



Faith Lutheran Church
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
8 & 10:15 a.m., August 31, 2025

*The flowers on the altar are given by Marlene Radesk
in honor of Mom and Dad's anniversary.*

Lectors: Ron Walter (8 a.m.) and Lauren Wardach (10:15 a.m.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

GATHERING HYMN **O God beyond All Praising** **ELW 880**
(first and last verses during 8 a.m. service only)

***KYRIE**

***NOW THE FEAST**

***SALUTATION**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a

L: A reading from Proverbs.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM REFRAIN: Psalm 112:4 (to be spoken at the 8 a.m. service)



Psalm 112:4

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PSALMODY: Psalm 112

L: ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
² Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

C: Refrain

L: ³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶ For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

C: Refrain

L: ⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

C: Refrain

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

L: A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: Word of God, word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL VERSE**

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Light

ELW 507

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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Feel free to greet your neighbors with a word of peace.

OFFERING



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

One Nation, Under God

Frank Kuykendall

***AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***HOLY**

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND ACCLAMATION 2 and 3**

***THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***LAMB OF GOD**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Old Time Religion Medley

Mark Hayes

***THANKS BE TO YOU**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***BLESSING**

SENDING SONG

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace
(first and last verses during 8 a.m. service only)

ELW 716

***DISMISSAL**

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