

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 2025 – 11:00am

Greetings and Welcome

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

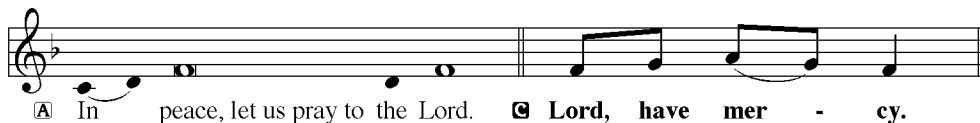
C: **And also with you.**

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

Gathering Hymn – “A Mighty Fortress” ELW 504

- 1 **A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**
- 2 **No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**
- 3 **Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**
- 4 **God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

**Kyrie*



**Hymn of Praise*

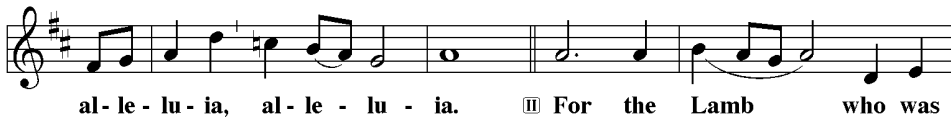
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,



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slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.

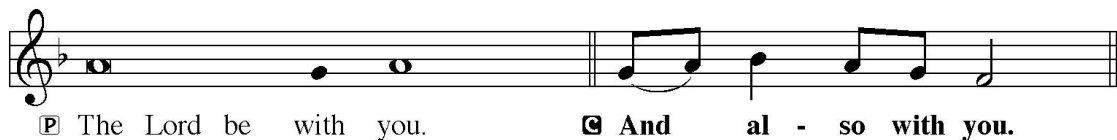


☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

**Prayer of the Day*



☐ The Lord be with you. ☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, the promise of your revelation to John is that you make all things new. Your power and mercy bring healing and wholeness. Everything – from your groaning creation to the brokenness we experience in our bodies, minds, and hearts – is to be renewed. Give us conviction to proclaim the good news of your grace already at work among us and to keep faith as we wait for its fulfilment.

C: Amen.

WORD

Reading: Revelation 21:1-6, 22-27; 22:1-5

Reader: Terri Kimler

21Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

22Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

**Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel Reading: John 4:7-14*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of Praise – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” ELW 634

- 1 **All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2 **O seed of Israel’s chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3 **Hail him, you heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.**
- 4 **Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**
- 5 **Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.**
- 6 **Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.
We’ll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.**

Sermon: " All Things New"

Hymn of the Day – “Jesus Shall Reign” ELW 434

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 **To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev’ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3 **People and realms of ev’ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**
- 4 **Blessings abound where’er he reigns: the pris’ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

**The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

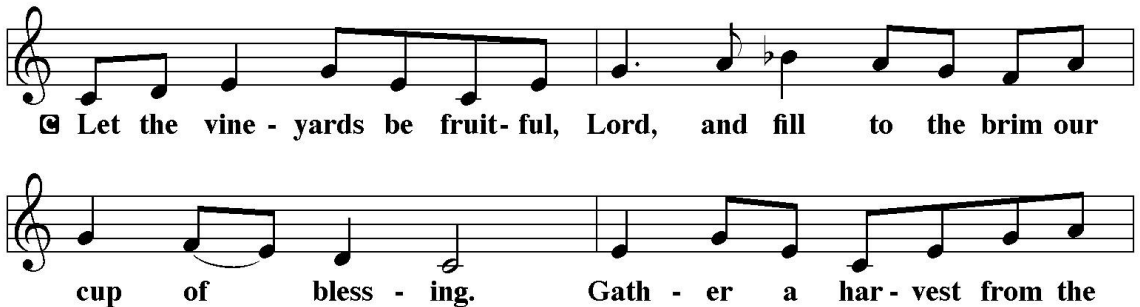
**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time


“Come Down, O Love Divine,” arr. Fernando Ortega
Lily and Maria Snodgrass and Bishop Em. John Roth

—Please take a moment to sign into the Welcome Folder in your pew—

**The Offertory*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful Father,

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.

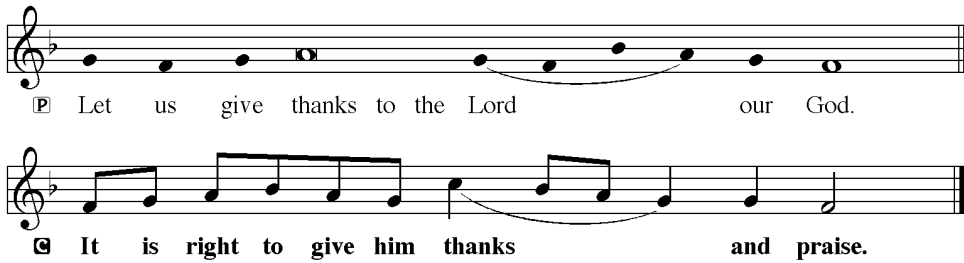
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**Great Thanksgiving*

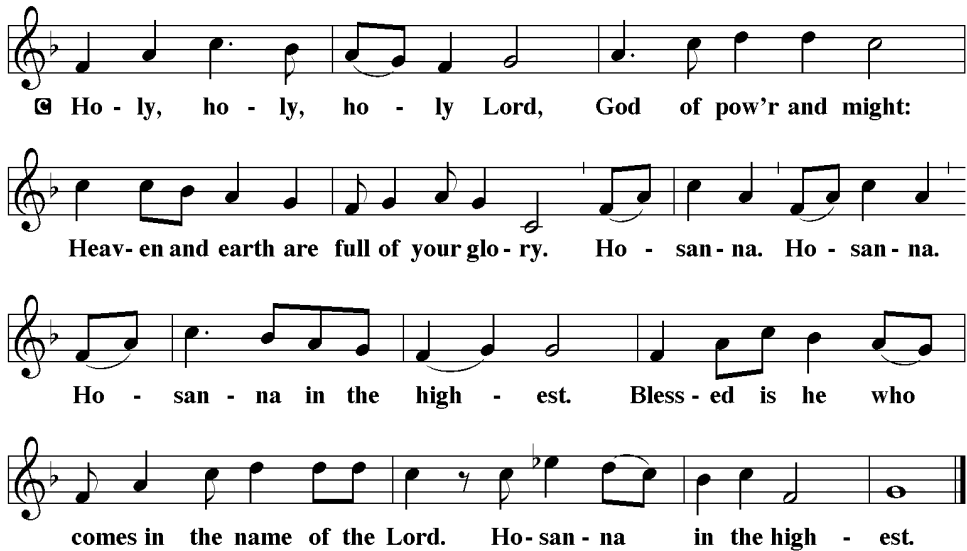


☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their unending hymn:



**Words of Institution*

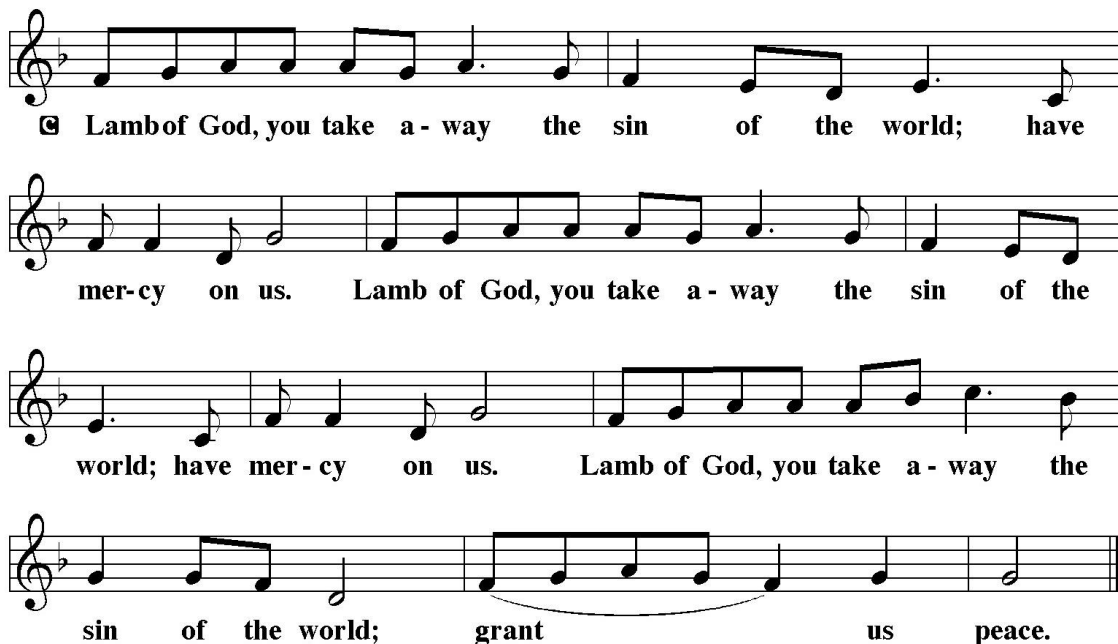
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

**Agnus Dei*



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.

Communion Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (ELW 855)

Instrumental

**Post-Communion Canticle*



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

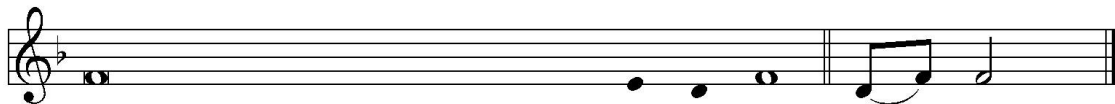
**Sending Prayer*

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would 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.

SENDING

**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 A - men

Sending Hymn – “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand” ELW 441

- 1 **Oh, happy day when we shall stand amid the heav'nly throng;
and sing with hosts from ev'ry land the new celestial song,
the new celestial song.**
- 2 **Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself as Lord,
and thousands meet in their new home which Jesus has prepared,
which Jesus has prepared.**
- 3 **Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and love and peace
will roll down over us with good and blessedness and grace,
and blessedness and grace.**
- 4 **O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has made us free
to stand among the saints and sing the glory that we see,
the glory that we see.**

Dismissal

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

The altar plants are given today by Gayla Smith in honor of her birthday

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, September 7, 9:30am: Outdoor Contemporary Worship

11:00am: Indoor Traditional Worship

12:00pm: Bible Study

September 8-12, 11:15am: **Doorbell Dinner Delivery**

Thursday, September 11, 2:00pm: Discipleship Core Team Meeting

Sunday, September 14, 9:30am: Worship

10:30am: Breakfast in the Great Room – Appeal results

4:00pm: Bible Boot Camp at the Martin's

5:00pm: Youth Event at the Martin's

Wednesday, September 17, 10:00am: Discipleship Group in the Faith Library

Thursday, September 18, 6:00pm: Church Council meeting in the Faith Library

News Updates

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

(Ages 2–7) gathers during worship right after the Children's Sermon and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion.

This September, Faith's Little Flock is excited to introduce a new curriculum aligned with the Lectionary and Pastor Adam's sermons. The children will explore stories of creation and resurrection, learn about Abraham and Isaac, and hear about Jacob's Dream. Through engaging activities, they will experience the stories by learning, living, and singing them. We also provide materials for parents to continue these lessons at home.

Faith's Little Flock warmly welcomes—and deeply appreciates—our adult and older youth volunteers. If you're interested in spending time with the children during part of the Sunday worship service or joining the teacher rotation for Faith's Little Flock, please reach out to Melissa Street or Pam Devlin. Blessings, *Melissa*

Join Us as We “Go Deeper”

After worship scripture and sermon discussions will continue in the Justice Room with Pastor Adam. We will not meet on September 14 because of the Dedication Sunday breakfast.

“Abiding in Faith for our Future” Commitment Sunday & Celebration Meal

On **Sunday, September 14**, we will have our Stewardship Dedication Sunday as we receive pledges for both our annual stewardship appeal and our Abiding in Faith for the Future special three-year appeal to pay off our mortgage. After worship, all are invited to the Great Room for a breakfast provided by our men’s breakfast crew while our Council tallies the pledges and announces the total. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to support our ministry together in these ways. Remember, stewardship is not about fundraising, but it is a spiritual practice.

Bible Boot Camp

Bible Boot Camp kicks off with a cookout at the Martin’s home on **Sunday, Sept. 14** as we learn about God’s creation. We’ll read the creation stories in Genesis, explore God’s creation at their pond, have a hotdog cookout with homemade ice cream, and sing around the campfire. For the more adventurous, there are kayaks, a row boat, and fishing poles. Parents are welcome to attend and join us for the activities and meal. We will meet at Faith at 4:00 to carpool and be finished at 6:00. Our second Bible Boot Camp session will be Sunday, September 21 at Faith. Meet at 4:30 for lessons on Abraham, Isaac, and Moses. Supper will be provided at 5:30, and we will end at 6:00.

Youth Events in September

Our junior and senior high students are invited to the Martin’s home for a cookout and outdoor fun on **Sunday, September 14**. We’ll start with hotdogs, brats, and homemade ice cream at 5:30 and then have some fun boating, kayaking, fishing, and more, closing off with singing around the campfire as we watch the sunset. Meet at 5:00 at Faith for a ride or to carpool, and we’ll be finished at 8:00.

Jacksonville Area Community Food Center

With summer here and kids being out of school, there is need for lunch foods that kids can "cook" easily at home. Some ideas: canned pasta and meat (Chef Boyardee), canned chicken or tuna, cereal, canned soups, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, Ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, juice, canned fruit, Gatorade, and Jello or pudding cups. Please consider donating to the Food Center – you can put your donations in the cloth bins in the Mission and Ministry Center (coat closet).