first fruits giving.

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Lydiann Hoffman (6/30), Bill Rahmer (6/30), Judy Hill (7/1), Phyllis Lauer (7/1), William Kavouras (7/3), and Nancy Griffin (7/4)

Phil & Karis Geistfeld (6/29), and Carl & Sharon Beyer (6/30)

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Phil & Karis Geistfeld – 40th Anniversary

VERTICAL CONNECTIONS CHECK-IN

After 40 Days of focusing on our Vertical Connections with God, how has your prayer life changed? (This evaluation is for you only)

- My prayer life could be better. 0
- I pray daily for everything. 0
- I have never prayed. 0
- I easily pray with others. 0
- My prayers seem weak and clumsy. 0
- It seems like God never answers my prayers. 0
- I listen often for God's answer to my prayers. 0
- My vertical connection to God is constant and ongoing. 0
- The Lord's Prayer helps me draw closer to Christ Jesus. 0
- My prayer life used to be more fulfilling. 0
- I pray daily for meals even when I am at a restaurant. 0
- Listening for God's response has been a part of my prayer life. 0
- I often wonder why God answers my prayers in the way that He does. 0
- Watching and waiting for His response is common for me. 0
- I tell others that I will pray for them. Sometimes I do, sometimes I don't. 0
- My prayer connection to God is easy and unforced, He is my Friend. 0
- When asked to pray out loud with people, I pass. 0
- I have never prayed out loud with others. 0
- My daily life often does not include prayer. 0
- Today, my prayer life is the best it's ever been. 0
- I can't remember the last time I prayed. 0
- It seems like God has stopped listening, so I do not pray. 0
- Because of all He has promised and already done for me, I pray prayers of thanksgiving and 0 praise to Him continually.
- When I pray, I feel like a beggar on the street, unsure what, if any, answer my prayer will bring. 0
- When I pray, because of His promises, I know that I will receive His best answer to my prayer, 0 and I move forward knowing He has already answered, eager to discover what His answer is.

Take a moment to consider how you'll continue growing in prayer and staying connected to God each day.

- I pray before meals at home. 0
- I enjoy hearing other people pray.
- I struggle to pray.
- Prayer is hard for me. 0
- I never know what to say in a prayer. 0



MONDAY	8:30 AM	Men of Faith Monday – Papa J's Diner
FRIDAY	ALL DAY	Independence Day – Church Office closed
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Worship, Fellowship time to follow
SUNDAY		Worship, Fellowship time to follow Bible Study – Book of Romans

JULY 4TH WEEK – A TIME TO GIVE THANKS As we enjoy the blessings of freedom this Independence Day, let us also give thanks to God for the many ways He provides for our nation, our community, and our church family. We pray for peace, unity, and continued guidance for our leaders and neighbors alike. Wishing everyone a safe, joyful, and grace-filled 4th of July! "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." – Psalm 33:12

THE ADVENTURE BEGINS VERY SOON, MATES! We're heading into the Outback

for a wild ride through God's Word! Vacation Bible School kicks off Monday, July 14, and we can't wait to welcome all our explorers for a week packed with songs, stories, crafts, games, snacks, and tons of Aussie fun! July 14–18 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM ~ It's not too late to register! Scan the QR code or contact Ann Panas for more info. Let's discover the wonders of God's creation—together! Koalas, kangaroos, and Christ at the center—it's a week you won't want to miss!



LUNCH IS SERVED! The Ladies of Faith Luncheon for July is just around the corner! Join us for great food and even better fellowship at Rise-n-Dine on Wednesday, July 9 at 11:30 AM. This is a fun and relaxed way to connect with one another—bring a friend along if you'd like! Please sign up in the Narthex, or RSVP by emailing Gina Galligar at: gina.galligar@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY – ALL ARE WELCOME! Join us at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall as we dig into the Book of Romans - a rich study of God's grace, faith, and life in Christ. Led by Pastor Galligar, this time is filled with insight, discussion, and genuine connection. No materials needed - we have Bibles available. Come as you are!

STITCH N' TIE – SUMMER STITCHIN'! We're keeping the creativity going all summer long! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in June, July, and August as we sew, tie, and fellowship together. No experience needed - just bring your willing hands and joyful heart. All are welcome!

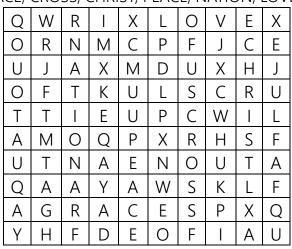
FAITH + HISTORY FUN FACT

The Liberty Bell has a Bible verse on it! "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land..." — Leviticus 25:10



"FREEDOM" WORD SEARCH Find these words in the puzzle below:

GRACE, CROSS, CHRIST, PEACE, NATION, LOVE



INTRODUCING OUR 2025 SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Horizontal Connections – *Created for Community* July 13th – Aug 10th

This summer at Faith, we continue building on the foundation laid in our recent series, *Vertical Connections*, which focused on our relationship with God. Now, we turn outward. In *Horizontal Connections*, we'll explore how that relationship with God overflows into our relationships with others. Culture seems divided like never before, and people are growing weary. All this divisiveness is resulting in increased levels of anxiety, isolation, and loneliness. Thankfully, God's Word speaks directly to this, and offers us community, a sense of identity and belonging in Jesus, and a sense of community with other believers in Christ's Church. In this series, partially based on the book *Connected to Christ: Overcoming Isolation through Community*, we'll learn how to break out of isolation, find identity and belonging in Christ and invite others to join faith-filled community again. We will also take a closer look at the way in which God has structured His Creation for healthy relationships in the Ten Commandments and Martin Luther's explanations of them.

July 12th & 13th Horizontal Connections: Building the Foundation

The good news is that what is longed for in culture - a sense of identity, belonging, and community - is found through Christ and in His church! Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-17, Revelation 7:9-12, Mark 12:28-33 Ten Commandments Piece: 1st, 2nd & 3rd Commandments and Explanations

July 19th & 20th Horizontal Connections: Sharing the Love

Good news - God has made a space and a place at the table for ragamuffins like us! This week we will celebrate the power of the Gospel in us. **Scripture Readings:** Psalm 139:1-4, 13-15, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, <u>Luke 5:17-26</u> **Ten Commandments Piece:** 4th Commandment

July 26th & 27th Horizontal Connections: Bringing My Best

The reality is that we are each Holy Spirit empowered and gifted creatures used by God to bless one another and to make His love known.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 35:21-29, I Corinthians 12:12-26, Luke 2:46-52 Ten Commandments Piece: 5th & 6th Commandments

August 2nd & 3rd Horizontal Connections: *Singing with the Choir* Taking a moment to stop, remember who we are, and to worship God, is essential to our spiritual health and to the concept of community. Scripture Readings: Psalm 98:1-9, Hebrews 10:23-25, <u>Matthew 11:28-30</u> Ten Commandments Piece: 7th & 8th Commandments

August 9th & 10th Horizontal Connections: *Spreading the Gospel* Two of the best ways to realize and live in community are through relationships and serving together.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 4:10-16, <u>Romans 12:9-16</u>, Matthew 14:13-21 Ten Commandments Piece: 9th & 10th Commandments



PRAYER & PRAISE JOURNAL

This week I'm thanking God for ...

People I'm praying for ...

I'm grateful that You've been faithful in...

Lord, what's weighing on my heart this week...

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1