

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21;
Psalm 103;
Romans 14:1-12;
Matthew 18:21-35

CHURCH INFORMATION

Monday - Friday | 9 AM - 5 PM

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GENERAL FUND GIVING

Last Sunday \$3,890

Budget per Sunday \$9,927

Everything we do is made
possible through your faithful
and generous giving.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Harmony Brady, Joan Steffens, Janet Winhofer, Ben Ide, Charles Weibel,
Kris Smelser, Charley Lannin, Gary Gliko, Dr. Libby Lake, Sandra Cinko, Elisabeth Gibbs,
Jim Chappell, Jim Freeman, Becki Kateley, Roxann Buumfulk-Lee, Robin Goroski,
DeeAnna Corn, Art Pearson, Robert Cochran, Oliver Mills, Jo Elaine Berry, Rick Urick,
Jeff Endres, Brenda Tillerias, Roine Grosvold, Becky Nelson, Pat Strand, Donna Parsons,
Tom Moring, Rod & Lou Ann Guy, Callie DiFulgentis, Justin Tews, Tara Knight, Eleanor Jandt,
Bob Haensel, Char Schram, Jim & Diane Lowry, Becca Thompson, Leona Wenaas,
Robbie Stubbs, Nancy Radford, Monica Fournier, Judy Stubbs, Barb Clark

NEED PRAYER?

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

LIFE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"However imperfect, every day comes as opportunity and privilege. They usually require patience and persistence, of course, and not a little bit of shared sweat and tears. But they turn out the sweeter for it. 'When she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world' (John 16:21). 'Take heart; I have overcome the world' (John 16:33)!"
Rev. Michael Salemink –
lutheransforlife.org

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



GIVE ONLINE

Go to this webpage to donate:
faithlutherangf.com/donate


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



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Fifteenth 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.

Church Office
Closed September 7th
for Labor Day



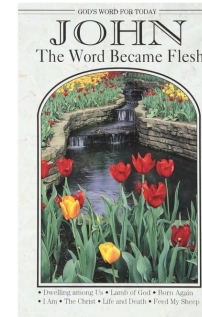
Wednesday Bible Study

#1 **BOOK OF JOHN**

Available In Person

Online or Zoom

10:30 am weekly



Also On the Calendar this Week

Tuesday
5 pm Personnel Meeting

Wednesday
9 am Finance Committee
4 pm Property Team
6 pm Youth Education Team

Thursday at 6:30 am
Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

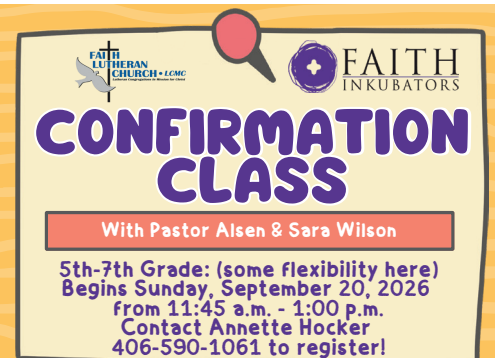
Friday
Noon Evangelism Team

GriefShare®

Christ-centered grief
support group
program for adults.
13-sessions, 90
minutes each session.



Classes On Wednesday, at 1:00 p.m. with John Gass.
We meet in the Library across from the Church Office.



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The Christian and the Government

AS WE GATHER

Seeing that our country is observing our 250th birthday throughout this year, how appropriate it is that our reading today talks about how God provides us with our government. But, yet throughout our country, whether that be on a national or state level, there are a lot of people who are distrusting the motives and methods of our elected officials because we have a crisis of confidence in our elected officials. Which means that this is a difficult text to talk about. But then again, seeing that we have a crisis of confidence in government, perhaps it's a very good thing that we lift this whole issue up to God and get a biblical perspective about those who govern us and for us who are being governed. Paul says in Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Therefore, as Christians we need to be thankful to God for our government.



“Great Are You Lord”

“O Come to the Altar”

[CCLI Video]

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✦ PREPARATION ✦

HYMN

“God Is So Good” [REC 27]

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

People: Amen.

1 John 1:8-9

Pastor: Let us pray together. We pray:

People: 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. Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9 ESV)

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Most merciful God,
People: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.
People: Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

SONG OF PRAISE “All Hail King Jesus”[CCLI Video]

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33:7–9
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 13:1–10
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1–20
Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN OF GOD MESSAGE

SERMON “God Provides Us Our Government” Romans 13:1-7

SERMON HYMN “Softly and Tenderly” [REC 177]

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.
People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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 (SUNG)

DISTRIBUTION

BENEDICTION

SONG “Goodness of God” [CCLI Video]

DISMISSAL
Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God and WE WILL!!!



Women of Faith Salad Potluck

Saturday, September 19th

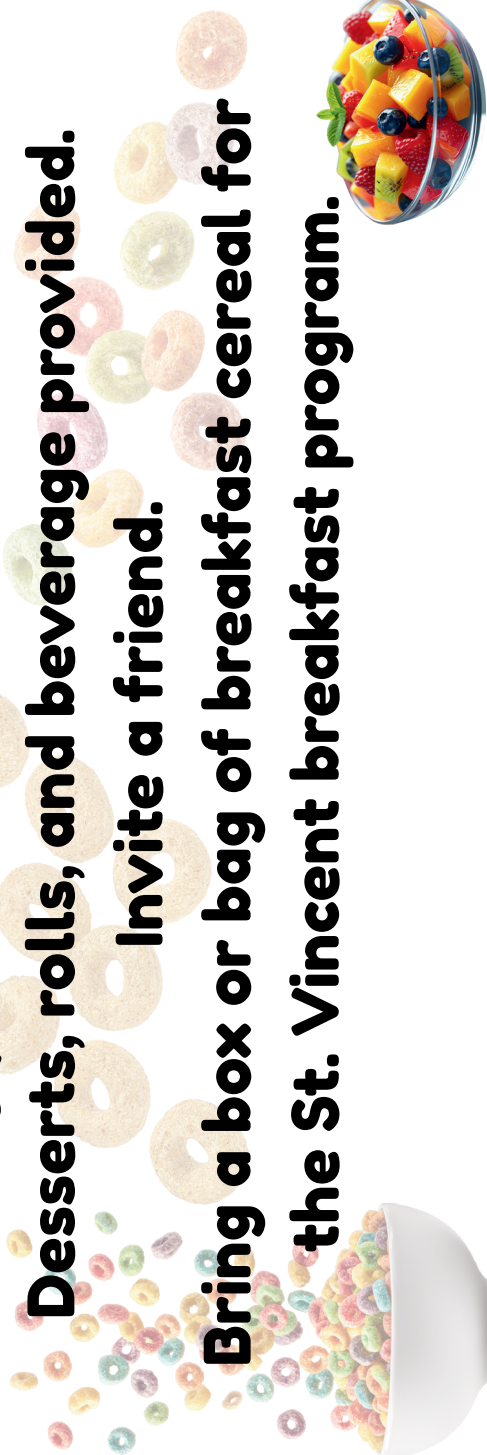
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Bring your favorite salad to share.

Desserts, rolls, and beverage provided.

Invite a friend.

Bring a box or bag of breakfast cereal for the St. Vincent breakfast program.



Don't Miss Rally Sunday!

Rumor Has It We Will Be Hosting Angels

**SEPT. 13, 2026
RALLY
SUNDAY**



**SIGN UP YOUR KIDS FOR
SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**SIGN UP FOR MUSIC,
VOLUNTEER GROUPS,
COMMITTEES & STUDIES**



**BBQ LUNCHEON,
BRING A DESSERT,
SALAD OR SIDE DISH**



FREE!

**FAMILY
MOVIE
MATINEE**

**SEPT. 13, 2026
12:30 PM**

**1300 FERGUSON DRIVE
GREAT FALLS, MT 59404**

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**Join us for a
movie and
fellowship.
We'll be
serving snacks
& soda.**

