

Welcome & Prayer

Sharing of Peace

*Opening Song - “Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

*Invocation:

We meet in the strong name of our God;

We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Confession and Forgiveness:

I have lived as if God did not matter and I matter most. I plead “Guilty” before God of all my sins. My worship and prayers have faltered. I have not honored my Lord’s name as I should. I have not let His love have its way in me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been spoiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. Believe God’s promise from 1 John:

“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to purify us from all unrighteousness.”

*Prayer of the Day

Jesus our Savior, thank You for forgiving us and planting Your life within us. Send Your Holy Spirit to grow Your vision and Your compassion within us. Invade our lives to grow Your love for lost people next door and around the world. Renew our hearts and minds through Your Holy Word. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Song - “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

First Lesson: Acts 14:26-27

Gospel: Luke 15:3-7

The Children’s Message will be given on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, opposite of communion through September.

Song - “Living Hope”

Mexico City Mission Trip Recap

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-14

Sermon - “God’s Children’s or God’s Army?”

Song - “I Love to Tell the Story”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution for Communion

*The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs:

“Gratitude”

“Great Are You, Lord”

*Communion Blessing

*Closing Song - “Praise”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able*



First Lesson: Acts 14:26-27

²⁶ From Attalia they sailed back to Antioch, where they had been committed to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. ²⁷ On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had done through them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

Gospel: Luke 15:3-7

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-14

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with Him. If we disown Him, He will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself. ¹⁴ Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

Please stay after the service this morning for a congregational forum to keep everyone updated with what is going on at Faith.
Following the forum, everyone is invited to stay to hear more about the Mexico City Mission Trip and ask questions to the team.

- Thank You to today’s Worship Partners*
- Altar Prep:** Susie Brinkley, Denise Lovitt
- Communion Servers:** Todd & Shanna Kooker
- Fellowship:** Troy & Anne Rosendahl
- Greeters:** Mark & Sharon Cameron
- Instrumentalists:** Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland, Silas Simington
- Message:** Pastor Ben Unseth
- Prayer Intercessors:** Bill Nitzel, Dennis Larson, Dave & Linda Susie
- Prayers of the Church:** Barb Solberg
- Scripture Reader:** Lucy Simington
- Tech Booth:** Eilts Crew
- Vocalists:** Rachel Henriksen, Lauren Lee, Lucy & Annabelle Simington
- Worship Leader:** Connor Tigges

- Worship Partners for August 23*
- Altar Prep:** Susie Brinkley, Denise Lovitt
- Children’s Message:**
- Fellowship:** Tom & Pam Hanson
- Greeters:** Beau & Emily Hoppe
- Instrumentalists:** Leah Kreutner, Kevin Skadeland
- Message:** Pastor Ben Unseth
- Prayers of the Church:** Al Vanderberg
- Scripture Reader:** Joe Simington
- Tech Booth:** Lance Storley (Lead), Levi Simington (Sound), Adam Kreutner (Computer), Lucy Simington (Video)
- Vocalists:** Jim and Joan Unrau, Rachel Simington, Kirby Fueston
- Worship Leader:** Dennis Larson

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