

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026



DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AT 10:15am

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Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four (*LSB 203*)

Prelude

Processional Hymn:

Hail Thee, Festival Day *LSB 489*

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

Hymn of the Day:

Christ Is the World's Redeemer *LSB 539*

Catechism Minute *LSB 326*

Sermon – “How The End Shapes Our Lives”

Prayer of the Church *LSB 207*

Offerings *LSB 207*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208*

Distribution Hymns:

Take My Life and Let It Be *LSB 784*

Come Down, O Love Divine *LSB 501*

How Firm a Foundation *LSB 728*

Benediction *LSB 212*

Recessional Hymn:

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *LSB 805*

Postlude

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

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Introit: Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a

P: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

C: **Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.**

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: Teach me your way, O LORD;

C: **give me not up to the will of my adversaries;**

P: for false witnesses have risen against me,

C: **and they breathe out violence.**

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: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

C: **Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.**

Collect

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which

you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-14

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: John 15:26 - 16:4

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

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

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

<i>Financial Update - April 2026</i>				
	General Fund (April)	YTD Total	Building Fund (April)	YTD Balance
Offering Receipts	\$17,326.64	\$79,636.80	\$1,440.00	\$38,284.05
Needed for Budget	\$20,163.00	\$80,656.00		
Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,836.36)	(\$1,019.20)		

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.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in honor of Madison Vlieger's birthday on May 23.

The Church Council meets today (5/17) at 7:45am.

Graduation Recognition: High School and College students who are graduating will be recognized and congratulated at the Divine Service today (5/17).

College/Young Adult Bible Study meets today (5/17) at 8:00pm.

Faith Women's Luncheon meets at noon on Tuesday, May 19 at The Train Station.

Main Street Living, May 24: [This is the Life](#) - "The Smashup" – A group of friends struggle with lingering guilt after an accident.

[Worship Service](#) – Rev. Bart Day, CEO of Lutheran Church Extension Fund in St. Louis, MO, delivers a message for Pentecost Sunday. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Pioneer Home Prayer Meeting is on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00pm.

Pastor will be on vacation from May 28-31. Rev. Dr. Michael Kumm from Holy Cross Lutheran church in Dakota Dunes will be our guest preacher on May 31.

Holy Trinity Sunday is May 31.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
May 17	Church Council meeting	7:45am
May 17	Graduation Recognition	9:00am
May 17, 24, 31	College/Young Adult Bible Study	8:00pm
May 19	Faith Women's Luncheon at The Train Station	Noon
May 31	Holy Trinity Sunday	9:00am

Prayers of the Church

Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members: Hannah Batchelder and Baby, Patty Bracker, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, Bev Rohrs, Bob Rohrs, Marlene Tullar, and Pam Vlieger.

Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends: Kaleb Bents and wife, Hailey, expecting their first child (*son of Hope Hancock*), Ciara Bents (*daughter of Hope Hancock*), Tara Bracker (*daughter-in-law of Neil and Patty Bracker*), Rachel Brunsting (*friend of Mitch and Barb Bengard*), Rose Drees and Baby (*sister of Hannah Batchelder*), Dr. Art Dunham (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Helene Gayer (*mother of Pam Vlieger*), Edd Harrison, Craig & Donna Hunt, Lisa Jasper (*friend of Heather Katt*), Pat Jones (*friend of Pastor*), Duane Korleski (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Helen Lapel (*sister of Janice Gayer*), Dee Larson (*sister of Patti Van Skike*), Mark Maple (*friend of Patti & Troy Van Skike*), Dena Mullock (*granddaughter of Neil & Patty Bracker*), Barb Nicks, Shara Osiro (*our missionary*), Diane Overmohle (*mother of Jason Overmohle*), Donna Pace (*grandmother of Jordon Pace*), Tom Ray (*brother-in-law of Karl Bahrke*), Earla Triplett (*mother of Tonya Huss*), Pete Vande Poppe (*grandfather of Kooper, Kipp, and Kasee Huss*), and Cheryl Waggle (*mother of Alison Vlieger*).

Local Military Members: Chris Begnoche, Jacob Begnoche, Cody Brennan, David Grady, Andrew Hare (*friend of Andy Reginald*), Will Roder, and Carson Tesch.

For Those Who Mourn: Family and friends of Kim Daum.

Celebrating Birthdays: Trever Huss and Madison Vlieger.

WELCOME VISITORS

**WE'RE GLAD TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY
HERE ARE SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR YOU**

***An unstaffed nursery** is located just inside the church office entrance (across from the offices). Please feel free to use it as necessary.

***Our offerings** are an opportunity for members and others to show their thanks to God by supporting the work of His church.

***We invite you to our fellowship time following the service.**

***We hope to see you again!** If you would like a visit from the Pastor, please indicate this on the Information Card in the pew rack and hand it to an usher after the service.