



A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 10, 2025

Pr. Ben Colahan, presiding

PRELUDE

*How Can I Keep From Singing?* | Arr. Marcia Wells  
Barb Janzen, keyboard

WELCOME

Pr. Ben Colahan

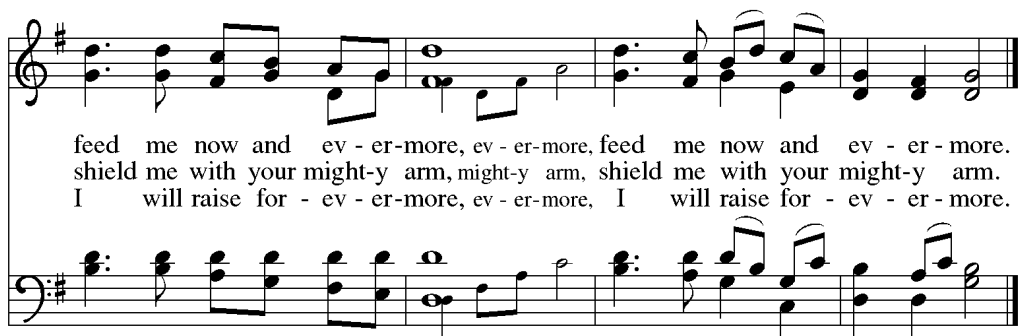
GATHERING HYMN

ELW 618 | *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

GREETING

Pr. Ben Colahan

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pr. Ben Colahan

*CALL)* Merciful God,

**RESP)** you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

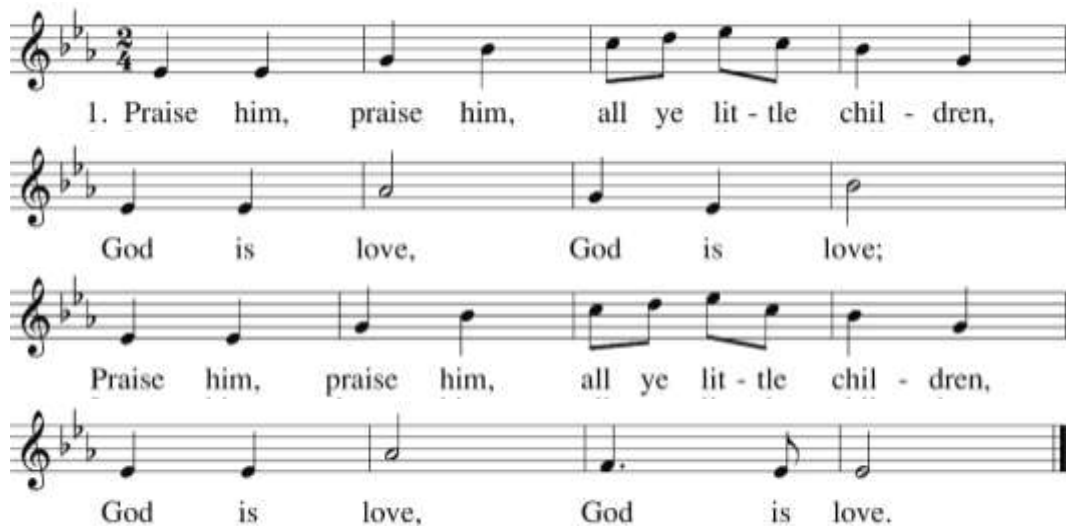
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josh Edwards

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

*Praise Him, Praise Him* | Pamela Conn Beall &  
 Susan Hagen Nipp



1. Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,  
 God is love, God is love;  
 Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,  
 God is love, God is love.

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174 | Gospel Acclamation—Celtic Alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to Luke.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For

where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**CALL)** The gospel of the Lord.

**RESP) Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Ben Colahan

HYMN OF THE DAY

WOV 783 | *Seek Ye First*

Verse 1-

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

Verse 2-

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia.

Verse 3-

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by ev'ry word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TBD

Sung Response: ACS 1079 | *Open My Heart*

**SUNG RESP) Open my heart, open my heart. Open my heart, open my heart.**

BAPTISM OF AVA VANELLA

Pr. Ben Colahan, Ava Vanella, &  
Family/Sponsors

## APOSTLES CREED

Pr. Ben Colahan

**CALL)** Do you believe in God the Father?

**RESP) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**CALL)** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**RESP) 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.**

**CALL)** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**RESP) 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Ben Colahan

**CALL)** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**RESP) And also with you.**

## WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Pr. Ben Colahan

## OFFERING

Sunday School Video

*If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**CALL)** The Lord be with you.

**RESP) And also with you.**

**CALL)** Lift up your hearts.

**RESP) We lift them to the Lord.**

**CALL)** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**RESP) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

ELW 471 | *Let US Break Bread Together*

ELW 485 | *I Am the Bread of Life*



*If you would like one-on-one, personal prayer at this time, we invite you to pray with today's Healing Minister on the north side of the room/wall facing East 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

TBD

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan

SENDING SONG

ACS 949 | *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



*Refrain*

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

BLESSING

Pr. Ben Colahan

DISMISSAL

TBD

CALL) Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**RESP) Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Prelude in D minor, BWV 935* | J. S. Bach  
Barb Janzen, keyboard

## **Today's Worship Team**

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan  
On-Site Council Member: Cheri Sandberg  
On-Site Equipping Minister: Steve Hall  
Communion: Molly Barnum (shepherd), Christian Leech, Elaine Lund, Dorothy Nelson, and Nicole Weddig  
Communion Clean-up: Jon Stafford  
Ushers: Dave Barnum and Denise Parkin  
Lector: Beth Bradley  
Welcome Table: Suzie Ernest and Annette Jefferson  
Coffee Hour: Beth Bradley and Karsen Bradley  
A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Kate Ory, and Kai Pappani-McDermott  
Healing Minister: Faye Johnson  
Offering Counters: Rob Brink-Capriola and Lynette Stensrud  
Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team  
Cantor: Barb Janzen

## **Giving at Faith Lutheran**

You can use this QR code by opening the camera on your phone and focusing on the image. A prompt from "tithe.ly" will pop up. Click it and you will be sent to our giving page. You can also access our giving page at [ChioFaithLutheran.org/Give](https://ChioFaithLutheran.org/Give). Cash or checks can be placed in the offering plate during service or dropped off at the office.

You may donate to our General Fund which supports our budget (staff salaries, operating costs, repairs and maintenance) or you may give to any designated fund like music, family, memorials, or the Capital Campaign.







## the Greatest Gift



Bill Kees, Emily Puerta, Beth Bradley

**August's Mission:** To provide school supplies and for students at Rosedale Elementary School. Rosedale has 565 students Grades K-5. For over 10 years Faith Lutheran has provided different schools in Chico with school supplies. Last year we began our relationship with Rosedale during God's Work Our Hands. It is the one school in Chico that has what is called 2 way immersion in learning. Chico Unified School District's Two-Way Immersion Program groups native Spanish speakers with native English speakers in the same classroom. Ideally, one-half of the students are Spanish speakers and one-half are English speakers. Positive interaction between groups ensures that our students learn from each other. As friendships build, children become excited about working and playing in two languages.

**Why it Matters:** We choose to provide these supplies because there is always a need for more supplies than what is budgeted. This is a need that goes on through out the school year. When students and teaches don't have to worry about the supplies that support the teaching, then they can focus on learning.

**How Can You make a Difference:** You can help by picking up a few items from the list below on your usual shopping trips. We would ask you pay attention to specific items like pencils and dry erase Expo markers. Bring them by Faith on Sunday morning or during the week during the month of August:

### GENERAL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:

- Printer paper
- Construction paper
- Cardstock (variety of colors)
- Paper clips
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Kleenex
- Pencils boxes
- Mechanical pencils
- Pencil Eraser tops
- Fine point dry erase markers
- Post it notes
- Notebooks (wide rule, 1 subject)
- Sand timers

### BRAND SPECIFIC SUPPLIES:

*Our wonderful teachers request these product brands due to quality and project specific uses. Thank you for understanding!*

- Ticonderoga pencils
- 8 pack crayola crayons
- Washable crayola markers
- Expo Brand Dry erase markers chisel tip
- Elmer's glue sticks



# Weekly Events

## Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM

## Mondays

- Time Out for Art in Room 6 from 1-4:00 PM
- Bible Study, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays in Room 7 at 5:30 PM

## Tuesdays

- Quilters in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to about 2:00 PM
- Centering Prayer on Zoom from 4-5 PM
- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom from 5-6 PM

## Wednesdays

- Bulletin Folders in the Sanctuary at 2PM

## Thursdays

- Bible Study at 10am in the Conference Room (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)
- Contemporary Music Practice in the Sanctuary at 5:30 PM
- Troop 12 in Room 7 from 6:30-8:00 PM

## Fridays

- Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo
- Food Bank, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month from 3-5 PM in the parking lot

Faith Lutheran Church also hosts AA Candlelight, Adult Children of Alcoholics, Nar Anon, Gamblers Anonymous, the Parkinson's Support Group (and Rock Steady Boxing), Passages, P.E.O., the Chico Children's Choir, Church of the Homeless Jesus' food distribution, the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties, Reading Pals, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute's caregiver group, and Stephen Ministry. Please let us know if you would like to learn more about any of these programs.

# Upcoming Events

## Sermon Conversations

### ***After worship on Sundays in the Sanctuary, throughout August***

Pastor Ben spends a week crafting a sermon that he hopes will move your heart to recognize your own sin and trust in God's grace. He invites you to reflect with one another and with him how the sermon affected you. Stay in the sanctuary after worship each Sunday in August to discuss together questions such as: What happened to you as you listened to this sermon? What did you hear that you are eager to share with another person? For what and/or for whom does the sermon prompt you to pray?

## Constructive Conversations: Immigration

### ***August 17th after Worship in the Fellowship Hall***

Following up on July's workshop on how to have constructive conversations about challenging topics, Faith Lutheran is launching a series of monthly conversations using a tool developed by the Berkeley Rotary Club. Each month we will select a single topic to discuss and then break into groups of three. Within each group, one person shares their views on the topic for 2 minutes, one person reflects back that person's views for 1 minute, and one person keeps time. Then the roles rotate until all three people have done each role. In this series, we will have people participate in multiple groups so that we can hear more varied perspectives. Between groups, you'll be asked to write what commonalities you heard from the group and what differences. At the end, we'll ask what common ground we can act on. Based on the responses for our first workshop, the topic for August 17<sup>th</sup> will be immigration. The workshop will take place after worship in the fellowship hall. The topic in September will be camping in public spaces.

## Upcoming Baptisms/Remembrance of Baptism

### ***August 24 at the Sacramento River after Worship***

After worship, we will head to the Sacramento River near Scotty's Landing to baptize 2 new members into the body of Christ and give thanks for each of our baptisms!

## Enter through the Fellowship Hall

**August 24**

In inclement weather the narthex (AKA the entryway in the sanctuary) gets full. We are exploring having people enter through the fellowship hall to ease congestion and allow for socialization prior to worship in a way that permits people to have contemplative silence in the sanctuary as they prepare their hearts - *praise God!*

## RALLY DAY IS COMING!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Stay tuned for more information on Faith Lutheran Church's ministry fair in which we showcase and celebrate all the ministries of Faith with food, games, and fun, *and* the release of the new directory! And this year we're celebrating Faith's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Let's see if you can guess the theme before it's announced...!

**TODAY'S MINISTERS ARE THE PEOPLE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We thank them for their ministry  
and we celebrate that you are here to worship with us today!

OFFICE HOURS: M-F 10a-12p, 1p-4:30p | 530.895.3754 | [FaithLutheranInChico@gmail.com](mailto:FaithLutheranInChico@gmail.com)