



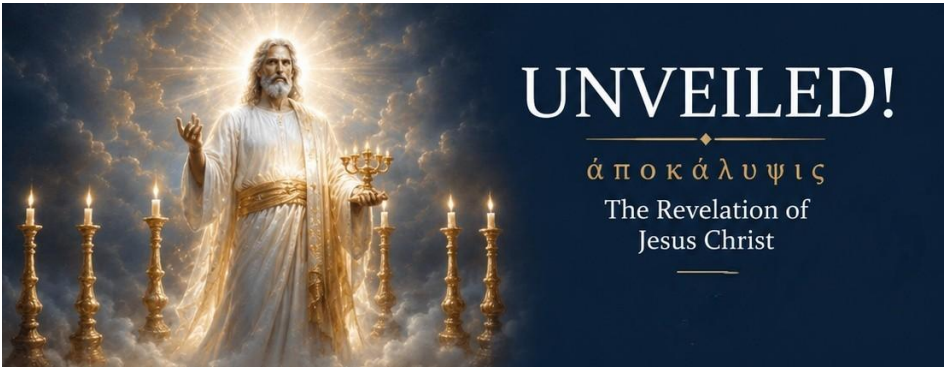
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WELCOME: *Good morning and welcome to all who are present with us this morning.*

God calls His people to live by faith in His promises rather than by what their eyes can see, trusting His Word even when circumstances seem to suggest otherwise. Though the world often appears to favor the powerful, the wealthy, and the self-sufficient, the Lord reigns among His people, sustains them through His revealed Word, and assures them of an inheritance that far surpasses anything this present life can offer. Therefore, now is the time to hear and believe God's testimony, for those who trust His promises will share in His eternal kingdom, while those who reject His Word will find that no further sign can create the faith they refused to receive.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER: *We ask the Lord's blessings on our worship.*

HYMN: #290

"We Have a Sure Prophetic Word"

We have a sure prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord;
And tho' assailed on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

By pow'rs of empire banned and burned,
By pagan pride rejected, spurned,
The Word still stands the Christian's trust
While haughty empires lie in dust.

Lo, what the Word in times of old
Of future days and deeds foretold
Is all fulfilled while ages roll,
As traced on the prophetic scroll.

Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure,
The teachings of the Word endure.
Blest he who trusts this steadfast Word;
His anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Amen.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: *(sung)* Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Dearly loved by God, since we have come to worship and to give praise to the triune God, we ought to acknowledge that we come as sinners who have fallen short of His glory. So let us draw near with a true heart to confess our sins unto God, our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to have mercy upon us and to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Cong: (sung) Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord."

Cong: (sung) And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

Pastor: On the basis of your confession and by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: Lord, I have trusted in Your mercy; my heart will rejoice in Your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, because He has treated me with abundant mercy.

The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

Cong: *(sung)*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
forevermore. Amen.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Glory be to God on high,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We thank You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You,
we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God,
heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You who takes away the sin
of the world, have mercy upon us. You who takes away the
sin of the world, receive our prayer. You who sits at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: *(sung)* **And with your spirit.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, You called Abram to trust in Your promises, revealed Your risen Son to strengthen His Church,

and warn us through Your holy Word against placing our hope in the riches and comforts of this passing world. Grant us steadfast faith to cling to Your promises when our eyes see only our weaknesses, that we recognize Christ's gracious presence among His people through His Word and Sacraments, and thus fix our hearts on the eternal inheritance won for us by our Savior; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Cong: (sung) Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

(EHV) After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.” (2) Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” (3) Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.” (4) Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” (5) The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” (6) Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 16:19-31

(EHV) “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. (20) A beggar named Lazarus had been laid at his gate. Lazarus was covered with sores and (21) longed to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Besides this, the dogs also came and licked his sores. (22) Eventually the beggar died, and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. (23) In hell, where he was in torment, he lifted up his

eyes and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus at his side. (24) He called out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me! Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in misery in this flame.’ (25) “But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus received bad things. But now he is comforted here, and you are in misery. (26) Besides all this, a great chasm has been set in place between us and you, so that those who want to cross from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ (27) “He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s home, (28) because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ (29) “Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets. Let them listen to them.’ (30) “ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ (31) “Abraham replied to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Athanasian Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to

judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: #427 *“How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord”*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

In ev'ry condition--in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea--
The Lord, the Almighty, thy strength e'er shall be.

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed;
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When thro' the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

**"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"
Amen.**

THE SERMON: Revelation 1:9-20

Rev 1:9-20 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus. (10) I was in spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, (11) saying, "Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea." (12) I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, (13) and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. (14) His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. (15) His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. (16) He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness. (17) When I saw him, I fell at his

feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last— (18) the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell. (19) “So write what you have seen, both those things that are and those that will take place after this. (20) “The mystery of the seven stars, which you saw in my right hand, and the seven gold lampstands is this: The seven stars are the messengers of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.”

Unveiled – Jesus Stands Among Us

THE OFFERTORY *(sung)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN: #292

“Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide”

**Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide;
Nor let Thy Word, that heav'nly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.**

In these last days of sore distress

**Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.**

**Lord Jesus, help, Thy Church uphold,
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
Oh, prosper well Thy Word of grace
And spread its truth in ev'ry place!**

**Oh, keep us in Thy Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Oh, may Thy mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.**

**O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,
And error boldly rears its head.**

**The haughty spirits, Lord, restrain
Who o'er Thy Church with might would reign
And always set forth something new,
Devised to change Thy doctrine true.**

**And since the cause and glory, Lord,
Are Thine, not ours, to us afford
Thy help and strength and constancy.
With all our heart we trust in Thee.**

**A trusty weapon is Thy Word,
Thy Church's buckler, shield, and sword.
Oh, let us in its power confide
That we may seek no other guide!**

Oh, grant that in Thy holy Word

**We here may live and die, dear Lord;
And when our journey endeth here,
Receive us into glory there.
Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Cong: (sung) It is good and right so to do.

Pastor: 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 has not left His Church alone in this world, but graciously stands among His people, preserving them by His Word, comforting them with His promises, and feeding them with His own body and blood. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and singing:

(sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Pastor: 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.

Cong: (sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, blessed it and broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take; eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

Cong: (sung) Amen.

(sung) **O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us Your peace. Amen.**

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

On the basis of the Bible's teaching about Holy Communion, at Faith Lutheran Church we believe that Christ gives to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We also understand that, while Christ instituted this meal for the strengthening of His believers' faith, this Sacrament has the potential to bring judgment on those who do not receive it with a proper understanding of its nature and purpose. In love, we ask that if you are not a member of Faith

Lutheran Church, or a sister church in the CLC, that you NOT come forward to receive the sacrament.

If you would like more information concerning receiving Communion with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service.

SIMEON'S SONG FOR A PEACEFUL DEPARTURE

(sung) **O Lord, now You are letting Your servant**

Depart in peace according to Your Word.

For my eyes have seen Your salvation

Which You have prepared before the face of all people.

A Light to lighten the Gentiles

And the Glory of Your people, Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Pastor: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

Cong: (sung) And His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this special means of grace. We ask that, of Your everlasting mercy, You would strengthen us through it in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Cong: (sung) Amen.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: (sung) And with your spirit.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

Cong: (sung) Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Cong: (sung) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN: #247

“God the Father, Be Our Stay”

**God the Father, be our Stay;
Oh, let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,
Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen, this be done;
So sing we, Hallelujah!**

**Jesus Christ, be Thou our Stay;
Oh, let us perish never!
Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,
And grant us life forever.
Keep us from the Evil One;
Uphold our faith most holy,
Grant us to trust Thee solely
With humble hearts and lowly.
Let us put God's armor on,
With all true Christian running
Our heav'nly race and shunning
The devil's wiles and cunning.
Amen, amen, this be done;**

So sing we, Hallelujah!

Holy Ghost, be Thou our Stay;

Oh, let us perish never!

Cleanse us from our sins, we pray,

And grant us life forever.

Keep us from the Evil One;

Uphold our faith most holy,

Grant us to trust Thee solely

With humble hearts and lowly.

Let us put God's armor on,

With all true Christian running

Our heav'nly race and shunning

The devil's wiles and cunning.

Amen, amen, this be done;

So sing we, Hallelujah!

Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 08 – June 13, 2026

Mon Luke 16:19-31 In a most memorable account, Jesus shows us the great blessing of having “Moses and the Prophets” (v29,31), the Word of God. It alone convinces us to repent and trust God’s forgiveness.

Tues 1 John 4:16-21 What greater blessing could there be than to remain in God and God in us? God’s love drives out fear and gives us confidence on the day of judgment. We love because He first loved us!

Wed Jeremiah 9:23-24 The world trusts in its wisdom, strength, and material wealth, but the LORD, before whom we all stand, delights in mercy, justice, and righteousness. In these will we find true blessing!

Thurs Psalm 34:1-10 In a well-organized psalm (Hebrew alphabetical), David praises God for deliverance from a life-threatening situation, and calls on friends to trust Him, too. “Taste and see that the LORD is good!” (V8)

Fri Psalm 34:12-22 The praise of God means respecting God also in one’s life (“the fear of the LORD” v11). This includes speaking truth, turning from evil, and seeking peace. You can trust the LORD to see and save!

Sat Psalm 119:1-8 This Psalm uses many expressions for “God’s Word.” In the first part, we remember that this Word is not burdensome, but “How **blessed** are those who keep (guard) his testimonies.” (v2)