

NEXT WEEK READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-5;
Psalm 136;
Romans 9:1-13;
Matthew 14:13-21

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM

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GENERAL FUND GIVING

Last Sunday \$3,955

Budget per Sunday \$9,927

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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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NEED PRAYER?

Call or email the office to be added to this list or to the prayer chain.

LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Even with all our sins, and even our rejection of Him, God is patiently loving us and calling us back to Him through the Holy Spirit. That’s your story, friends. Go out in your God-given identity as a king or a queen and a priest. Don’t go in fear and trembling, because when He calls you, He’ll be with you!” Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.com.

WAYS TO GIVE


GIVE IN PERSON
Every service we take time to receive a tithe. You can also stop by the church office, Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm



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MAIL A CHECK
Send your contribution to
1300 Ferguson Drive,
Great Falls MT 59404



JULY 26, 2026

ROMANS 8:28-39

What can separate us from the love of God?

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



WELCOME - ABOUT US

Welcome to our church. We trust God will bless you through your worship here today. We believe that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of sins, so that in receiving them we receive our Lord. If this is your belief, and you have been baptized into the body of Christ, you are welcome to receive the sacrament here. White grape juice is available for those who do not wish to receive wine. Individually wrapped Gluten-free wafers are also available. If coming up to the front is difficult for you, please tell an usher and we will serve you communion where you are seated.

Out of gratefulness for God's blessings, the ministries of Faith are supported by members and friends who give their tithes and offerings in support of the church, the need in our community, and around the world.

We have a family room located to the right of the sanctuary entrance. Our nursery is open ask an usher to show you where it's at.

If it's your first visit please pick up your welcome gift and sign our guest book at the Welcome Table. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us at Faith!

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

We are a loving church — *called to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

We are a praying church — *people of prayer who pray for one another and for the needs of our community, world and all in need.*

We are a disciple-making church — *committed to living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and bearing witness to our Christian faith in inviting others to know and follow Jesus.*

We are a serving church — *serving others in Jesus' name by feeding the hungry, helping the poor and being the presence of Christ in a tangible way.*

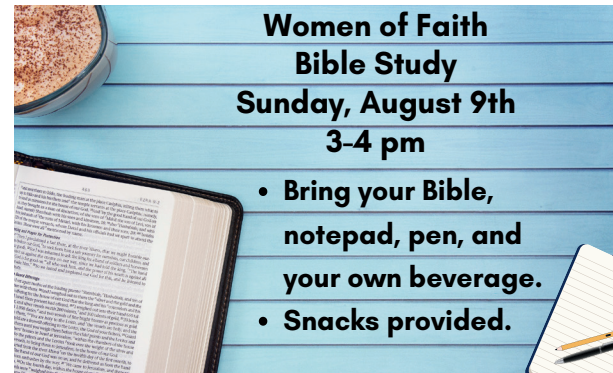
AS CHRIST-FOLLOWERS WE



THIS IS THE JOURNEY OF FAITH.

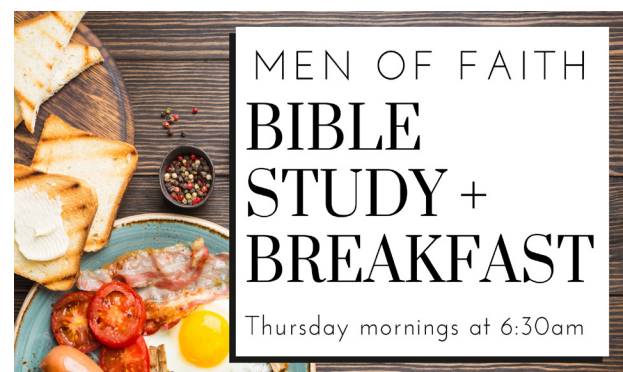
When a pastor has dedicated their life to serving a congregation, it may be fitting to award them a special status upon their retirement.

Please join us in conferring this award on Pastor Ken Waag.
Morning Worship 9:30 am
Sunday, August 2nd
Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.



MOMENTUM
a network for church revitalization
JOIN US ON AUGUST 4, 2026
for a live ZOOM session with Tracee Swank from Church Doctors/Momentum. We'll begin with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the presentation at 7 p.m. RSVP so we can prepare enough food. Questions can be submitted via chat during the presentation. The event will also be recorded for those unable to attend in person. Let's transform lives and advance God's Kingdom!
More information can be found in the July newsletter or by contacting Colleen Palmer, Community Outreach Coordinator

KICK OFF!



DISTRIBUTION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG “Make It Well” [YouTube Video]

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NOTES AND DOODLE

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 12

We Can't Be Separated from God's Love

July 26, 2026

AS WE GATHER

Let me ask you: With what is going on throughout our world with the ongoing wars and the political turmoil happening in our own country do you ever worry that God has given up on us? Do you ever have the feeling that God has finally had enough with all of us and is ready to get rid of us all? Or maybe we have been thinking that God has forgotten about us. When we look at all the troubles happening in our life, we ask ourselves: "Where is God in all this? Why isn't he doing something about it?" Which then leads us to feel our conscience or maybe even our heart say to us: "What kind of a Christian am I? How can God accept me for thinking this way?" And so we start to feel distant from God maybe even separated from him. Therefore we begin to wonder, and we even worry. Well, my friends, if we are wondering and worrying whether God really still loves us, St. Paul tells us the we can't be separated from God's love!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"All Hail King Jesus" [Bethel - CCLI Video]
"Tremble" [Mosaic (MSC) – CCLI Video]

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

HYMN “This is My Father’s World” [REC 34]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.



OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 11:33; Romans 11:36*
Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
People: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
People: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 8:31–32*
Pastor: You are a people holy to the Lord your God.
People: **We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.**

Silence for personal reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God,
People: **we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Pastor: Paul asks us and then tells us, “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?”
People: **“He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”**

Pastor: Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant 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.
People: **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

PRAISE SONG “Goodness of God” [CCLI Video]

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 8:28–39*
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:44–52*
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN OF GOD MESSAGE

SERMON We Can’t Be Separated from God’s Love

SERMON HYMN “Be Thou My Vision” [REC 230]

APOSTLES’ CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: Through the love of Christ, we pray:
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: These prayers, and all those lifted up by believers around the world, we entrust to Your care, O almighty God, trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father’s will, in the Son’s grace, and by the Spirit’s power.
People: **Amen.**

✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER