Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Sandi Watts

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,
C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

Gathering Song – "You are Holy" ELW 525 *(piano)*

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to our God! *Repeat*

**Greeting*

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

C: And also with you.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Healing God, when you healed your servant Naaman, he responded with joy and worship. Help us to see your hand on our lives in many ways, bringing healing and wholeness, and lift up our hearts with joy to serve you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**Hymn of Praise:* "Forever" *(piano)*

1. **Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; his love endures forever.**
For he is good, he is above all things; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

2. **With a mighty hand and outstretched arm; his love endures forever.**
For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise!

Refrain: **Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever.**

3. **From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever.**
And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise! *Refrain*

Ending: **And ever, forever.**

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-17 Reader: Liddy Stark

5 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor
with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a
mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. **2** Now the Arameans on one of their raids had
taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. **3** She
said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would
cure him of his skin disease." **4** So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from
the land of Israel had said. **5** And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a
letter to the king of Israel."
He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of
garments. **6** He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches
you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin
disease." **7** When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God,
to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just
look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."
8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent
a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may
learn that there is a prophet in Israel." **9** So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and
halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. **10** Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go,
wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."
11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely

come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! **12** Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. **13** But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" **14** So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.
15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." **16** But he said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. **17** Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule loads of earth be given to your servant, for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 8:2-3

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 8th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

2 and there was a man with a skin disease who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean." **3** He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately his skin disease was cleansed.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – : "We Come to You For Healing, Lord" ELW 617 *(organ)*

1. **We come to you for healing, Lord,**
   of body, mind, and soul,
   and pray that by your Spirit's touch
   we may again be whole.

2. **As once you walked through ancient streets**
   and reached toward those in pain,
   come, risen Christ, among us still
   with pow'r to heal again.

5. **We come to you, O loving Lord,**
   in our distress and pain,
   in trust that through our nights and days
   your grace will heal, sustain.

Sermon: "Elisha Heals Naaman"

Song of the Day – "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW 618 *(organ)*

1. **Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.**
   I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.
   Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
   Feed me now and evermore.

2. **Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;**
   Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
   Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,
   Shield me with your mighty arm.

3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;**
   Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
   Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
   I will raise forevermore.

**The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

"Welcome Table" ACS 969 (piano)

–We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God through the use of our time, talents, and finances–

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

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 our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.

Communion Songs

"We Belong to You" *(piano)*

Refrain: ***We belong to you, O Lord of our longing, we belong to you.***
In our daily living, dying and rising We belong to you.

1. **In the waters of your mercy, When the old becomes the new,**
Souls united in the myst'ry: we belong to you. *Refrain*
2. **Filled with gifts and filled with goodness, Spirit breathing life into**
All who seek to find their purpose: we belong to you. *Refrain*
3. **When we share the bread you've broken With the many and the few,**
We are blessed and we are broken; we belong to you. *Refrain*
4. **We are called to share your word, Lord, In all we say and all we do.**
As our journey moves us onward, we belong to you. *Refrain*

We belong to you. We belong to you.

"Build a Longer Table" ACS 1062 *(organ)*

1. **Build a longer table, not a higher wall,**
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.
2. **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;**
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.
3. **Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.**
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
4. **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,**
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

**Sending Song* – "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW 860 *(piano)*

1. **I'm so glad Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.**
   I'm so glad Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
2. **Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me. Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.**
   Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.
3. **When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me. When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.**
   When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me, singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Assistants



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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, November 15, 9:30am: Worship
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 18, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
4:30pm: Faith Singer Rehearsal

Sunday, November 22, 9:30am: Worship **Newsletter Deadline**
10:45am: "Digging Deeper" in the Justice Room

Wednesday, November 25, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

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News Updates

Children's Christmas Program
Back by Popular demand, Faiths Little Flock and Faiths Older Flock will be performing the Christmas Nativity on **Sunday, December 6.** Participating in the program is a wonderful way for children to experience the real meaning of Christmas and have fun at the same time. It is sure to be heartwarming for the whole congregation too! The sign up sheet is in the gathering area on the coffee counter. Please Sign up by **Nov. 8** so parts can be assigned for rehearsal.

Ecumenical Nativity Festival
The Jacksonville Area Conference of Churches is hosting at Nativity Festival at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday and Sunday, **December 5-6**. If you have a nativity set you would be willing to share for the weekend to put on display, you can pick up a form at the coffee sales counter and bring your set to the office before Sunday, **November 29**. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up, provide baked goods, serve at the coffee/baked goods bar, greet, provide live music, and more. To volunteer, we will have a link to an online signup form soon.

Advent Allegro Concerts
Our Advent Allegro concerts and lunches are just around the corner. We will have three concerts this year, with the JHS Madrigal Singers on **December 2**, TBD on **December 9**, and Two Fiddles on **December 16**. The concerts are from **12:15-1:00** with lunch at **11:30** and after the concerts. If you can help by providing a soup or serving, please sign up at the coffee sales table.

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets
Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You**! *We are Gifted to Serve*!

Faith's Little Flock and Faith's Older Flock
We now have two groups of children meeting during worship on the Sundays we are inside. Faith's Little Flock is for children ages 2-7, and Faith's Older Flock is for children gr. 1-6.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper
Join us in the Justice Room for exploring the new sermon series on the Joy of Generosity**.**

Read the Bible in a Year
Please join us in reading the New Testament, starting October 1. We will meet weekly on Wednesdays from October 7 through December 31, from 10:00-11:00am in the Library, to discuss the reading for each week. By December 31, we will have read the entire New Testament. If you would like more information and the reading schedule, please contact Pam Devlin at 217-473-7375 or pdevlin56@gmail.com. God's Blessings to all.

New Faith Telephone Directory
A new Faith Directory is available at the Coffee Sales counter. Please take one (1) per family. We will also soon be printing a new pictorial directory – please submit a picture to the church office (by email is preferred: faithlutheran62650@frontier.com) for us to include in the new directory. Thank You!