

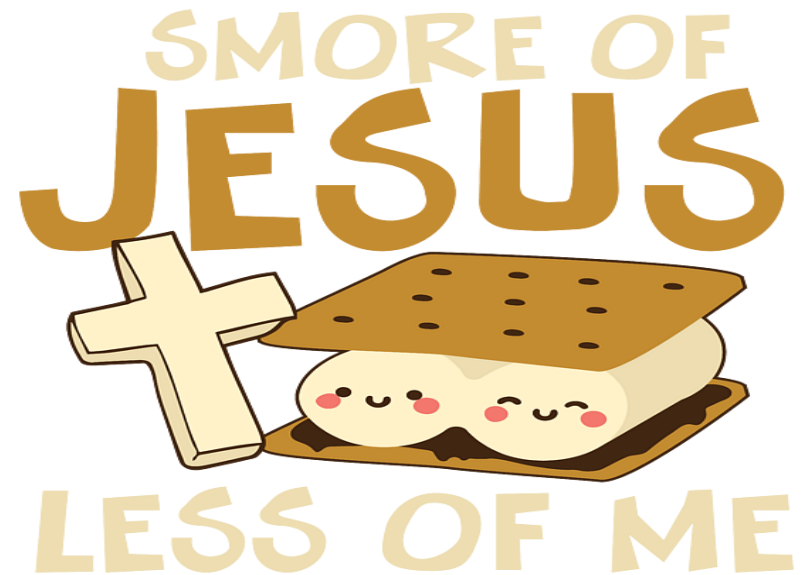
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September 13, 2026 Rally Day Service

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Rally Day Service
September 13, 2026
“Uncluttered Faith: The Real Cost!”
Matthew 13:44-46

Opening Hymn:

“Earth And All Stars” (LW 438)

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

- 2. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain

- 3. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain

- 4. Children of God, Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song! Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song!**

Refrain

Invocation:

**In the name of the Father and of the Son V and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen!**

Confession of Sins and Forgiveness (1 John 3)

**How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
That we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!**

**The reason the world does not know us,
Is that it did not know Him.**

This Week at Grace Lutheran +

Sun, Sept 13: Worship at 9:00 am
Rally day activities at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Mon, Sept 14: Bible Study at 9:30 am
Rachel Circle at 1:00 pm
Elders at 7:00 pm

Wed, Sept 16: Confirmation / Grace kids at 6:00 pm

Sun, Sept 20 Worship with H/C at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Those Serving Us this Week
September 13 , 2026

Elders: Darrell K / Allyn A / Ryan Z
Ushers: Christ Colt / Mark H
Reader: Allyn Andersen
Trustee: Ray Eickholt
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Confirmation Kids

Those Serving us Next Week
September 20, 2026

Elders: Allyn A / Ryan Z / Darrell K
Ushers: Mark H / Chris Colt
Reader: Allyn Andersen
Trustee: Ricky Harris
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Confirmation kids

tion proceedings, or things in our circuit or district. This is at Faith Lutheran in Orange City.

Love to Cook: Looking for someone to cook on Wednesday night for confirmation kids. If interested please talk to Pastor or Susan. We have someone to do the clean up and serve the food just need someone to make the food. Thank you.

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WORD



Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Gracious and merciful Father, we confess that we do not always act as if we are Your children. We sin by choosing to do what we want to do, rather than what You want us to do. We do not deserve to be part of Your family. Forgive our sins of disobedience. Help us to grow up into You as the Head of our Family. Hear our cry for mercy, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for Jesus’ sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the V Son and of the Holy Spirit! **Amen!**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty God, fountain of all wisdom, enlighten by Your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of Your truth, they may worship You and serve You from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11

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

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6 “Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 1:13-25

13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable,

ity. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your support for this program at Grace.

You are invited to Celebrate Redeemer Lutheran’s Church 100th anniversary. “Rooted in Christ, Growing in Hope” Special celebration Service is Sunday September 20, at 2 pm. Former Pastor Paul Sieveking will be sharing the message. Cake reception following special service.

Save the Date: Junior Youth Gathering is October 24-25 at the Sheraton hotel in West Des Moines. Registration deadline is September 22. Talk with Pastor or Courtney if you have questions.

Hey Kids! And Parents Too! The Bible Buddies are back for Sunday School! They are camping out on the table in the fellowship hall waiting for you to come and give them a new home! “Adoption” papers and instructions are included. Any questions, contact Eileen Anderson.

Confirmation Sponsors: We are in need of sponsorships for the confirmation program. The cost this year is \$75 dollars this includes all materials and suppers for the entire year. Please consider sponsoring a child in this important step in their faith life.

Board of Ed: We are hosting a trunk or treat this year at Grace! Everyone is invited to participate. Bring your car open up your trunk and decorate how you want and then hand out candy. It is easy and fun. If you are willing to be a participant please call the office or talk with Melinda Schwartz. It is going to be October 31 from 5– 8 pm. Be at the parking lot and set up by 4:30pm. If you rather not participate with the trunk bring your kids and grandkids to the parking lot. Should be lots of fun.

Please join us this Sunday September 13 at 2:30 pm for a presentation from our circuit delegates to the 2026 LCMS Convention. Jon Burt (Trinity Hawarden) and Rev Thomas Batchelder(Faith Orange City) will share about their experiences and some of the decisions that were made. This will be also a give an opportunity for you to share any question, comments, or concerns you may have regarding the conven-

+ **News and Notes** +

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On Main Street September 20 airing

This is the Life – “My Husband, My Sorrow” – A man and a woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

Worship Service – Rev. Jeff Kasmerski, Admission Counselor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, presents a message to start the academic year. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com.

September 13, 2026 – Proper 19 (Pentecost 16) Scripture: “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.” — Matthew 18:21–22

Stewardship Sentence: Having received abundant mercy and forgiveness from God, we reflect His grace by forgiving others and showing compassion.

New Thrivent Choice Changes! In Mid April, Choice Dollars were designated up front as **a single annual lump sum**. Members can now direct their full amount anytime between now and December 31, instead of after each quarter. NOW, ALL Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars, expanding the reach of generos-

through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:44-46

44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

“Grace Your Children” (Tune: Hyfrydol LSB #860)

Heav’nly Father grace Your children with Your blessing and Your love. Grant them guidance for their living; shower them with wisdom and strength. May they faithfully keep their promise spoken here within Your house. Give them shelter and Your peacefulness here within this house of Yours.

Lord and Savior who has loved them, washing them and making them clean; teach them using Your Word to guide them, teach them how to live for You. Strengthen them for life’s hard battles; help them fight the world and their flesh. Guard against Satan and help them proclaim You King of kings and Lord of lords.

Holy Spirit You have called them, sanctified and kept them whole. Guard and bless them in Your kingdom, pour on them Your spiritual gifts. Guide them, teach them, go before them, keep them faithful to the end. When they are tempted to give in to sin and greed, give them strength to firmly stand.

(Tune: *Hyfrydol*, Public Domain, Text: *Rev. Timothy Geitz*)

Sermon

“Uncluttered Faith: The Real Cost!”
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Our Christian Confession of Faith

Let us join together in confessing our faith in the words of the Meaning to the Third Article:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Service of Induction for Sunday School Teachers, Confirmation Guides, and Help

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd graders with parents present)

Prayers of the Church

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Benediction:

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children,
then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and V give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: “Children of the Heavenly Father” (AGPS #80)

**Children of the heavenly Father, Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, Such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Tho’ He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely, To preserve them pure and holy.**