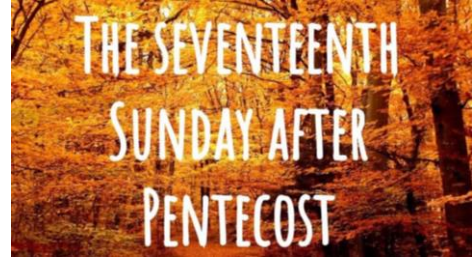


Faith Lutheran Church Weekly Announcements September 20, 2026



NEXT WORSHIP SERVICE

September 20, 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 SEPTEMBER 17</u>	<u>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18</u>	<u>SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19</u>
Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 1:1, 14—2:2 2 Corinthians 13:1-42	Psalm 145:1-8 Nahum 2:3-13 2 Corinthians 13:5-10	Psalm 145:1-8 Zephaniah 2:13-15 Matthew 19:23-30
<u>MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21</u>	<u>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23</u>
Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 27:1-29 Romans 16:1-16	Psalm 106:1-12 Genesis 28:10-17 Romans 16:17-20	Psalm 106:1-12 Isaiah 41:1-13 Matthew 18:1-5

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. September donations will go to the Gardner CAC .



ZOOM DISCUSSION / BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2026
6:30 PM ON ZOOM
MEETING # - 860-9215-2611
PASSCODE #741466



**There will be a congregational vote
for all voting members on
Sunday 9/20
immediately after worship.
This is to affirm our earlier vote
to leave the ELCA."**



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 978-632-2271.00

PASTORAL SUNDAY SUPPLY



9/20 Keith Jorgensen
 9/27 CCC

USHER SCHEDULE



9/20 Dave P..
 9/27 Jake B.

COMPUTER SCHEDULE



9/20 Karen T.
 9/27 Julie S.

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

THANK YOU! GOD BLESS!

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE CHALLENGE!

THE JESUS REVOLUTION

"Come and See"

Key Phrase: "Come and see." He said.

Scripture: John 1:35-49

- When you picture Andrew and John following Jesus simply because someone said “;come and see,”; what stands out to you about how casual and low pressure that first invitation feels? What do you imagine was going through their minds as they left everything behind just to go look? Have you ever taken a chance on checking something out simply because a friend you trusted told you it was worth your time?
- Andrew’s first move after meeting Jesus was to find his brother Simon Peter, and Philip’s first move was to find his friend Nathanael, so what does it say about encountering Jesus for real that it immediately created a desire to bring someone else along? The whole ripple effect of church, and maybe your own faith story, can be traced through a chain of people who invited people who invited people, so who is someone in your own chain? Where in your life right now do you sense Jesus quietly saying come and see rather than demanding you have it all figured out first?
- The average person only invites someone to church once every several decades because we’ve absorbed the World’s message that faith is a private matter, so where do you see that same hesitation in your own circle of friends or family? Nathanael’s honest skepticism, “can anything good come from Nazareth” was met with nothing more than “come and see” instead of an argument, so what does that reveal about the kind of confidence Jesus wants us to invite people with? Why do you think we tend to reach for pressure or perfect answers when Jesus himself just extended a simple, unhurried invitation?
- If Andrew or Philip had kept their discovery of Jesus to themselves, whose story might look very different today? So when you’re honest with yourself, has your faith mostly stayed something you keep to yourself or has it become something that ripples out to others? Who is one specific person in your life right now that you sense Jesus nudging you to invite, whether to church, to a conversation about faith, or just to come and see what he’s doing in you? What is one concrete, doable step you could take this week to actually extend that invitation instead of just thinking about it?

Read also: John 1:1-5; Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:14; John 14:6

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

1. **Trace your ripple:** Set aside 15 minutes this week to write down the name of the person, or chain of people, who First invited you to come and see Jesus for real. Then write down one specific person in your own life right now who has never been invited – a neighbor, coworker, family member, or friend. Send them a simple, low pressure text or make a call this week inviting them to church, to a conversation about faith, or just to come and see what has changed in you. Keep it as unhurried and confident as Philip’s invitation to Nathanael – no pressure, no perfect argument, just an invitation.

2. **Let the true Word have the final say:** Identify one place in your life right now where you have been looking for meaning, comfort, or identity in something other than God, whether that is a screen, an app, a habit, a relationship, or another source of validation. Each day this week, before you turn to that thing, pause and read John 1:1-5 or Genesis 1:1-3 out loud as a reminder that the same word that spoke light into darkness is still speaking into your life. Journal one sentence each day about where you actually let his word have the final say instead of that other voice.