



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*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
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; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg-ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Josh Edwards

CHILDREN'S RESPONSE

Praise Him, Praise Him | Pamela Beall & Susan Nipp

1. Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
God is love, God is love;
Praise him, praise him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
God is love, God is love.

Text: Anonymous
Tune: BONNER, 10 6 10 6, Cary Bonner, 1859-1938

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sherrill Heinz

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ 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. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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 ACCLAMATION

ELW 172 | Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

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CALL) The holy gospel according to Luke.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ 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. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ 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!’ ¹⁴ 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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1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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

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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

ELW Setting 10, p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

SENDING SONG

ELW 583 | *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da, a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

Refrain/Estribillo

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1899, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875-1955
Music: Tota tu vocatrag, William Decker, 1915-1956
Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

BLESSING

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DISMISSAL

Jill Bentler

CALL) Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jubilate | Fela Sowande

Giving at Faith Lutheran

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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 Orogren 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) 2nd & 4th 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?