



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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 21st, 2026

Pr. Ben Colahan Presiding

Processional in C, Hal H. Hopson

Welcome by Pr. Ben Colahan

Confession and Forgiveness by Pr. Ben Colahan & FLC Children

Gathering Hymn, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, WOV Hymnal 767

Refrain

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. *Refrain*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them ev'ry one. *Refrain*

The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Children Sermon by Josh Edwards

A Reading from Romans 6:1b-11 by Sherri Kimmelshue

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that

our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

Gospel of Matthew 10:24-39 by Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to Matthew.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

RESP) Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon from Pr. Ben Colahan

Hymn of the Day, *Children of the Heavenly Father*, ELW Hymnal #781

Prayers of the People by Rev. William Stomski, *Rain Down*, VT hymnal #703
SUNG RESP) Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life.

Sharing of the Peace by Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The peace of Christ be with you all.
RESP) **And also with you.**

Welcoming of Visitors

Offering, *Bourrée*, S. L. Weiss, Mark Lund, guitar

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.

Communion Songs, *Borning Cry*, ELW Hymnal #732
10,000 Reasons, Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin



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 by Rev. William Stomski

Announcements/God's Work, Our Hands from Pr. Ben Colahan

Sending Song, *Go, My Children With My Blessing*, ELW hymnal #543

Blessing by Pr. Ben Colahan

Dismissal by Rev. William Stomski

CALL) Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
RESP) Thanks be to God.

Postlude, *Processional in C*, Hal H. Hopson

Giving

Financial gifts to Faith Lutheran Church's general fund support our operating budget, staff salaries, maintenance, and benevolence. You can also donate to a designated fund like the capital campaign, visiting musicians, or children and family ministry. Cash or checks may be dropped into the offering plate during service, or dropped off at the office during the workweek. If you have a smartphone, you may use this QR code to give online.



Thank you to today's ministers...

All FLC Children who lead worship today!

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Rev. William Stomski

On-Site Council Member: Mark Kimmelshue

On-Site Equipping Minister: Judy Struck

Lector: Sherri Kimmelshue

Communion: Sherrill Heinz (shepherd), Sherri Kimmelshue, Tod Kimmelshue, Elaine Lund,
and Sharon Prindle

Communion Clean-up: Becky Dyck

Ushers: Dave Barnum and Joan Palmer

Welcome Table: Vickie James and Mary Schweder

Coffee Hour: Elise Gladu and Mike Kruschke

A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Adelio Havens, and Kate Ory

Healing Minister: Faye Johnson

Offering Counters: Rob Brink-Capriola and Dawn Stafford

Parking Lot: Steve Hall, Char Miller, Jacob Souza, and Jon Stafford
Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team
Cantor: Luke Nicolay

Spiritual Seekers Bible Study

1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Conference Room at 9:30 a.m.

Spiritual Seekers Bible Study has returned and will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month through out the summer months. Everyone is welcome and we are starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room for fellowship before we dive into the study. The studies are provided but recommend folks bring their own Bibles.

Our Sunday School ministry is in need of additional volunteers to help create a safe, welcoming, and meaningful environment where children can learn about Jesus and grow in their faith. Training, lesson plans, and ongoing support are provided, so no previous experience is necessary. Whether you can serve once a month or on a more regular basis, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested in volunteering, or if you know someone who may be a great fit for the Children's Ministry, please reach out or encourage them to connect with us. Personal invitations often make all the difference. Those interested can contact me at joshfaithlutheran@gmail.com or sign up on the volunteer list located at the back of the church on Sundays. Thank you for supporting the children and families of Faith Lutheran. We couldn't do this ministry without caring volunteers like you. -Joshua Edwards, Dir. Children and Youth Ministry.

Offertory Photos

This summer we will focus our worship on what it means to love in an expansive way. Using scripture to lead us in this venture, we will be looking at that which needs loving on our insides, and in the world around us. As part of this journey we will create a montage of images that we will share during our times of offering at the morning worship. We invite you help us with this by sharing a photograph or two that lifts up the theme for the week.

June 28 - Loving God - based on God providing a ram to replace Isaac (Gen 2) and the struggles of persecution (Mt 10). Share pictures of challenges that you have faced when you chose to love God.

Please send these pictures at your earliest convenience to the church office at faithlutheraninchico@gmail.com

Additional oversight would be helpful in regards to our facility and we invite you to attend a meeting on **Monday, June 22 at 3:00 p.m. at church** where we will:

- Inventory ongoing projects and who is involved with each.
- Inventory regularly scheduled maintenance tasks and who is involved with each.
- Through those tasks, discern what we can do to manage ongoing projects and general oversight throughout the summer and beyond.

Thank you to Joel Zimbelman for his many years of service as our property manager. We are less concerned with getting one person to facilitate a team, and more interested in sharing the load and taking on what we can with optimal support from each other. Michael Nicholson, office manager will facilitate this meeting. Please reach him at the office if you have any questions.

Chico Coexist Fair: Resource Swap, Mutual Aid, and Messages of Hope Saturday, June 27 from 10am-1pm

The whole community is invited to this free clothing and nonperishable food swap, where you can learn where resources like food, shelter, counseling, medicine, and low-to-no-cost help can be found in our area! Free refreshments are provided, and there will be water activities for the kids.

Now's the time to clean out those pantries and closets!

We are accepting donations of all nonperishable food and clean clothing from Monday, June 22 to Friday, June 26. (You may also bring items the day-of.) Items can be dropped off during the workweek from 10am-Noon, or 1pm-4:30pm at the office.

For questions or to volunteer to play music, please call Teagan Flanagan at (510) 910-7695. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Teagan Flanagan at (510) 910-7695, teagan.a.flanagan@gmail.com

Relationship Between Interior/Exterior Work – TODAY!!! Sunday, June 21 & 28, 11 a.m.

Jesus said to the religious folk “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” This summer in worship we have an opportunity to practice this.

This is both interior and exterior work. We are invited to love ourselves so we can love others, We are invited to love others so that we might learn to love ourselves. In all of this we are loving God.

Bill Kees will lead two classes that will help us have conversation about what gets in the way of loving ourselves and what gets in the way of loving others. We are concerned that loving ourselves may bring on self-centeredness. We may back away from loving others because we might burn out.

These two classes will give us some helpful practices to step into this time of loving with desire and willingness. Please join us after worship after worship in the Sanctuary on June 21 and 28 at 11:00 am.

July 1 Evening Service

Potluck 6:00 p.m. Service 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of community service, salad, and singing! July 1st will be our first evening service now on the first Wednesday evening of each month. At 6pm, we invite folks to join us for a potluck of summer salads in the fellowship hall. At 7pm, join us for worship in the sanctuary. Worship will be in the same style as Sundays@5, but this month we are excited to announce that we'll have a special guest musician, Ben Ruttenburg, of the band, The Sunfollowers. The message will feature a presentation on how and why we are partnering this month with PATH Scholars, a local organization which supports CSU students currently experiencing homelessness and coming out of foster care. Pastor Ben will connect this work to the childhood story of the prophet Samuel. Please sign up at the back of the sanctuary to bring salads!

Sermon: We try to be perfect for our families, but Jesus gives us family that is perfect for us.

Notes:

When Jesus speaks of conflict within families because of him, Jesus does so after he has given the disciples specific instructions: "proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment." (Matthew 10:7-8).

In baptism, we are united with Christ, and are given the assurance that we are part of a divine family forever as Jesus' siblings and God's beloved children.

To make our family more important than the truth of Jesus, who is both honest and gracious with us, is to ultimately lose our family. But to love our families through Jesus, who allows us to be both honest and gracious with each other, is to ultimately find our families.

Questions:

1) What does your family expect of you?

2) In what ways can you be honest with your family about your struggles? In what ways do you hide your struggles from your family?

3) How can you show love this week to a member of your family who gets less attention?