

Faith Lutheran Church, Orange City, Iowa
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 4, 2026



DIVINE SERVICE BEGINS AT 9:00am
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 10:15am

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Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Four (*LSB 203*)

Prelude

Processional Hymn:

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *LSB 549*

Nicene Creed *LSB 206*

Hymn of the Day:

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower *LSB 694*

Catechism Minute *LSB 329*

Sermon – “The Great Two Commandments”

Prayer of the Church *LSB 207*

Offerings *LSB 207*

Service of the Sacrament *LSB 208*

Distribution Hymns:

Son of God, Eternal Savior *LSB 842*

The Lord, My God, Be Praised *LSB 794*

Lord Jesus, Think on Me *LSB 610*

Benediction *LSB 212*

Recessional Hymn:

Abide, O Dearest Jesus *LSB 919*

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 122:1, 6, 8-9; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
C: **and let your prophets be proven faithful.**
P: Hear the prayer of your servants,
C: **according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.**
P: I was glad when they said to me,
C: **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**
P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C: **May they be secure who love you!**
P: For my brothers and companions’ sake
C: I will say, “Peace be within you!”
P: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
C: **I will seek your good.**
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 peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
C: **and let your prophets be proven faithful.**
P: Hear the prayer of your servants,
C: **according to the blessing of Aaron upon your people.**

Collect

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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: Deuteronomy 10:12-21

¹²“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am

commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’?

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

<i>Financial Update - August 2026</i>				
	General Fund (Aug)	YTD Total	Building Fund (Aug)	Building Fund Balance
Offering Receipts	\$18,338.37	\$156,388.24	\$1,205.00	44,409.05
Needed for Budget	\$20,163.00	\$161,308.00		
Over (Under) Budget	(\$1,824.63)	(\$4,919.76)		

Weekly Announcements

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

Communion Policy: 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.

Board of Lay Ministry meets today (10/4) at (7:30am).

Youth Meetings: YouthLead meets today (10/4) from 6:30-7:45pm; JLYF meets October 11 (4-5pm); and the combined YouthLead/JLYF meets October 18 (Sack Pack Program - 3:00-4:00pm at the Prospective Insurance building, just across Hiway 10 from church).

College/Young Adult Bible Study meets on Sundays at 8:00pm.

The Church Council meets on October 11 at 7:30am.

Main Street Living, October 11: This is the Life – “Return Trip” – Fourth commandment, human guilt and divine forgiveness. Worship Service – Rev. Ezra Grabau of Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA, delivers the message “The Veil” based on Isaiah 25:6-9. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Youth Program Helpers: We are in need of Faith members to assist with the Youth program. Parents (or adults) are needed to help supervise/assist at the meetings. And snacks are also needed for the meetings. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Meetings will be cancelled if we don’t get assistance.

Stewardship Sunday, October 18: Reverend Keith Haney from Iowa District West will deliver the sermon and lead us in Bible Study. Pastor Haney will be in town on October 17th and invites the Members of Faith to join him that Saturday evening for a meal, fellowship, and the opportunity to brainstorm stewardship ideas. Payment for the meal will be “dutch treat”. We have the party room at the Pizza Ranch reserved for 6:00pm. All will be welcome that evening. The Pizza Ranch would like an estimate of how large our group will be. Thus, it would be

appreciated if you would sign up in advance on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you - Kevin Rueter, Board of Stewardship.

Faith Women's Luncheon meets at noon on Tuesday, October 20 at The Roadhouse.

Lutheran Braille Workers Pam Vlieger is the point person for Lutheran Braille Workers. She needs someone to help with the scheduling of the volunteers and can also use more volunteers for the workshops. If you are interested, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Free Art: The new artwork created during VBS now hangs in the Nursery. So, the pictures displayed in the Fellowship Hall are the 'old' pictures and FREE to anyone who wants them.

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.

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.

The Nominating Committee is looking for members who may be interested in running for a position on the Church Council. Per the constitution, the following offices are voted upon at the November 2026 Voters Meeting and take office on January 1, 2027: Director of Stewardship, Director of Evangelism, Director of Christian Education, and Director of Church Properties. Also, the Director of Public Relations and Parish Fellowship position is still vacant. If interested in serving on the Council, please contact Kerby Huss (Chairman) or Pastor.

<i>Calendar of Events</i>		
Oct 4	Board of Lay Ministry Meeting	7:30am
Oct 4	YouthLead meeting	6:30-7:45pm
Oct 4	College/Young Adult Bible Study	8:00pm
Oct 10	Orange City Food Pantry Volunteers	8:30-11:30am
Oct 11	Church Council Meeting	7:30am
Oct 11	JLYF meeting	4:00-5:00pm
Oct 17	Stewardship meal with Rev. Haney at the Pizza Ranch	6:00pm
Oct 18	Stewardship Sunday with Rev. Haney	9:00am
Oct 18	Combined YouthLead / JLYF Mtg Sack Pack Program Prospective Insurance building	3:00-4:00pm
Oct 20	Faith Women's Luncheon at The Roadhouse	Noon

Prayers of the Church

Pray for Health and Healing of our FLC members: Hannah Batchelder and Baby, Patty Bracker, Howard Gayer, Hope Hancock, Marlene Tullar, and Ron Zelewski.

Pray for Health and Healing of Family and Friends: 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*), 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 Waggie (*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*).

Celebrating Birthdays: Ethan Fink, Jen Korver, and Elise Overmohle.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Brent & Rebecca Smit.