

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Fifth Sunday after Trinity
July 5, 2026



DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am

ADULT BIBLE CLASS AT 10:15am

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Accompanist: Barb Greiner

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four (*LSB 203*)

Prelude

Processional Hymn:

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed *LSB 560*

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

Hymn of the Day:

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake *LSB 688*

Sermon – “By the Word, God Calls Us to Follow Him”

Prayer of the Church *LSB 207*

Offerings *LSB 207*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208*

Distribution Hymns:

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying *LSB 826*

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven *LSB 877*

Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord *LSB 771*

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 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: vv. 7, 9b

- P: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
C: **be gracious to me and answer me!**
P: O you who have been my help,
C: **forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**
P: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
C: **whom shall I fear?**
P: Teach me your way, O LORD,
C: **and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**
P: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
C: **for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.**
P: Wait for the LORD;
C: **be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**
P: **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;
C: **be gracious to me and answer me!**
P: O you who have been my help,
C: **forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

Collect

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-21

¹¹[The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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

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

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Financial Update - May 2026

	General Fund (May)	YTD Total	Building Fund (May)	YTD Balance
Offering Receipts	\$17,618.84	\$97,225.64	\$1,295.00	\$39,579.05
Needed for Budget	\$20,163.00	\$100,819.00		
Over (Under) Budget	(\$2,544.16)	(\$3,253.36)		

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.

Adult Bible Class meets Sunday following the Divine Service.

College/Young Adult Bible Study will meet today (7/5) and on July 26 at 8:00pm.

Board of Lay Ministry meets Sunday, July 12 at 7:45am.

Main Street Living, July 12: [This is the Life](#) – “A Will to Live” – A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives. [Worship Service](#) – Rev. Steve Schulz of Mission Central in Mapleton, IA, delivers the message “The Seed of the Word” based on Matthew 13:1-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Vacation Bible School: Join us for an exciting week – July 12-16 from 5:30-7:30pm. Sign up is for 4-year-olds through students completing the 4th grade. Dinner will be provided from 5:30 - 6:00pm each evening for all children attending. The theme this year is ‘**Set Sail With Jesus**’. Encourage your child to invite a friend. If you haven’t registered yet, please contact Jesa Pace: jesa.lm.pace@gmail.com.

VBS Volunteers Needed: The Board of Education is looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School, July 12-16, from 5:30-7:30pm each evening. If you are willing to help, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. **There is also a ‘Meal Donation’ list asking for food.** Donations are to be brought to the church kitchen by July 12 (10am).

The Church Council meets on Sunday, July 19 at 7:45am.

New Youth Director Needed: Faith is in need of a Youth Director to coordinate events and Bible studies for the 2026-2027 academic year. If interested, please talk to pastor for more details.

Opportunities to Serve: We are in need of people to lead the Board of Public Relations/Parish Fellowship and the Board of Evangelism, as well as people willing to help kick start a Lutheran Braille Workshop here at Faith. Let us all be praying that God would lead people to serve in these ways. And if you have an inkling of helping out, please talk to Pastor for more details.

Upcoming Iowa District West Youth Gatherings: The Senior High Gathering will take place October 3-4 at Camp Okoboji, and the Junior High Youth Gathering will be held October 24-25 at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines. See the flyers on the bulletin Board. More information and registration details will be coming soon.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
July 5	Young Adult Bible Class	8:00pm
July 12	Board of Lay Ministry meeting	7:45am
July 12-16	Vacation Bible School	5:30-7:30pm
July 17-23	Pastor at National Convention	
July 19	Church Council Meeting	7:45am
July 26	Young Adult Bible Class	8:00pm

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, and Marlene Tullar.

Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends: Camille Bahrke (daughter-in-law of Karl & Julie Bahrke, Ciara Bents (*daughter of Hope Hancock*), Rachel Brunsting (*friend of Mitch and Barb Bengard*), Erin Diedrich (*sister of Pastor Batchelder*), Rose Drees and Baby (*sister of Hannah Batchelder*), Dr. Art Dunham (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Helene Gayer (*mother of Pam Vlieger*), Edd Harrison (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Leon Huber (*brother of Howard Vlieger's friend*), Craig & Donna Hunt (*Donna is a co-worker of Mike Blankenfeld*), Lisa Jasper (*friend of Heather Katt*), Duane Korleski (*friend of Howard Vlieger*), Helen Lapel (*sister of Janice Gayer*), Mark Maple (*friend of Patti & Troy Van Skike*, Shara Osiro (*our missionary*), Diane Overmohle (*mother of Jason Overmohle*), Donna Pace (*grandmother of Jordon Pace*, and Cheryl Waggie (*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.

Prayers for a sister congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osceola, IA, dealing with structural repairs and mold remediation in the parsonage.

Celebrating Birthdays: J.D. Fink.

2026 Synod Convention: Please be praying for our church body as we assemble in convention next month (July 18-23 in Phoenix AZ). Let us ask the Lord that we would walk together in the unity of the Scriptures and our Lutheran Confession.