

September 12, 2021



2027 Industrial Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
573.636.4602 / FaithinJeffCity.org

**THE Sword is Mightier  
than the Pen**



# Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church Outdoor Worship!

## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Announcements and Welcome

#### Opening Hymn

- 1 Sing Alleluia! Amen!  
Let your prayers and  
your praises ascend.  
Lift up your voices and sing  
to the Lord God,  
our Savior and King!  
Here brought together by grace, We are  
gathered as friends  
in this place.  
And assembled as one,  
in the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
Celebrating as friends,  
And proclaiming the Lord,  
All our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters  
in Christ.
- 2 Man walked alone and in need, Without  
faith, hope or promise  
or creed;  
Wandering aimlessly lost  
unaware of the staggering cost;  
That God in His mercy would save All  
His people from death  
and the grave.

*Brothers and Sisters in Christ* — AGPS 78

And assembled as one,  
in the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
Celebrating as friends,  
And proclaiming the Lord,  
All our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters  
in Christ.

- 3 Lord, teach us how to proclaim,  
All Your goodness, Your love  
and Your name!  
Lord teach us how to forgive,  
and in love, teach us Lord,  
how to live.  
Raising our voices in song,  
Help us tell all the world  
we belong.  
And assembled as one,  
in the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts, lifting hands,  
Celebrating as friends,  
And proclaiming the Lord,  
All our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters  
in Christ.

#### Invocation

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

**Please hear my confession, O God. I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before You of all sins. I have lived as if You did not matter and as if I mattered most. Your name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let Your love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been spoiled with sin. Forgive my sin, O God, for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus.**

## Scripture Readings

R: The first reading is from Isaiah, chapter 50:

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord God helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;

the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the Lord

and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness

and has no light

trust in the name of the Lord

and rely on his God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

R: The second reading is from James, chapter 3:

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water?

<sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

R: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

**C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**C: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup> And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup> And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

R: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

*Thy Word Is a Lamp* — AGPS 247

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

- 1 When I feel afraid,  
think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me,  
nothing will I fear as long  
as You are near,  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

- 2 I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide  
and hold me to Your side,  
and I will love You to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.

## Sermon

*"THE Sword is Mightier than the Pen"* — Pastor Eric Gledhill

## Prayers of the Church

Following each petition:

P: Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## 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.**

## Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

**P:** (The Words of our Lord)  
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**C: ♪ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Distribution (Please bring offerings forward)

### Benediction

**P:** 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 give you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

*Jesus, Name Above All Names* — AGPS 145

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 1 | Jesus, name above all names,<br>beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,<br>Emmanuel, God is with us,<br>blessed Redeemer, living Word. | Wonderful counselor,<br>Lord of the universe,<br>Light of the World.   |
| 2 | Jesus, loving shepherd,<br>vine of the branches,<br>Son of God,<br>Prince of Peace,   | 3 Jesus, Way of salvation,<br>King of kings, Lord of lords,<br>the way, the truth, and the Life,<br>Mighty creator,<br>my Savior and friend. |

## ***“THE Sword is Mightier than the Pen”***

### Read and Reflect:

1. James 3:3-6, "Why is it that our tongues are so powerful?"
2. Mark 9:19, "In what ways could Jesus speak this way to us?"
3. Mark 6:7, 13, "What authority had these disciples actually been given?"
4. Ephesians 6:17, "How can you better arm yourself today?"
5. John 1:1, "How will the Word be your weapon of choice today?"
6. Mark 9:24, "Where in your life right now would you say this to Jesus?"

# Faith Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

Website: [FaithinJeffCity.org](http://FaithinJeffCity.org) • E-mail: [faith@faithinjeffcity.org](mailto:faith@faithinjeffcity.org)

Facebook: [faithinjeffcity](https://www.facebook.com/faithinjeffcity) • YouTube Channel: Faith Lutheran Church JC MO

CCLI Licenses 2728676 & 20626331

*Lutheran Service Book* Licenses 000014533 & 100014533

Faith Public wifi: 20public27w1f1

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Eric Gledhill, Senior Pastor

Email: [pastoreric@faithinjeffcity.org](mailto:pastoreric@faithinjeffcity.org) • Cell: (573)298-1501

(Vacancy), Associate Pastor

Sara Lynn Hartman, Office Manager

Email: [office@faithinjeffcity.org](mailto:office@faithinjeffcity.org)

Jodi Bates, Parish Nurse (Tu-Th, 8:00 a.m.-noon)

Email: [nurse@faithinjeffcity.org](mailto:nurse@faithinjeffcity.org) • Phone: (573)632-7734

Michele Christman & Megan Gledhill, Youth Directors

Will Otten, Organist & Accompanist

Drew Neubauer, Technical Director

Alison Sporleder, Nursery Attendant (Sunday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.)

## Our Mission Statement

“We live Christ’s love and proclaim His salvation to our community and world through Word and Sacraments.”

## SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Keyboard: Will Otten

Adult Choir Director: Dave Oelrichs

Faithful Ringers Director: Joanne Scheperle

Altar Guild: Mary Kinstler & Cindy Kapila

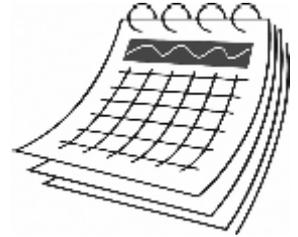
Reader: Victoria Warren

Ushers: Teams 5 & 6

Assisting Elders: All available elders



# THIS WEEK AT FAITH



|             |            |   |
|-------------|------------|---|
| Today       | 10:00 a.m. | Outdoor Worship                                   |
|             | 11:30 a.m. | Church Picnic, Fellowship & Games                 |
|             | 4:00 p.m.  | Middle School Youth                               |
|             | 6:00 p.m.  | Senior Youth Game Night                           |
| Monday      | 9:00 a.m.  | Faith I Braille                                   |
|             | 12:00 p.m. | Artists Helping Artists                           |
|             | 12:30 pm.  | Faith III Braille                                 |
|             | 6:00 p.m.  | Faithful Ringers                                  |
| Tuesday     | 9:00 a.m.  | Faith II Braille                                  |
| Wednesday   | 9:00 a.m.  | Dorcas Hand Quilters                              |
|             | 11:00 a.m. | Prayer Group                                      |
|             | 6:30 p.m.  | <i>What We Believe</i> Membership Class           |
| Thursday    | 9:00 a.m.  | Men's Coffee                                      |
|             | 5:30 p.m.  | Church Council                                    |
| Friday      | 9:30 a.m.  | Women's Bible Study                               |
| Saturday    | 7:00 a.m.  | Men's Bible Study at Dunn Bros. Coffee            |
|             | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Show Your Ride</i> Fundraiser for Senior Youth |
| Next Sunday | 8:00 a.m.  | Worship Service*                                  |
|             | 9:00 a.m.  | Fellowship  |
|             | 9:30 a.m.  | Sunday School, Crossover & Bible Class*           |
|             | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service                                   |
|             | 4:00 p.m.  | Middle School Youth                               |

\*Live-streamed  
at [Facebook](#)

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- **A/V Team**—10:30 a.m. worship service rotation and special services. Contact Drew Neubauer at [aneubauer2002@hotmail.com](mailto:aneubauer2002@hotmail.com).
- **Sunday School Superintendent and Sunday School Team Teachers/Subs** needed immediately. Please contact Board of Education chair Sam Rathmann at (573)301-1305 or [sam.rathmann@centraltrust.net](mailto:sam.rathmann@centraltrust.net).

## IMMANUEL-HONEY CREEK

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

**Part Time Preschool Aide** from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, monitoring children until they are picked up by parents. *This is a great after school position for high school students.*

**Part Time Music Teacher** one day a week for 4 hours teaching K-8 music, grading, and monitoring students. Day of week and time of day are flexible.

## WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN

We are glad that you are worshiping with us! Guests wishing to commune with us for the first time are asked to refer to the *Who Are We?* card in the pew racks. We offer both alcoholic (red) and non-alcoholic (white) wine, and gluten-free host is available upon request.

Within the church, the sanctuary is open for general seating. The side chapel, lobby, and upstairs areas are reserved for socially distanced seating.

Tithes and offerings may be placed in the collection plate prior to communion or handed to an usher after service.

### FAMILIES WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS:

Thank you for bringing your little ones to church! Your family—with all its noise, struggle, and commotion—is a vital part of our community gathered for worship. We're glad you're here! When gathering for worship at Faith, we offer a nursery on the lower level by the elevator, staffed during the Sunday School/Bible Class hour and late morning service. We also have a Cry Room located on the main level by the elevator. Our ushers are happy to provide directions to either location.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DROP OFF** (when meeting at Faith) for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades will take place in the gym after snacks with parents in Fellowship Hall. Pick up will be done in the classrooms on the top level of the Education Building (across the bridge). Preschool/ kindergarten drop off and pick up remains the same in the classrooms in the hallway adjacent to Fellowship Hall.

**CHURCH LIBRARY**—Thanks to a generous \$100 donation, 15 new books for children were purchased for the library and are already in the collection. If you would be interested in making a donation toward the purchase of books on the library wish list, please contact Nancy Doering at (573)694-2508 or Jeanelle Mooney at (573)230-3712.

**THE CALL COMMITTEE** is prayerfully considering a new list of names from Synod for our Associate Pastor vacancy. The Committee will develop a new recommendation for the congregation in the coming weeks.



**INAUGURAL**  
**Show Your Ride**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**  
**10:00 - 2:00**  
**BEHIND CHURCH**

**DOOR PRIZES**  
**BURGERS, DOGS, AND**  
**BRATS**  
**MUSIC**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**HOSTED BY AND**  
**SUPPORTING THE**  
**SR. YOUTH**

The poster features illustrations of a motorcycle, a classic car, and a pickup truck. The text is arranged in a dynamic, angled layout with a red banner across the top.

**JOIN US FOR ONLINE CHAPEL** each Wednesday at 8:05 a.m. The link for September 15: [youtu.be/ER9jS5OfbqU](https://youtu.be/ER9jS5OfbqU). Our offerings for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will go to support future pastors and teachers through the Missouri District's "Tomorrow's Teachers and Preachers" initiative. May God richly bless our giving.

**ACTIVITIES:**

- 09/14 Cross Country Meet, 4:30 p.m.  
Countryside Park, Taos
- 09/15 CDFY Uplift Program for 6<sup>th</sup> grade,  
1:45 p.m.
- 09/16 Junior Varsity Volleyball, 6:00 p.m.  
vs. St. Joe @ TLS  
Junior Varsity Volleyball, 8:00 p.m.  
vs. St. Martin @ TLS  
Varsity Volleyball , 6:00 p.m.  
vs. St. Joe JC Green @ St. Joe JC  
Varsity Volleyball, 7:00 p.m.  
vs. IC Loose Creek @ St. Joe JC
- 09/18 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, 11:00 a.m.  
vs. OLLIS @ TLS  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, 12:00 p.m.  
vs. St. Joe Westphalia @ TLS  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, 8:00 a.m.  
vs. St. Joe White @ St. Joe JC  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball, 9:00 a.m.  
vs. St. Joe Westphalia @ St. Joe JC

**HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR FACEBOOK PAGE LATELY?** Go to [facebook.com/trinitylutheranjc](https://facebook.com/trinitylutheranjc) to see the latest news and pictures of what is going on at Trinity.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Faith members elected to TLS Student Council: representative Shiloh Shaefer and vice-president Shannen Dollar.

**SUPPORT FALL ATHLETICS**—see the entire schedule at our Google calendar or our website: [calvarylhs.org/events](https://calvarylhs.org/events).

**DECORATE WITH FALL MUMS** – \$10 certificates for beautiful 9” potted mums may be purchased from Calvary students or the school office to redeem at Trinklein’s Greenhouse. Mums are also available directly from Trinklein’s (no certificate needed) at 7518 Tanner Bridge Road. Call Diane Trinklein with questions at (573)619-3079. Mums may be picked up through September 25, while supplies last!

**IT’S TIME FOR APPLES!** Calvary Booster Association is selling apples for fall baking needs! Contact a Calvary student or the school office to order. Orders are due Friday, October 8 and apples will be delivered the weekend of October 23 (weather dependent).

**POSITION AVAILABLE:** Head Girls Basketball Coach. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled and may be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. For more information, please contact Erich Ahlers at (573)638-0228 or [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org).

**SURVIVE & THRIVE**—As 8<sup>th</sup> graders look forward to high school, Calvary will equip them for the next step at Survive & Thrive—a half-day event focused on high school readiness as a redeemed child of God—to not only survive high school, but to thrive! Contact John Christman for interest in attending this event on Tuesday, October 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Maggie Barnes, Bill Buhr (Byron's brother), Byron Buhr, Roni Colliver (Byron Buhr's niece), Toni Dlouhy, James Evans, Helen Hart (Bobbie Fluegel's mother), Sarah Jones, Jonathan Lieb, Michael McKinney (Cliff Maddox's nephew), Regina Lorenz, Blaze Mehmert,

Ruth Niermann, Jim Quinn (Mimi Chellis' brother-in-law), Paul Rathmann, Ken Rauscher, Linda Ruland (Tiffany Davis' mother), Sondra Schwehn, Virginia Tipton, Fred Trippensee, Becky Wilbers, and the family and friends of Susie Dumsday (Carla Brandes' sister-in-law)

## Happy Birthday

Cliff Maddox, Jenna Scheperle, Charlie St. Onge, Brock Blaise, Kelly Hart, Sue Ann Loesch, Robert Mays, Pat O'Dell, Benjamin Bode, Shelly Glover, Jacob Haenchen, Clayton Johnson, Amanda Maxwell, Evelyn Petsinger, Ellie Woodruff, Mark Bruenger, Jr., Kathy Buhr, Tim Fandrey, Audrey Meisel, Dustin Schlender, Darren Wilde, Anna Smith

## Last Week's Stewardship

Attendance: 8:00 174 / 10:30 147 / Total 321 / SS & Bible Class 148

Offering: Regular & Building \$27,285.15 / Special \$137.00 / SS (Honor Flight) \$5.00

## Year-to-Date Contributions through July 2021

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Actual Contributions   | \$598,406 |
| Budgeted Contributions | \$593,333 |
| Over / (Under)         | \$5,073   |

**Mark 9:24** – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith. He still has pity, and He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? It leads to a godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

**RIGHTNOW MEDIA IS A GREAT RESOURCE** for Bible study and Christian entertainment **and** is provided free of charge to Faith members! To enroll, click on the button at [faithinjeffcity.org](http://faithinjeffcity.org),

text RIGHTNOW FAITHLC to 41411, scan the QR code, or contact the church office with a current e-mail address.

