

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
August 16, 2026



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

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Accompanist: Ruth Katt

Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four (*LSB 203*)

Prelude

Processional Hymn:

Rise, Shine, You People *LSB 825*

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

Hymn of the Day:

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion *LSB 559*

Catechism Minute *LSB 327*

Sermon – “Check Yourself Because Sin is Crouching at the Door”

Reception of New Member: Colton Ott

Prayer of the Church *LSB 207*

Offerings *LSB 207*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208*

Distribution Hymns:

Chief of Sinners Though I Be *LSB 611*

By Grace I’m Saved *LSB 566*

Seek Where You May to Find a Way *LSB 557*

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 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b

- P: God is in his holy habitation;
C: **[he] settles the solitary in a home.**
P: The God of Israel—he is the one
C: **who gives power and strength to his people.**
P: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
C: **and those who hate him shall flee before him!**
P: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;
C: **they shall be jubilant with joy!**
P: O God, when you went out before your people,
C: **in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**
P: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
C: **God is our salvation.**
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.**
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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 4:1-15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker

of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one

may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

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

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

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

<i>Financial Update - July 2026</i>				
	General Fund (July)	YTD Total	Building Fund (July)	Building Fund Balance
Offering Receipts	\$16,876.94	\$138,049.87	\$1,720.00	\$43,204.05
Needed for Budget	\$20,163.00	\$141,145.00		
Over (Under) Budget	(\$3,286.06)	(\$3,095.13)		

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 today (8/16) following the Divine Service.

Board of Education meets on Monday, August 17 at 5:00pm.

Main Street Living, August 23: This Is the Life – “Flight Plan” – A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it? Worship Service – Rev. Robert Mayes of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Beemer, NE, and Zion St. John Lutheran Church in Wisner, NE, delivers the message “From Famine to Feast” based on Matthew 14:13-21. 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.

Board of Lay Ministry meets on Sunday, August 30 at 7:45am.

Catechism: There will be a Catechism Orientation meeting on Sunday, August 30 following the Service. Families with 6th-8th grade children are encouraged to join us for Catechism class this year. First day of Catechism will be Wednesday, September 2 from 6:30pm - 7:45pm.

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. 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.

One or two volunteers are needed to visit with students and promote Faith Lutheran Church. Please let Pastor know if one of these dates will work for you:

Dordt University - Thursday, August 27 from 12:30-3:30pm.

Northwestern College - Thursday, September 3 from 11:00-1:30pm.

The Church Council meets on September 13 at 7:45am.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: The Board of Education is looking for Sunday School teachers for the 2026–2027 school year! We are thankful for those who have already volunteered to help, but we still have openings to fill.

- Pre-K–2nd Grade: Sept–Nov only
- 3rd–5th Grade or 6th–8th Grade (Pam has agreed to teach whichever class is remaining after a volunteer is found)
- Two substitute Sunday School teachers

If you would be willing to teach or help with Sunday School this year, please contact Jesa at (712) 539-2855. Whether you can commit to the whole year or just a portion of it, we would appreciate your help!

Rally Sunday: Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 13.

Faith Women's Luncheon meets on Tuesday, September 15 at noon at Merendero Aguascalientes.

Thank You from Love INC: “We want to say THANK YOU for your generosity in helping with our Heart & Soles Ministry. We appreciate your church displaying the shoe/sock cut outs and all who donated items or gave financially. Thank you for your support.”

Lutheran Braille Workers: If you are interested in helping with the Lutheran Braille Workers mission here at Faith, please see Pam Vlieger! She is the point person and needs two additional helpers: one to help with the scheduling of volunteers and one to help with the materials inventory/shipping. Plus, we will need about seven volunteers; this will be to get us started. She expects that our volunteer numbers will change from time to time. She's hoping that once word gets out about this mission, that we will have no problem getting plenty of volunteers!!! There will be ONE day of training with the LBW trainers. After that, we will train volunteers as they present themselves. Thank you in advance for your help.

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.

Stewardship Sunday, October 18: Join us as we have Rev. Keith Haney, assistant to the District President in human care and stewardship, preach on the biblical basis of stewardship, as well as leading Bible class on the topic. Pastor Haney will be in town Saturday; October 17th; and invites us to join him for a meal to brainstorm ideas for how we can be faithful stewards of God's creation (Psalm 24:1, Genesis 1:28)

<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
Aug 16	Prairie Ridge Devotions	2:30pm
Aug 17	Board of Education meeting	5:00pm
Aug 27	Welcome Dordt students	12:30-3:30pm
Aug 30	Board of Lay Ministry meeting	7:45am
Aug 30	Catechism Orientation meeting	10:15am
Sept 2	Catechism Classes begin	6:30-7:45pm
Sept 3	Welcome Northwestern students	11:00-1:30pm
Sept 13	Church Council meeting	7:45am
Sept 13	Rally Sunday	10:15am
Sept 15	Faith Women's Luncheon	Noon
Oct 18	Stewardship Sunday	

Prayers of the Church

Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members: Hannah Batchelder and Baby, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, 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*), Lori Davis (*sister of Paula Koller*), Erin Diedrich (*sister of Pastor Batchelder*), Rose Drees and Baby (*sister of Hannah Batchelder*), 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*, Bev Thoene (*friend of Neil & Patty Bracker*), 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, Carson Tesch, and Christian Wolthuizen (*brother of Jesa Pace*).

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

For Those Who Mourn: Family and friends of Melissa Kelly (*Barb Greiner's daughter*).

Celebrating Birthdays: Evan Overmohle and Aubrey Fink.

Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays: Caden Katt.