

#### A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025 Pr. Ben Colahan, preaching

**PRELUDE** 

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 565 | J. S. Bach

WELCOME Pr. Ben Colahan

**GATHERING HYMN** 

ELW 504 | A Mighty Fortress is our God



- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
- 3 Though hordes of dev-ils fill the land all threat-'ning to de-4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; ject - ed. vour us, fear it:

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and cham-pion But now comes to fight, whom we trem - ble not. un moved we stand: they for God him self fights side with by our



glo wins sal - va - tion rious. God him - self e lect ed. o - ver can - not pow'r us. weap-ons of the Spir it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe
You ask who this may be?
Let this world's ty - rant rage;
Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, Might - y Lord, doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



GREETING Pr. Ben Colahan

PRAYER OF THE DAY

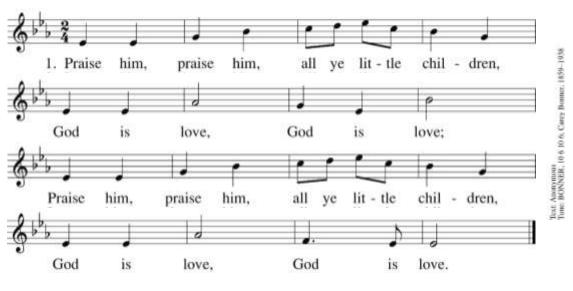
Pr. Ben Colahan

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josh Edwards

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Praise Him, Praise Him | Pamela Beall & Susan Nipp



FIRST READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sherrill Heinz

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. <sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from

the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

#### RESP) Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14 Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to Luke.

#### RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup> [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:<sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' <sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

## RESP) Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jill Bentler Sung Response: ACS 1075 | O God, We Call

SUNG RESP) O God, we call, from deep inside we yearn, from deep inside we yearn for you.

**BAPTISM OF KORTNEY STAFFORD** 

Pr. Ben Colahan, Kortney Stafford, Stafford Family, & Sponsors

CALL) Do you believe in God the Father?

RESP) I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

CALL) Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

RESP) I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

CALL) Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

RESP) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The peace of Christ be with you all.

RESP) And also with you.

WELCOMING OF VISITORS

Pr. Ben Colahan

**OFFERING** 

Mighty Fortress | Martin Luther, arr. By Mark Hayes | FLC Brass Ensemble and FLC Sanctuary Choir

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CALL) The Lord be with you.

RESP) And also with you.

CALL) Lift up your hearts.

RESP) We lift them to the Lord.

CALL) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

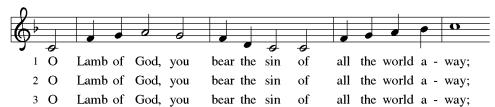
RESP) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

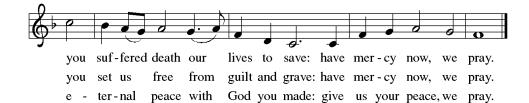
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

**AGNUS DEI** 

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#### **COMMUNION SONGS**

Beautiful Things | Lisa & Michael Gungor



Oh Mercy | Ian Morgan Crohn, Matt Maher, & Stuart Garrard

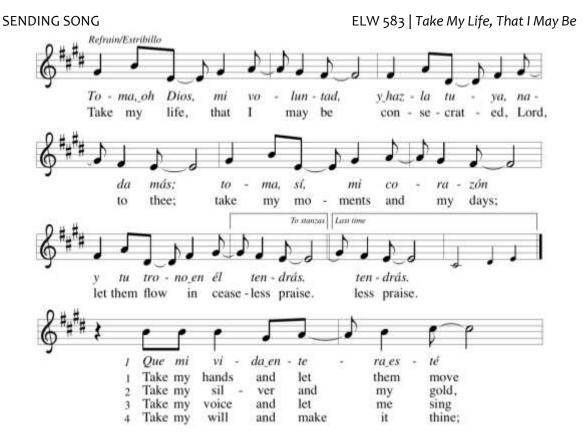
If you would like one-on-one, personal prayer at this time, we invite you to pray with today's Healing Minister on the north side of the room/wall facing East 1st Ave.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jill Bentler

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Pr. Ben Colahan





BLESSING Pr. Ben Colahan

DISMISSAL Jill Bentler

CALL) Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

Jubilate | Fela Sowande

# **Giving at Faith Lutheran**

You can use this QR code by opening the camera on your phone and focusing on the image. A prompt from "tithe.ly" will pop up. Click it and you will be sent to our giving page. You can also access our giving page at ChioFaithLutheran.org/Give. Cash or checks can be placed in the offering plate during service or dropped off at the office. You may donate to our General Fund which supports our budget (staff salaries, operating costs, repairs and maintenance) or you may give to any designated fund like music, family, memorials, or the Capital Campaign.



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#### MINISTERS: THE PEOPLE OF FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan
Assisting Minister: Jill Bentler

On-Site Council Member: Elise Gladu
On-Site Equipping Minister: Vickie James

Communion: Molly Barnum (shepherd), Elaine Lund, Hope Manes, Caryl Quiñones,

and Dianna Snyder

Communion Clean-up: Julio Quiñones

Ushers: Carol Hall and Joan Palmer

Lector: Sherrill Heinz

Welcome Table: Holly Orognen and Judy Sitton

Coffee Hour: Diane Kimmelshue and Mark Kimmelshue

A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Marquez Edwards, and Adelio Havens

Healing Minister: Sky Sample

Offering Counters: Diane Knight and Cheri Sandberg

Parking Lot: Dave Barnum, Tom Melvin, and Ryan Manes

Musicians: FLC Brass Ensemble (Robert Christensen & Mark Lund- Trumpet, Jerry

Sherrill- French Horn, Sebastian Mehl & Peter Miller- Trombone, and Bill Kees- tuba)

FLC Contemporary Team, and FLC Sanctuary Choir

Cantor: Luke Nicolay

# **Weekly Events**

#### Sundays

- Worship in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
- Journaling Class in Room 6 after Worship (Elise Gladu)
- New Members Class in Room 7 after Worship (Pr. Ben)
- Dungeons & Dragons (5e) on 2nd & 4th Sundays of Month, 5:00 p.m. Room 6 (Kate Ory, Malinda Ard)
- Sundays @ 5 Service in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m.

#### Mondays

- Just Older Youth, Seniors! (JOYS) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 10:30a.m., Room 7
- Time Out for Art in Room 6 from 1-4:00 p.m. (Caryl Quinones, Sherrill Heinz)
- Bible Study, 1st & 3rd Mondays in Room 7 at 5:30 p.m. (Kate Ory)
- Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting in Room 4 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesdays**

- Quilters in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to about 2:00 p.m. (Char Miller, Diane Knight)
- Centering Prayer on Zoom from 4-5 p.m. (Bill Kees)
- Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom from 5-6 p.m. (Pr. Ben)

#### Wednesdays

• Handbell Practice in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)

### Thursdays

- Spiritual Seekers Bible Study on 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room (Mary Schweder)
- Afternoon Games at 1200 Park Ave. Clubhouse from 12 to 3:00 p.m. (Elise Gladu)
- Choir Practice in the Sanctuary at 5:45 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Gambler's Anonymous at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Contemporary Music Practice in the Sanctuary at 7:15 p.m. (Luke Nicolay)
- Troop 12 in Room 7 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Chris Brown)

#### Fridays

- Men's Breakfast at Farmer's Skillet on Rio Lindo at 8:00 a.m. (Howie Stensrud)
- Bulletin Folders in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. (Laurae Dunn)
- Food Bank, 1st & 3rd Fridays in the Parking Lot from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (Lisa Roehling)

# **Special Events**

#### All Saints Day, New Member Welcome, and Potluck, Sunday, November 2

Faith Lutheran Church observes All Saints Day by honoring saints past and celebrating saints present. Join us for a community celebration of life, followed by lunch. In conjunction with celebrating saints present, we will welcome our new members during service. You are invited to bring photos of your late loved ones to put on our altar. The altar will be in the sanctuary, and we suggest coming to church a couple minutes early so you can arrange your photos. The potluck is organized by the Equipping Ministry, who will provide hams and drinks. We invite you to bring hot dishes, salads and desserts.

#### Inviting Silence starting Monday Nov 3 at 7:00 a.m. / Wednesday Nov 5 at 11:00 a.m.

I am inviting you to sit together in silence. As Gunilla Norris says in her book, Inviting Silence, "we are afraid of it...and we long for it" Why do I invite you? I invite you because it is a gift waiting for you to be in. Our culture is busy with doing, and silence is beckoning us to come close. What happens when you are with others in silence? Nothing. You will sit quietly for 20 to 30 minutes. It may be that you will be invited to notice something, like your breathing, before the ringing of the first bell. You are invited not to speak. We come and go in silence. Please plan to arrive 10 minutes early. We will meet in the Chapel at Faith Lutheran. If you are drawn to this invitation please text me. I can share more about this journey on the phone or in person. Blessings, Bill Kees (530) 966-1626.

#### Honoring Veterans, Sunday Nov. 9

"Eucharist" is a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." Eucharist is that act of giving thanks for Jesus' sacrifice of his body and blood through which we have received the forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. On Nov. 9th, we will thank the veterans in our congregation for their sacrifice on our behalf so that we might also have life.

## For a Time Such as This: Bonhoeffer Film, Friday, November 14 at 6pm in Room 7

This Matthew 25 inspired group focused on serving "the least of these" seeks to inspire and educate with the goal of living out the gospel of Christ to protect the vulnerable. Our first meeting will be viewing the new adaptation of Bonhoeffer: "As the world teeters on the brink of annihilation, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is swept into the epicenter of a deadly plot to assassinate Hitler. With his faith and fate at stake, Bonhoeffer must choose between upholding his moral convictions or risking it all to save millions of Jews from genocide." (Rotten Tomatoes). We will show this movie in Room 7 on a large screen. Pizza and popcorn are provided! Please RSVP with Candy Munson, facilitator, at (760) 716-5268.

# CHICO FOOD PROJECT





Mission: The collection of non-perishable food items from the congregation for the Chico Food Project pantry, and to bring awareness of the need of these items to the surrounding community. We encourage folks to pick up a couple of extra items to put in a grocery bag and drop it off at the manger in front of the altar on Sunday. This can be a great teaching moment for children who can help pick out items at the store.

Why it Matters: The Chico Food Project collects goods and distributes them to various non-profit organizations that serve the community to help with food insecurity. The food is given to the Chico Food Locker, the Jesus Center, the Salvation Army, Vectors For Veterans, St. Vincent De Paul and CSUC Hungry Wildcats. Currently in Butte County, one in five households are at or below poverty level. That means there are a lot of Chico families who are hungry. Seventy-five percent of single moms and their children live in poverty. Food pantries have been overwhelmed by the demand and are in desperate need of continual supply.

Most Needed Items: Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauces, Pancake Mix, Canned Fruit, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Juice, Soup, Cooking Oil, Cereal, Oatmeal, Tuna, Soup, Chili, Fruit Cocktail, Sugar, Flour,

Pasta, Holiday Foods, Coffee.

How can you make a Difference: You can help by picking up a few items from the list on your usual shopping trips to the store. Or you can participate in a long term project that is a door-to-door food collection program formed to help provide non-perishable items to existing Chico food pantries six times a year, better known as the "Blue Bags". When you sign up, volunteers will come to your doorstep and pick up your blue bag of food and leave you an empty bag for the next designated pickup. You can spread the word to your family, neighbors, and friends and invite them to share in the Chico Food Pantry project.

Chico Food Project 530-230-7232 bluebags@chicofoodproject.org



#### SERMON NOTES:

We set people above or below us; but Christ stands beside us.

To be justified is to be right in God's eyes

Sin is a state of being curved inward upon oneself

We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Ephesians 2:8-9

We are at the same time, both saint (justified) and sinner Romans 3:23-25a

Good works are not the root of salvation but the fruit

Ephesians 2:10

In what ways do you compare yourself to others?

What do you gain by such comparison? What do you lose?

When are you focused least on your self?

If there were no consequence for failure, what would you attempt?