

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025



DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am
ADULT BIBLE CLASS BEGINS AT 10:15am

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Accompanist: Nicole Lewis

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (*LSB 151*)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious *LSB 646*

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day:

Where Charity and Love Prevail *LSB 845*

Sermon – “Mercy Begets Mercy”

Prayer of the Church

LSB 159

Offerings/Offertory

LSB 159

Benediction

LSB 166

Closing Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee *LSB 803*

Postlude

Holy Communion will be offered following the Divine Service

Our services continue to be livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website (faithlutheranorangecity.com) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

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Introit: Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever.**
P: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever;**
P: and rescued us from our foes,
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever;**
P: he who gives food to all flesh,
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever.**
P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever.**
P/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: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
C: **for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all

spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

<i>Financial Update - May 2025</i>				
	General Fund	Building Fund	Monthly Total	Year to Date 5/31/25
Offering Receipts	\$12,436.65	\$2,216.00	\$14,652.65	\$108,221.75
Needed for Budget	\$19,467.00	\$1,900.00	\$21,367.00	\$106,832.00
Over (Under) Budget	(\$7,030.35)	\$316.00	(\$6,714.35)	\$1,389.75

Weekly Announcements

Welcome to all visitors! Please fill out an ‘Information Card’ (*located in the pew rack*) and turn it in to an usher after the service.

Communion Policy for our Visitors: Everyone who is a faithful communicant member in good standing of one of our sister LCMS congregations is welcome to partake of the Lord’s Supper here at Faith Lutheran Church. If you are not communing this day but wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar. If you would like to become a communicant member here at Faith, please talk with Pastor about doing so.

Pastor will be on vacation July 25 - 27. If pastoral assistance is needed in his absence, please contact Pastor Michael Boothby of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Ireton (660-221-6447).

Today’s bulletin is sponsored by Howard and Pam Vlieger in celebration of their anniversary on July 18. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please notify the church secretary. The cost is \$10.

Church Council meets today (7/13) at 7:45am.

Adult Bible Class will be studying the book of Esther beginning today (7/13).

Main Street Living, July 20: [This is the Life](#) – “Love Is Not Enough” – A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring what truly is important. [Worship Service](#) – Rev. Mike Moreno of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk, NE, delivers the message “Jesus, Don’t You Care?” based on Luke 10:38-42. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

July 20th Service: We will be commemorating the Council of Nicea, which led to the formulation of what we have as the Nicene Creed. Our forefathers in the faith boldly confessed the truth of God's Word, especially regarding the true divinity of Jesus Christ. We will be giving God thanks for faithful confessors of the faith who have gone before us and learning ways we can likewise stand firm upon God's Word even in the face of adversity.

VBS: Vacation Bible School is July 20-24 from 6:00-7:30pm. This is a free event for children aged 4 years old through the completion of 5th grade. Dinner will be provided at 6:00pm each evening. Contact Jesa Pace if your child is not yet registered or if you have questions.

Please note there will be no Program following VBS on July 24.

VBS Food Donations: The VBS planning team needs your help! This year, we will be serving a meal to our youth and volunteers at the start of every evening and are looking for donations of different food items. Please see the list of needed food items on the table in the Fellowship Hall. All donations need to be brought to the church kitchen by 10am on Sunday, July 20.

Special Mission Event: Rev. Steve Schulz from Mission Central, Mapleton, IA will be our guest preacher on Sunday, July 27. Rev. Schulz will also be using the education time to share about the Lord's work that our LCMS missionaries are doing across the globe. **We will be collecting a free will door offering for our missionary, Shara Osiro.** See the basket at the back of the sanctuary, where you can place your donation (cash or check). Please make checks payable to Mission Central.

Heart & Soles is a Love INC Gap Ministry focused on providing new, quality tennis shoes for kids in K-5th grade. There is a place in the Fellowship Hall where you can pick up a shoe/sock cut out (pink/girl or blue/boy or green/donation). Please purchase the tennis shoes or socks listed (no flip flops or slip-on shoes) and bring them back to church by August 3. Our goal is to provide at last 15 pairs of shoes and 15 pairs of socks this year.

Mission Central Trip: We're taking a trip to see Mission Central (Mapleton, IA) on **Saturday September 13th**. Mission Central is the leading support systems for the missionaries of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We'll hear what God has done and continues to do around the world and be inspired for the work that God is doing in our part of the world as well. Meet at church at 8:40am. Back by 4:30pm. Trip will include a tour of the facilities, hearing stories of the mighty

works of God, and will also include a noon meal. Please contact pastor to sign-up for this trip.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
July 13	Church Council Meeting	7:45am
July 13	Installation Service for Rev. Joseph Eggerman at St. Paul, Aurella, IA	4:00pm
July 20-24	Vacation Bible School	6:00-7:30pm
July 27	Special Mission Event	9:00am

Prayers of the Church

Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members: Patty Bracker, Rex Foreman, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, Bonnie Juffer, Angela Kilbride, Jen Korver, Will Lalk, Bev Rohrs, Marlene Tullar, Pam Vlieger, and Sandy Zelewski.

Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends: Kaleb Bents (*son of Hope Hancock*), Ciara Bents (*daughter of Hope Hancock*), Tara Bracker (*daughter-in-law of Neil and Patty Bracker*), Roger Brunsting (*friend of Mitch Bengard*), Cathy (*sister of Dave Boggs*), Nick Devrise (*friend of Mitch Bengard*), Rose Drees (*sister of Hannah Batchelder*), Edd Harrison, Craig & Donna Hunt, Lisa Jasper (*friend of Heather Katt*), Silvina Kneif (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Bernard Lackman (*grandfather of Jesa Pace*), Helen Lapel (*sister of Janice Gayer*), Mark Maple (*friend of Patti & Troy Van Skike*), Maris (*friend of the Hagen family*), Dena Mullock (*granddaughter of Neil & Patty Bracker*), Courtney Nelson (*friend of Paula Koller*), Barb Nicks, Shara Osiro (*our missionary*), Brian Vanderstoep, and Cheryl Waggie (*mother of Alison Vlieger*).

Celebrating Birthdays: Caden Katt and Micah Hagen.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Austin & Lacey Reitz and Howard & Pam Vlieger.

For Spiritual Hearing: Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Huron, SD.

For Those Who Mourn: Family and friends of Shirley Larson, (*mother of Paula Rueter*).