



GOD'S PLAN

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A sermon series in Genesis

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship - Go and Work

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September 6, 2026 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Office Hours: 9am-1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays; 9am-5pm Wednesdays

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Welcome & Prayer

Sharing of Peace

*Opening Song – “King of My Heart”

*Invocation:

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

*Confession and Forgiveness:

Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of Jesus. Most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for Jesus’ sake forgive all our sins. And by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To everyone who believes on His name, He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all.

*Prayer of the Day

Jesus Christ, You are our only king. As we gather during this brief rest from our holy labor, we thank You for providing for our needs. We bless Your name for the harvest fields that surround us. We thank You for our schools and for our work. Right here, right now, prime our hearts to flow with prayer, and flood our church and our community with Your righteousness and Your blessing. In Your name we pray. Amen.

Song – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 7:5-10

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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

Song – “Come Thou Fount”

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 4:1-12

Sermon – “A God Centered Life ”

Song – “We Are An Offering”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution for Communion

*The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs:

“I Surrender All”

“Jesus Paid It All”

*Communion Blessing

*Closing Song – “What a Friend”

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

**Please stand if you are able*

New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 7:5-10

⁵For when we came into Macedonia, we had no rest, but we were harassed at every turn—conflicts on the outside, fears within. ⁶But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, ⁷and not only by his coming but also by the comfort you had given him. He told us about your longing for me, your deep sorrow, your ardent concern for me, so that my joy was greater than ever. ⁸Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—⁹yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ ¹⁴I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 4:1-12

¹Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” ²Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. ⁴And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. ¹¹Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”



Thank You to today's Worship Partners

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Vicki Egland

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Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner,
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Children's Message: Dodo & Emu

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Gloria McKenney, Anna Quanbeck,
Joshua Antoine

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayers of the Church: Jim Paulsen

Scripture Reader:

Tech Booth: Eilts Crew

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