

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
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September 18 & 19, 2021

“As loving servants of God, fed by Word and Sacrament, we will reach out, welcome, and provide a safe haven for all.”



Guest Network: Faith Guest
Password: Guest1 Faith

Worship Services

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:15 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

*Our 10:15 am service will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page Faith Lutheran Erie and our website www.faithlutheranerie.com.

*Worship from our parking lot FM broadcast 100.9

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: Saturday ~ ELW 805 Lead on, O King eternal

Sunday ~ ELW 781 Children of the Heavenly Father

Apostolic Greeting:

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.**

Hymn of Praise: *Spoken on Saturdays*

Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: ac - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54 *The Psalm will be sung responsively. Please sing the bold portions. The Psalm will be spoken on Saturdays.*

¹Save me, O God, ¹by your name; in your might, de- ¹fend my cause.

²**Hear my ¹prayer, O God; give ear to the words ¹of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have ¹sought my life, those who have no re- ¹gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God ¹is my helper; it is the Lord who sus- ¹tains my life. R**

⁵Render evil to those who ¹spy on me; in your faithful- ¹ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a ¹freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for ¹it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from ¹every trouble, and my eye looks down ¹on my enemies. **R**

SECOND READING: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Sunday:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Saturday: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day ~ Saturday: ELW 798 Will you come and follow me

Sunday: ELW 641 All Are Welcome

Apostles' Creed ~ *Saturday 6:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am*

**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.**

Service of Holy Baptism—Sunday, 10:15, ELW p. 227

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offertory Prayer:

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem (Sunday, 10:15): “A Living Hope“

Dialogue: *Spoken on Saturdays*

The Lord be with you. **And al - so 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.

Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus: *Spoken on Saturdays*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion:

All who hunger and thirst, come to the table.

Spoken on Saturdays



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Post Communion Blessing:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer:

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Blessing of Teachers

Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *Sundays only* ELW 805 Lead On, O King Eternal

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



**Do you know about the 2022 ELCA
Youth Gathering, July 24-28, 2022 in
Minneapolis, MN?**

More than 30,000 Lutheran youth from around the country will be coming together for service, learning, music, and worship. There is nothing else like it; it can be a life-changing, once-in-a-lifetime faith experience. Youth who will be in 8th-12th grade this fall are eligible to attend. We will also need one or more adult leaders who can attend. For more information, check out <https://elca.org/gathering/>. If you're interested in going, please speak with Pastor Jean ASAP. Early bird registration opens on September 22, 2021.



**Fall Bible Study with Pastor Jean:
“Bad Girls of the Bible”
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Faith,
September 8-November 17, 2021**

Are the “bad girls of the Bible” all bad? Some may well deserve their reputation as “bad to the bone”. Others are victims who have been maligned. Others are brave and resourceful. Others...well, it can be complicated. In this series, we’ll look at the stories of some famous (or infamous) women from the Old Testament, consider how God might be at work in their lives, and see what we can learn from them for our lives today. Everyone is welcome!

This Week at Faith:

Sunday, September 19

8:00 am Worship w/ 2nd offering for Backpack Program & Blessing of the Teachers

9:00 am Sunday School

9:15 am Choir

10:15 am Worship w/ 2nd offering for Backpack Program & Baptism

11:30 am—2:30 pm Private Party in Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 20

11:00 am Staff Meeting

11:00 am Bible Study

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 am Craft n Chat

7:00 pm Council

7:30 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, September 22

8:30 am Prayer Breakfast @ Bob Evans

5:30 pm Bad Girls Bible Study

Thursday, September 23

Friday, September 24

Office Closed

Saturday, September 25

6:00 pm Worship



**ENJOY
YOUR
WEEK!**

The readings for next weekend, Sept. 25-26, the 18th Sunday after Pentecost, will be Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; and Mark 9:38-50.

Worship Assistants

<i>Saturday 6:00 PM</i>	September 18	September 25
Assistant/Lector	D.Bush	T.Brown
<i>Sunday 8:00 AM</i>	September 19	September 26
Assistant /Lector	MJ Szewczyk	B.Tackett
Lector		D.Rose
Greeter/Usher		N.Gardner
Acolyte/Crucifer	Ruth Dolak	Jason Dolak
<i>Sunday 10:15 AM</i>	September 19	September 26
Assistant /Lector	C.Lee	M.Falkenberg
Lector	E.Toskin	
Greeter/Usher	B.Braley	McBrides
Tellers	Falkenberg	Maas/Lee

Attendance:

Saturday 6:00 pm - 19
 Sunday 8:00 am - 18
 Sunday 10:15 am - 40

Prayer Requests

The family of Betty Rose
 The family of Al Warren
 Sharon Wills
 Jim Wenner
 Jerry Kreusch

Altar Flowers

Given By Bill & Marie Falkenberg
 In honor of our 21st
 wedding anniversary

September's Eternal Light

Given by
 Roy & Marilyn Voshall
 to commemorate their
 65th anniversary

Announcements:

Welcome to our newest member, Braelynn Rose Deutsch, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:15 service this Sunday! Braelynn (born April 19, 2021) is the daughter of Hannah (Jackula) Deutsch and Luchas Deutsch. Welcome to the Faith family, little child of God!

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family of Betty Rose, who passed away Saturday, September 11, and for who Pastor Jean conducted funeral services Friday, September 17 at Faith.

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family of Al Warren, who passed away Sunday, September 12, and for whom Pastor Jean conducted funeral services Saturday, September 18.

Our worship services this weekend will include a Blessing of Teachers. Many thanks to all who will be teaching this year: Sunday School Director and children's SCS teacher, Barb Noonan; children's SCS teachers, Sandra Taccone, Jenn Wilson and Matt Szewczyk; confirmation class, Pastor Jean; adult class, Mary Jo Szewczyk; SCS guest teachers, Cindy Lee, Anne Slupski, Lisa Zarger, Irene Waldron, Tracie Eaglen, and Nancy Gardner; and Faith Lutheran Preschool staff, Kelly Drahushak, teacher, and Jan Oshlick, aide.

We are seeking volunteers to serve as guest teachers for the 2021-22 children's Sunday School. We'll provide a detailed, user-friendly teacher's guide in advance for each lesson. This year we're holding one combined class for K-5, and using a team teaching model. Note that child safety clearances are required; we can provide assistance with this process if needed, and the church will cover the fees for the background check. **Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex, with the schedule and scripture lesson for each week.** We would also welcome volunteers to help with some of the special activities such as making the Advent wreaths or Valentines for Vets.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church for the weeks of Sept. 27, Oct. 4, and Oct. 11, while our sexton Richard Oshlick is on vacation. Please contact Becki in the church office at 899-9653 or at faithlutheranerie@gmail.com if you can help for one or more of these weeks. Thank you!

We have personal hearing devices available for anyone who may have difficulty hearing the service. If you would like to use one, simply ask the greeter/usher, Pastor Jean, or Brian Gray, and we'll get you set up.

Prayer Breakfast is back! We're now meeting at Bob Evans (by the Harborcreek Walmart) at 8:30 on Wednesdays for breakfast, fellowship, and good conversation. We pray a little too. Everyone is welcome.

Announcements Cont.

**Community Blessing of the Animals Service—
Sunday, October 3, 2:00 p.m. Rain or shine!**



All creatures great and small are welcome at this informal worship service of thanks and praise! Each animal in attendance will receive an individual blessing. A special offering will be taken to support the work of the A.N.N.A.Shelter

Communion-to-Go during the Pandemic: We now have a Communion-to-Go station in the narthex. You are welcome to stop by during church office hours (9-1 M-Th) to pick up pre-consecrated “Celebration Cups” and a brief liturgy for receiving communion, whether for yourself, a family member, friend, or neighbor who desires the sacrament. If you would like to have the pre-consecrated elements delivered to you, or if you would like to schedule a communion visit, please call the church office at 899-9653 or Pastor Jean at 717-440-3515.

Communion update: Starting September 11, we will serve the wine from a pouring chalice. As you come forward to receive the sacrament, please pick up an individual plastic cup from the tray in the front aisle, receive the host, then proceed to the assisting minister with the chalice. After you have communed, you can place the used cup in the basket or tray on the side tables. Those who are unable to receive wine may pick up one of the individual cups of grape juice from the small tray.



BE KIND. HELP STOP THE SPREAD:

Effective August 21, 2021, per the most current CDC guidelines, we highly recommend that all persons, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, resume wearing masks in public indoor spaces.

Thank you!

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