

Faith Lutheran Church

Weekly Announcements

August 30, 2026



NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

August 30, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

We will provide **in person worship** and **live stream** on
<https://www.youtube.com/@faithlutheranchurch7476/streams>



"God's Word - Read It - Learn It - Live It"

Here is a suggested daily reading plan that coincides with the lectionary calendar. It is suggested that you do one reading morning, noon and night each day. There are lots of devotionals and reading plans on the internet you could also use.

Daily
Readings

<u>THURSDAY AUGUST 27</u>	<u>FRIDAY AUGUST 28</u>	<u>SATURDAY AUGUST 29</u>
Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 14:13-18 Ephesians 5:1-6	Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 15:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12	Psalm 26:1-8 Jeremiah 15:10-14 Matthew 8:14-17
<u>MONDAY AUGUST 31</u>	<u>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1</u>
Psalm 17 2 Samuel 11:2-26 Revelation 3:1-6	Psalm 17 2 Samuel 11:27b—12:15 Revelation 3:7-13	Psalm 17 Jeremiah 17:5-18 Matthew 12:22-32

CONTACT PASTOR

Please contact Pr. Daniel Spigelmyer if you have any pastoral needs. He can be reached at 978-345-1200 or revdanispig@gmail.com. Please contact Pr. Spigelmyer when someone is in the hospital or for any other reason, if you would like a pastoral visit."



Every Sunday, donations collected during Coffee Hour will be used for Community Outreach. At the end of the month, the donations collected will be sent to a local charity. August donations will go to the Winchendon CAC.



MINI MINISTRY FAIR

Come and Find a Place to Serve

Thank you to all who participated in the Mini Ministry Fair and signed up for the ministries that interest you. The information collected will be reviewed and organized and Barry will contact you with the results.

Psalm 26:1-8



Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life. I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.
² Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;
³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.
⁴ I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.
⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.
⁶ I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,
⁷ proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
⁸ LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.



Amy LeBlanc Ellie Roder Eleanor Ares Nicholas McClurken
 Ernie Sundblom Zach McQuilkin Carol Rich Amy M.
 Ashliegh Nick J. Randy Sarah B.

Please let Andi know the names of people you would like to add to the list.
 You can email her at office@faithgardner.org or call 978-632-2271.

PASTORAL SUNDAY SUPPLY



8/23 Keith Jorgensen
 8/30 CCC

USHER SCHEDULE



8/23 April L.
 8/30 Dave P

COMPUTER SCHEDULE



8/23 Nicholas M.
 8/30 Karen T.

PLEASE SWITCH WITH SOMEONE IF YOU CANNOT DO YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY.

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE CHALLENGE!

Let Me Tell You A Story

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"

Key Phrase: "For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Scripture: **Luke 19:1-10**

- Zacchaeus was curious enough about Jesus to climb a tree just to catch a glimpse of him, despite his wealth, status, and reputation. What first drew your attention to Jesus, and what made you willing to overcome obstacles or embarrassment to get a closer look? Have you ever felt like an outsider looking in on faith or church, and what was that like? What keeps people today from getting close enough to really see who Jesus is?
- Jesus called Zacchaeus by name and invited himself into his home, showing that being known personally by Jesus changes everything. What does it mean to you that Jesus already knows your name and pursues a relationship with you before you seek him? When have you experienced God's grace reaching you before you felt you deserved it? How does knowing Jesus wants to be a guest in your life change the way you approach your faith day to day?
- Zacchaeus responded to Jesus with immediate, costly action, giving away half his wealth and repaying those he had cheated. What is one area of your life where an encounter with Jesus should lead to real, costly change? How do you discern the difference between guilt driven change and grace driven transformation? What would it look like for you to make restitution or right a wrong you have been avoiding?
- Jesus modeled seeking out the lost rather than waiting for them to find their own way, calling his followers to do the same. Who in your life or community feels like they are on the outside looking in, and how might you pursue them the way Jesus pursued Zacchaeus? How can you help move someone from the crowd or the community closer to the core of genuine relationship with Christ?

Read also: Luke 15:1-7; Isaiah 55:6-7; Romans 5:8

Pick one or more of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- 1. Answer the Pursuit:** Jesus called Zacchaeus by name and invited himself into his home, showing that God takes the first step toward us. This week, spend time in prayer simply acknowledging that God is pursuing you and ask him to show you where you have kept him at arm's length. Choose one concrete way to let him closer, whether that is opening up to a trusted friend, returning to a spiritual practice you have set aside, or being honest with God about a struggle you have hidden.
- 2. Go After Someone:** The shepherd left the ninety nine to find the one lost sheep, modeling a love that actively seeks rather than waits. Identify one person in your life who feels distant from God or from your community and reach out to them directly this week, whether through a phone call, a visit, or an invitation to something meaningful. Let your pursuit of them reflect the same initiative and care that God has shown you.
- 3. Extend Undeserved Grace:** Christ died for us while we were still sinners, offering love that was never dependent on us earning it first. Think of someone in your life you have been withholding grace from, perhaps because of a past hurt or because you feel they have not changed enough to deserve it. Take a tangible step toward forgiveness or generosity with that person this week, even if it feels premature or undeserved by worldly standards.