

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

Divine Service, Setting One – LSB 151

8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm

*livestreamed on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)



AS WE GATHER

Tradition is a profound gift, but it can also be a problem. When the works of our hands are at odds with the faith of our hearts, or when the faith of our hearts no longer shapes our lives, we are in trouble. Jesus calls out the empty tradition that begs for faith and the timid faith that fears bold confession. In so doing, our Lord rightly places the gift and blessing of tradition, not the dead faith of the living but the living faith of the dead, to encourage us in our own believing.

[Rev. Eric J. Edwards](#) † **[Rev. Christopher Beck](#)** † **[Rev. Liwei Sui](#)**

2200 S. High Street, Bloomington, IN † 812-332-1668 † office@faithbtown.org † www.faithbtown.org

✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – *Wondrous Love* (arr. Mark Bender)

HYMN OF INVOCATION – LSB 822 – Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

INTROIT – Psalm 26:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: v. 8

P O Lord, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

C **Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

P Prove me, O Lord, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

C **I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.
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.
O Lord, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.**

KYRIE – Lord, Have Mercy – Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS – Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P ...one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 29:11-19 – “I will again do wonderful things with this people.”

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear

the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL – Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

A Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!

C Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

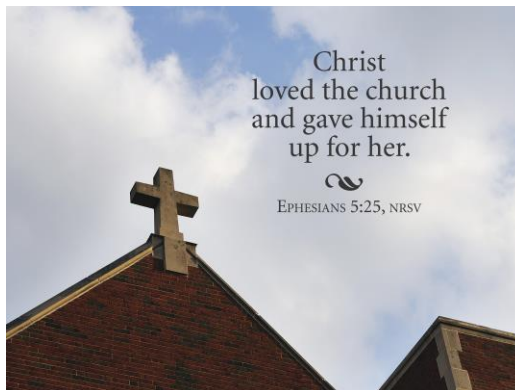
EPISTLE – Ephesians 5:22-33 – Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA and COMMON VERSE – *John 6:68*

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 7:1-13 – “This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far from Me.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— ¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

8:00 am – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – LSB 853 – How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find
3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come
4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,



When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing
Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures
In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues
To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or



to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind
put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name
ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

Text: © 1982 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001557

Tune: Public domain

SERMON – *Tradition Redisposition* – Mark 7:1-13

8:00 am – APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm – NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A ...both now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING – *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* (arr. Charles Callahan)

OFFERTORY – LSB 159 – *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

8:00 am – Continues with the **Lord's Prayer** (*page 10*)
and concludes with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** (*page 14*).

✠ ✠ ✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠ ✠ ✠
beginning at LSB 160

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary ...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS – LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**For Guests and
Visitors Desiring the
Sacrament**

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that **in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.**

Participation in this meal indicates that you **believe, have been baptized, and have been taught** according to our Lord's command **and are in doctrinal agreement** with this confession.

- **If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith,** we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- **If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper,** please speak with one of our pastors.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

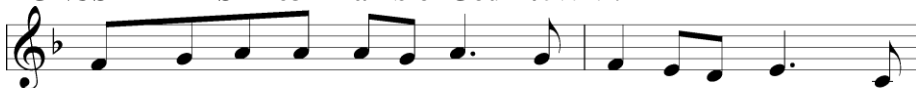
WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI – LSB 163 – Lamb of God – *John 1:29*



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

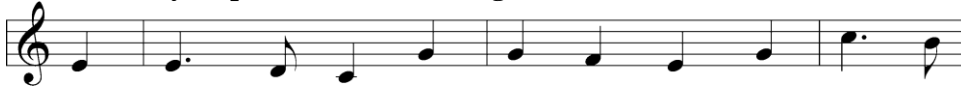


sin of the world; grant us peace.



DISTRIBUTION

LSB 575 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

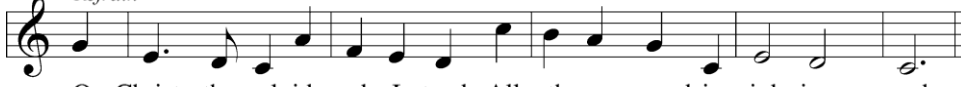


blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text and tune: Public domain

LSB 543 – What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this That
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll

Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.



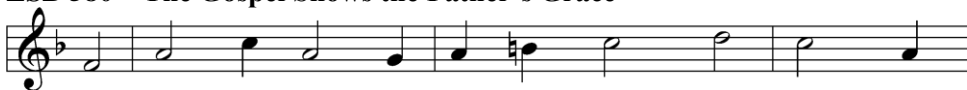
caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text and tune: Public domain

LSB 580 – The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Text and tune: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 164 – Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

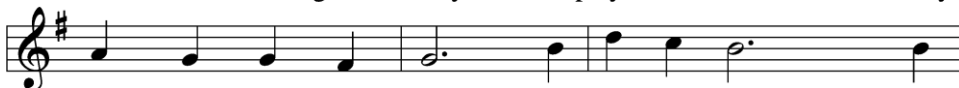
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART – LSB 854 – Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my
4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry
5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy
in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at
mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -
boun-teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.
 pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.
 Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.
 ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.
 e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.

Text: Public domain
 Tune: © 1981, 1982 Barry L. Bobb. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110001557



SILENT PRAYER / ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go* (arr. Ronald A. Nelson)



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by **Barry & Bonnie Martin** in loving memory of Bonnie's parents, **Harold and Mary Kiel**, who were married on August 25, 1945. Thanks be to God!

TODAY (at University Lutheran Church)

- **10:30am** Installation of Pastor Timothy Winterstein
- **11:30am** Welcome Picnic/Pitch-in

Monday, August 26

FINAL Dine & Donate →→→

Tuesday, August 27

6:15pm Softball (Twin Lakes, F4)

Wednesday, August 28

10:00am Bible Studies (upstairs)

6:30pm Elders

Sunday, September 1

1:00pm Playground Dedication

Monday, September 2 Church Office/Preschool Closed

9:00am [Lakeview Labor Day 5K + Community Day](#)

Saturday, September 7

11:00am Memorial Service for Lu Mercier (at Faith)

10am-Noon Sojourn House Volunteer Orientation (Send RSVP & questions to programs@sojournhousewomen.org. or contact Emilia Brunner.)

PIZZA X

Xtend-A-Hand

to support  **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Tell us you're supporting **Faith Lutheran Church** or select it under the **Xtend-a-Hand tab** while placing your order online and Pizza X will donate 20%.

Available at all Pizza X locations every **Monday in August** (8/5, 8/12, 8/19, and 8/26)

pizzaxbloomington.com   

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

of Pastor Woelmer



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

4PM RECEPTION *(all welcome)*

5PM DINNER *(for those pre-registered)*

6:15 PM PROGRAM *(all welcome)*

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday, September 20 (6:00pm) [Sojourn House Light Her Way 5K](#)

Sunday, October 6 (11:30am) Church Picnic

Sunday, October 20 Loyalty Sunday

Saturday, October 26 Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 2 (8:30am) LWML Fall Zone Gathering



Do you receive our weekly announcements?

Subscribe to **FaithBtown News** for weekly announcements and updates.

