



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

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 02, 2026

Pr. Ben Colahan, presiding

Prelude, *Praeludium [e-Moll]*, Nicolaus Bruhns

Welcome by Pr. Ben Colahan

Greeting by Pr. Ben Colahan

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, *Come to the Water of Life*, ACS Hymnal #955

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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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 Pr. Ben Colahan

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 55:1-5 by Sherrill Heinz

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

RESP) Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel of Matthew 14:13-21 by Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to Matthew.

RESP) Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away

so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.”¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.”¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

RESP) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon from Pr. Ben Colahan

Hymn of the Day, *We Have Come to the Hungry Feast*, ELW Hymnal #479

Prayers of the People by Raquel Krach, *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, *Give Thanks*, Henry Smith, arr. by Mark Hayes

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



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, grant us peace.

Communion Songs, *Come to the Table*, Ben McDonald, Dave Fret, & Ben Glover
All Ye Refugees, Chelsey Scott, Kellie Haddock, & Flo Paris

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 Raquel Krach

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

Sending Song, *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*, ELW hymnal #674

Blessing by Pr. Ben Colahan

Dismissal by Raquel Krach

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

Postlude, *Toccata*, David Hegarty

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: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Raquel Krach

On-Site Council Member: Faye Johnson

On-Site Equipping Minister: Dawn Stafford

Lector: Sherrill Heinz

Communion: Beth Bradley, Carol Grandy, Hope Manes, Dianna Snyder (shepherd), and
Nicole Weddig

Communion Clean-up: Molly Barnum

Ushers: Dave Barnum and Joan Palmer

Welcome Table: Laurae Dunn

Coffee Hour: Margaret McMillan and Kay Tucker

A/V Desk: Malinda Ard, Adelio Havens, Pat Snyder, and Tony White

Healing Minister: Maureen Hopson

Offering Counters: Cheri Sandberg and Lynette Stensrud

Parking Lot: Oscar Sample, Jon Stafford, and Suzanne Steel

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team

Cantor: Luke Nicolay

Baking After Worship Today!

Today we'll hear how Jesus multiplies loaves and fishes to feed the troubled crowds. After worship, join us in our newly renovated fellowship hall to bake bear loaf treats which you can take to share with anyone who could use some encouragement.



The Greatest Gift Project -- ROSEDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Donations are accepted from August 1 - 31. Items may be placed in the manger near the altar on Sundays, or brought to the office during office hours.

August's Mission: To provide school supplies for students at Rosedale Elementary School. Rosedale has 565 students Grades TK-5. For over 10 years Faith Lutheran has provided different schools in Chico with school supplies. Faith began a relationship with Rosedale during God's Work Our Hands 2 years ago. Rosedale is the only Chico Unified Elementary school to offer 2 way immersion in learning. This program places native Spanish speakers with native English speakers in the same classroom. Ideally, one-half of the students are Spanish speakers and one-half are English speakers. Positive interaction between groups ensures that our students learn from each other. As friendships build, children become excited about working and playing in two languages.

Why it Matters: We choose to provide these supplies because there is always a need for more supplies than what is budgeted. This is a need that goes on throughout the school year. When students and teachers don't have to worry about the supplies that support the teaching, then they can focus on learning.

How Can You make a Difference: You can help by picking up a few items from the list below on your usual shopping trips. We would ask you pay attention to specific items like pencils and dry erase Expo markers. Bring them by Faith on Sunday morning or during the week during the month of August:

General classroom supplies:

- **Printer paper**
- **Construction paper**
- **Cardstock (variety of colors)**
- **Paper clips**
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Disinfecting wipes**
- **Kleenex**
- **Pencils boxes**
- **Mechanical pencils**
- **Pencil Eraser tops**
- **Fine point dry erase markers**
- **Post it notes**
- **Notebooks (wide rule, 1 subject)**
- **Sand timers**

Our wonderful teachers request these product brands due to quality and project specific uses. Thank you for understanding!

- **Ticonderoga pencils**
- **8 pack crayola crayons**
- **Washable crayola markers**
- **Expo Brand Dry erase markers
chisel tip**
- **Elmer's glue sticks**



Farewell, Elvanto. Hello Church Center!

Weekly News About our Church Database

Penny Melvin and Michael Nicholson have had outstanding help stress-testing this program called Church Center — which is the same sort of program as Elvanto, the one we use for worship scheduling. So many people (musicians, staff, council, facilitators) have tried it out to see if it's a viable option for us. The answer is an overwhelming yes. The council has just approved migration to this program. Here is what that will mean for you. We will teach you how to use this program, and will stop using Elvanto. For now, keep using Elvanto. We'll transition over the coming weeks and teach you to use the program with members of our congregation coming after worship to sit down with folks and explain everything.

WHY THIS PROGRAM IS A BETTER FIT FOR US

It is simply easier to use. Also, everything this program provides (worship scheduling, giving, website, attendance tracking, extensive room rental aid, group chats, calendar, member database, directory, forms...) these things all communicate with each other. This is the key to consistency. With this, we have an opportunity to make this one program, Church Center, where we can all go to find answers (who we're meeting, where we're meeting, when we're meeting, and how things work.) Ask questions, and we'll provide answers to frequently asked questions.

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Your homework this week is simply to know that this change is occurring. We are committed to providing timely memos about the change. We'll assign "homework" week by week. Your first real assignment will be to access your profiles, which we will start teaching you to do next week. If you'd like to get a jump on it and log in, please contact Penny Melvin (directory) or Michael Nicholson (main office).
(We want you to!!!)

Sermon: Feelings overpower us, but Christ makes feelings the power to feed.

Notes:

In Matthew 14:1-12, John the Baptist is killed. Jesus responds to this first by trying to have time alone, then by having compassion on the crowds. From his compassion comes healing and feeding. When our pain becomes a source of connection with others, it becomes a source of nourishment. Both when Jesus feeds the crowd and at the Last Supper, Jesus repeats four actions with bread: he 1) takes, 2) blesses, 3) breaks, and 4) gives.

When you are overwhelmed by your emotions, ask Jesus to:

- 1) Take your emotions: ask Jesus to receive what you are feeling
- 2) Bless your emotions: ask Jesus to use your emotions for God's purpose
- 3) Break your emotions: ask Jesus to break what you are feeling into a manageable and shareable piece: perhaps a short story that you can tell, a work of art that you can share, or an act of service you can do.
- 4) Give your piece of emotion: ask Jesus to whom it would be most helpful to share the piece of your emotion.

Additional considerations: 1) Before Jesus distributes the bread, he invites the crowds to sit. Before you share your piece of emotion with someone, make sure they are prepared. 2) One chapter after feeding more than 5000, Jesus again feeds more than 4000. May we also continually return to Jesus so that he can transform the power of our feelings into the power to feed.

Questions:

- 1) When you have strong feelings, what behaviors do you turn to?
- 2) What do you spend time or money on that doesn't satisfy you?
- 3) This week, what feeling can you ask Jesus to take, bless, break, and give?