



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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, June 19th, 2026

Rev. Bill Kees, presiding & Weiwei Bay, preaching

Prelude, *Morning Has Broken*, Arr. Karin Ford, Margaret McMillan & Linda Zimbelman

Welcome by Rev. Bill Kees

Greeting by Rev. Bill Kees

CALL) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

RESP) And also with you.

Gathering Hymn, *Morning Has Broken*, ELW Hymnal #556

Confession and Forgiveness

CALL) Compassionate God,

RESP) we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Prayer of the Day by Rev. Bill Kees

Children Sermon by Josh Edwards, dir. Family and Children Ministry

Children's Reponse, *This Little Light of Mine* verse 1, ELW hymnal #677

A Reading from Isaiah 44:6-8 by Eileen Wayne

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸ Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation, *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*, ELW hymnal #172

Gospel of Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 by Weiwei Bay

CALL) The holy gospel according to Matthew.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

RESP) Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon from Weiwei Bay

Hymn of the Day, *When Peace Like A River (It Is Well With My Soul)*, ELW Hymnal #785

Prayers of the People by Tod Kimmelshue

CALL) God of grace,
RESP) **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace by Rev. Bill Kees

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

Welcoming of Visitors

Offering, *Scarborough Fair*, Arr. Art Garfunkel & Paul Simon, Mark Lund, guitar & Linda Zimbelman, piano

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

Great Thanksgiving

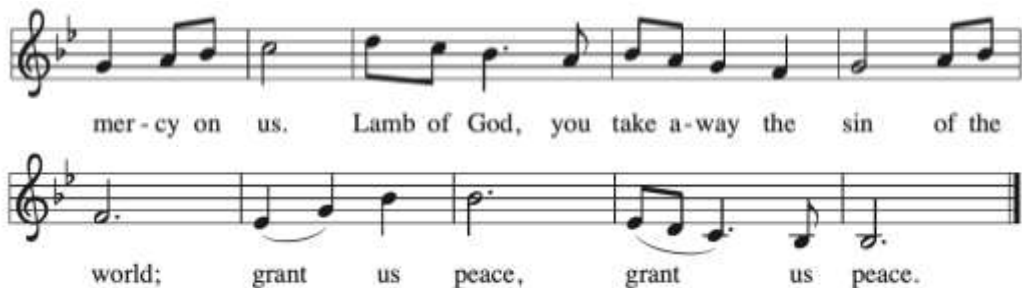
CALL) The Lord be with you.
RESP) **And also with you.**
CALL) Lift up your hearts.
RESP) **We lift them to the Lord.**
CALL) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
RESP) **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, ACS Setting 12, p. 40





Communion Songs, *As the Grains of Wheat*, ELW Hymnal #465
Here I Am, Lord, ELW Hymnal #574



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 Tod Kimmelshue

Announcements/God's Work, Our Hands from Rev. Bill Kees

Sending Song, *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*, ELW hymnal #538

Blessing by Rev. Bill Kees

Dismissal by Tod Kimmelshue

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

Postlude, *Crown Imperial: A Coronation March*, William Walton, Linda Zimbelman, organ

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...

Presiding Minister: Rev. Bill Kees

Sermon: Weiwei Bay

Assisting Minister: Tod Kimmelshue

On-Site Council Member: Elise Gladu

On-Site Equipping Minister: Judy Struck

Lector: Sharon Prindle

Communion: Molly Barnum, Caryl Quiñones (shepherd), Janine Rush, Lynette Stensrud, and
Nicole Weddig

Communion Clean-up: Laura Deaver

Ushers: Craig Fellner and Carol Hall

Welcome Table: Dave Barnum and Carol Grandy

Coffee Hour: Craig Fellner and Diane Fellner

A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Adelio Havens, and Greg Massa

Healing Minister: Sky Sample

Offering Counters: Rob Brink-Capriola and Cheri Sandberg

Parking Lot: Mark Kimmelshue, Mike Kruschke, and Char Miller

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team and Mark Lund, *guitar*

Cantor: Linda Zimbelman

**Class on Christian Discipleship
Today after worship, all welcome!**

Michael Meyer (RN, BSN, PHN, M.DIV, retired ELCA pastor) grew up in Los Angeles, one of the most multicultural, multiracial cities in the world. He wanted a wider understanding of the church and attended Trinity Lutheran Seminary, in Columbus Ohio, which was situated in a wholly different cultural context. He has a love/hate relationship with the institution of the church, but is wholly committed to the way of Jesus Christ. He has a passion for spiritual renewal and discipleship and for [denouncing Christian Nationalism](#) as blasphemy. He is unpolished, doesn't hold back, and assures you his classes will be fun.

Inviting Silence
Mondays at 7AM
(Wednesdays postponed until Sep. 9)

You are invited to join us in silence on Monday mornings at 7 AM. We invite you to arrive several minutes early and to come in quietly. The bell will ring on the hour, and we will sit in silence for 20 minutes, at which time the bell will ring again. At the second ringing of the bell our time together is complete. You may leave.

If you are interested in having conversation about what happened in the silence that will begin five minutes after the silence is done in the same space. There will be books "Inviting Silence" written by Gunilla Norris available. If you have questions, please call Bill Kees.

Remembrance of Baptism
July 26th at 5 Mile

After worship on July 27th, head down to 5 Mile Park and remember your baptism! Bring a picnic lunch, water, sunscreen, and a swimsuit. We'll have time to socialize, but we'll also get in the water! 5 Mile is a perfect place to play in the creek if you have mobility challenges; it's wheelchair accessible. Pastor Ben will lead a thanksgiving for baptism and, through some serious splashing, we'll remind each other that in these waters we are one in Christ.

Vacation Bible School: Mount Kilimanjaro Saturday, 8/8

Are your kids ready for an epic adventure? Then they won't want to miss Camp Kilimanjaro—an exciting one-day adventure designed for kids ages 2–12!

Join us on Saturday, August 8th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for a fun-filled day where kids will explore God's wisdom through an unforgettable expedition through Proverbs. Campers will enjoy high-energy songs, creative crafts, exciting games, fun goodies, and engaging dramas—all while learning how to walk in God's wisdom in everyday life.

Camp Kilimanjaro is going to be packed with adventure, laughter, and powerful Bible lessons your kids won't want to miss. We're calling all trekkers to gear up and join us for this epic journey! Parents, RSVP your children and register ASAP!



Where Help is Needed

***Please contact our office at 530-895-3754 or
FaithLutheranInChico@gmail.com to inquire about the following:***

Folders for Faith Talks are wanted. Faith Talks folders are a small, kind group of folks who meet for about 2 hours on a day toward the end of the month, to fold the newsletter and put on labels for mailing.

Additional help is wanted in Sunday School, on the property team, and in the office. Please let us know if you'd like to learn about serving.

Time to clean out the storage room and office! If you enjoy the "sort / toss / keep" process, please let Michael know you'd like to help. He will organize a time for all interested parties to meet and organize these spaces.

