



Newsletter 2025

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September 10
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at First Lutheran, 6:00 P.M.

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Lutheran Valley Retreat

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Pastor's Corner

Psalms, The Introit, The Kyrie, Hymns of Praise, and The Collect of the Day

Last month I discussed Confession and Absolution. Moving forward in the liturgy we come to the Psalm or Introit. This is the original entrance hymn. It is an ancient piece of the liturgy that goes far back in Israel's history. In fact, it pre-dates Christianity in its usage and finds its origins in Hebrew and Jewish worship rites.

As worshipers would gather, they would sing songs, usually psalms, which were appropriate to the seasons of the Church year. Sometimes these would be sung until the priest would arrive to begin the worship service properly. In other words, the Psalms are the hymnbook of the ancient church, even before the coming of Christ. We'll come back to things that are 'proper' in just a moment.

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Next comes the Kyrie, or “Kyrie Eleison” This phrase is Latin for “Lord have Mercy.” It is a chant has been sung or spoken amongst God’s people for nearly 2000 years and perhaps, like the Psalm and Introit, even further back.

Following the Kyrie comes the Gloria, or “Gloria in Excelsis Deo.” Once again, this is Latin for “Glory to God in the Highest.” Here is another long running tradition in the Christian Church. Perhaps not quite as old as the Kyrie, it is ancient none-the-less. It is a repetition of the hymn of praise sung by the angels at the birth of Christ. (Luke 2)

Sometimes we substitute the Gloria for “This is the Feast.” This is another hymn which speaks to the glory of Christ in his kingdom and his feast of victory which has no end. It is a fitting substitution, especially for a Sunday celebrating the Lord’s Supper.

There are times of the Church year where we omit the Hymn of Praise. Namely, in the season of Advent or Lent. This is not because these things are not true always, but we put these hymns aside for a time in order to set a different tone during those seasons. Often we choose other hymns that are appropriate for those particular themes. (Example: O Come, O Come Emmanuel [Advent], and On My Heart Imprint Your Image [Lent].)

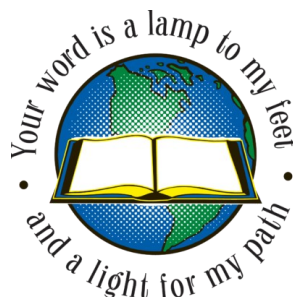
Next comes the Salutation. Like the Invocation, the Salutation calls the people’s attention to what they are actually doing here. “The Lord be with you! And with thy spirit!”

The Collect of the Day is a prayer that ‘collects’ the thought of the people into one voice. It is generally thematic to the readings for the day and theme of the Church year. The pastor generally prays this prayer, symbolic of the one, unified voice of the congregation.

I said that we would return to the idea of ‘Propers’, so here it is. When we look at the various elements of the Liturgy, there are two different aspects to consider. What things are ‘proper’ for this particular day of the year? What things are ‘common’ to every Sunday of the Church Year?

A ‘Proper’ element is something that changes depending on the theme and time of the Church Year. These are things like prayers, Psalms, Hymns, and Readings. On the other hand, a ‘Common’ part is something that generally stays the same every single week. For example, the Invocation, Confession and Absolution, and Most of the Service of the Sacrament.

Consider the repetition of all these things. Every year we go through the cycle of the Church Calendar. These themes come back around, over and over, to tell the story of Christ and his Grace and Mercy to you. And these bits and pieces of the Liturgy come directly from God’s word. He tells us the story, and we repeat it back to him. This is the Liturgy in a nutshell!



First Fruits for this month:

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE we will again respond to
the items the **MISSION** currently needs –

– **SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED ONE-DISH MEALS, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, TUNA PACKETS, RAMEN NOODLES, CANNED FRUIT and/or PRE-PACKAGED FRUIT CUPS.**

– *reflecting the need to feed those without cooking facilities.*

Financial contributions are also welcome!

Please take contributions to their back door and knock to donate.

HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Remember to grab a couple jars/cans every time you go to the grocery store.



... and a big **thank you** to ALL for your continued
prayer support and donations
– from all of us at the mission!



... from the Dual Parish picnic at Stew Brown park July 27, 2025.
Blessings & Thanks to all members who attended the Dual Parish picnic.

SUNDAY

Sunday's Adult Bible Study. We will start a new series of study Sunday, September 7th: Red Letter Challenge, Serving Challenge by Zach Zehnder.
Come join us at 9:00 A.M.!

TUESDAY

LifeLight Bible Study . . .

Tuesday, **October 7th**, will be the start date of the next session of LifeLight which will be a study of Prayer. I plan to order Enrichment magazines with worksheets on Monday, September 15th.

Please let me know by **September 14th** if you would like to participate in this study. LL will be available on Zoom and by meeting in person in my home.

Blessings, and thanks,
Barb

Tuesday's Adult Bible Study. Pastor Sorensen will again lead a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings studying 1 Samuel at 6:30 P.M., starting **September 2nd**.

THURSDAY

Men's Bible Study: September 4th we will start meeting again Thursday mornings at Faith at 9:00 A.M.; studying The Spirituality of the Cross.

UPCOMING EVENT

Women's Retreat: September 25-28, Lutheran Valley Retreat.
More details and to register:

<https://share.google/H2Kj3qrRpllcCiFsw>

Last Half of July 2025 and First Half of August 2025 Attendance and Offering Report

Date	Church	Communion	Offering
July 20	42	35	\$1,329.55
July 27	37	29	\$2,289.75
August 3	41	33	\$3,008.55
August 10	30	23	\$1,666.00
August 17	33	25	\$1,159.55

goodbye, august
hello, september

Subject:

Newsletter
suggestions (5 W's)

When submitting articles for the monthly Newsletter please include the following:

Who (who is doing the event and who to ask questions or give suggestions to)

What

When - date and times.
(Start and ending times)

Where

Why

Volunteer needed?



September Anniversary

24 - Mark and Jean Brinkmann

September Birthdays

4 - Wyatt Engelman
13 - Emilyn (Emi) Winkelmeyer
14 - Tiffany Lampert-Bui
21 - Katie Engelman
28 - Ginny Holzwarth
30 - Marcia Witte



Those Serving Us This Month

Communion Setup

Month of September - Sherry Bishop

Altar Flowers

September 7 - Clare and Joel Tarcha

September 14 - Robbie Bolton

September 21 - Ronnie and Sharon Carter

September 28 - Ampy Swart

Greeters

September 7 - Clare Tarcha

September 14 - Sherry Bishop

September 21 - Jerry Gallob

September 28 - Sherry Bishop

Usher

September 7 - Clare Tarcha

and Jerry Gallob

September 14 - Sharon and Ronnie
Carter

September 21 - Sherry Bishop
and Jerry Gallob

September 28 - Ronnie and Sharon
Carter

Elders

Mark Brinkmann

Joel Tarcha

Bob Hickey

Reader

September 7 - Clare Tarcha

September 14 - Tiffany Lampert-Bui

September 21 - Sherry Bishop

September 28 - Colleen Miller

Cleaning the Sanctuary

September 7-13 - Jana Schumann

Cleaning the Fellowship Hall

September 7-13 - Mark Brinkmann

Cleaning the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall

September 21-27 - Sharon and Ronnie
Carter



From Sharon Carter, Stewardship Chair:

Please check your service date posted on the bulletin board by the main door of the church in the Narthex. — **If not able to serve on that date, please find your own substitute.** —

As always, thank you for your faithful service.

Stewardship Chair,

Sharon Carter 303-881-9840

sharoncarter00@gmail.com

Please submit your articles and other input for the
OCTOBER Newsletter
to FLC's administrative assistant ON OR BEFORE
Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2025



If you need to get in touch with one of the Elders, they have generously made their telephone numbers available . . .

Mark Brinkmann	661-444-7865
Joel Tarcha	970-819-8459
Bob Hickey	719-649-0403



FLC Office Hours: Rev. Sorensen's office hours at Faith are:

9:30 A.M. to 12 Noon Thursdays. Other times by appointment only.

Deadlines: Please make sure any information needing to be included in Sunday's **bulletins** is given to FLC Administrative Assistant by the **Thursday BEFORE that Sunday service**. If it is received after Wednesday, the information will then be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Our bulletins can then be published in a timely manner.

Join us at home. Search for **Faith Lutheran Church Buena Vista CO on YouTube**. There you will find Live and archived services.

OR go to: faithlutheranbv.org.

And follow the links to Services. See you online!



Stephen Ministry

Look What God is Doing!

Hear about the surprising things that God is doing in Stephen Ministries.

By Connie Wright

A few months ago, my backpacking partner called me, “Wanna do the Uinta Mountains in Utah?” ...I’d never heard of them. ...Now, as you read this, I will likely be seeing them one step at a time.

Oh, yes, we’ve done our homework. We’ve purchased, downloaded, and read maps and books. We’ve packed up more camping gear, and food – along with some probably useless items – than I wish to carry, and we took off.

But, even with all of our preparations, there are still a lot of unknowns. Will there be steep uphill climbs that will get the best of me? Will we have to cross some rushing water? Will we be able to follow the trail if it has become overgrown and vaguely visible? Or accidentally take a wrong turn? Will we find a good place to pitch our tents each night? What about water? Will we see a bear? Or hear an owl, “Hoot?” Or a coyote, “Howl?” Or listen to a critter scurry around at night?

An unknown future can sometimes be scary...

We can certainly say the same thing about our lives. “An unknown future can sometimes be scary.”


Even though we have purchased, downloaded, and read our Bible and numerous studies, life can be scary. In spite of having packed our life with prayer, worship, fellowship – and a few other useless items – life can still be a challenge. The unknown can be – well – frightening.

There are the unexpected twists and turns of disasters or diseases. Sometimes there will be hectic currents in the rat race of life that would like to take us under. The uphill climbs can be long and tedious, lonely and tiring. Will we have all of the necessities of life to supply our needs? What kind of “wildlife” will we encounter along the way?

Thankfully, our hope lies not in knowing the future, not in how well we prepared, nor how much we packed, but in trusting God, our Rock and Anchor, to guide us through it. ...In that we can have confidence!

A friend once said,
"You can't really know me until you've been in my home."
There is some truth to this statement.



We meet and enjoy each other in a variety of places~
church,  community meetings, our place of business, or school.
These are generally safe, non threatening environments
where we can reveal only as much about ourselves as we desire~
places where we can keep people, even our friends, at arm's length.







God does not desire that we hold arms out in front of us
to keep people at a distance,
but that we hold them wide open
to invite people into our lives and our homes.



Hospitality is not about how big your house is
or how it's decorated.
It's not about how good a cook you are
or how you set the table.



Hospitality is about opening your heart  and your home
and sharing what God has given you.
It's about being vulnerable to let others know who you are!
It's about giving yourself to someone else,
to let them know you care about them.

So put on the soup  or fix some sandwiches 
Pick up the phone  and invite friends!

The above writing is from the book "The Blessing of Friendship" by
Karla Dornacher:

www.karladornacher.com

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	3	4 Men's Bible Study, 9 a.m. LWML Meeting 1:00 p.m.	5	6
7 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Sunday Service 10:30a.m.	8	9 Elders Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, 6:30 pm	10 Annual Dual Parish Council Meeting at First Lutheran, 6:00 p.m.	11 Men's Bible Study, 9 a.m. Faith Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.	12	13
14 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Happy Feet Sunday DEADLINE to SIGN UP for LifeLight	15	16 Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.	17	18 Men's Bible Study, 9 a.m.	19	20
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28 Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30a.m. Sunday Service 10:30a.m.	29	30 Evening Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.				

In Our Prayers

Please continue prayers for **LARRY HESPEL**, Marianne Kendall's brother. It's been determined that he has cancer. Further testing is being done.

GARY LONGWELL needs your prayers. He is in the Bear Creek Senior Living Center in Colorado Springs, 1685 S. 21st Street, Room 161. He is having problems with his heart. Also, pray for Dar, Becky and Marcia as well, as this is hard for the whole family.

Please keep **JOEL TARCHA** in your prayers for healing after back surgery.

Please keep **JAMES MILLER** in your prayers. He has a precancerous spot on his eyebrow.

Please keep **DAN MUECKE** in your prayers. He's recovering from detached retina surgery on his good eye and is virtually blind.

Please keep **ERIN MUELLER** and her mother, **BARBARA SPRADLIN**, in your prayers. Barbara has been in the hospital for E. coli, and Erin had mouth surgery.

Please continue prayers for **AL WEBER, Jean's husband**. He's recovering from neck and back surgery on August 13th.

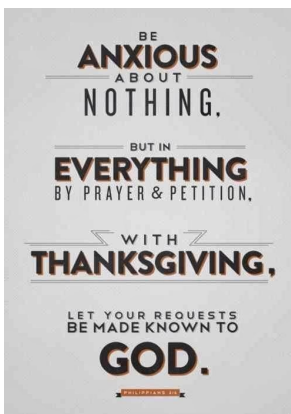
Please update your prayers for Lisa Stahlecker's mom and for her daughter Mandi:

My mom, **NANCY BJORNSTAD**, is still in hospice and is doing well. She is receiving spiritual care from the pastor at Faith Lutheran in Woodland Park. She loves to hear from her church family here in Buena Vista. If you have time, please give her a call or send her a card. She would also welcome visitors if you are making a trip to Colorado Springs.

MANDI has completed her chemotherapy treatments. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she transitions to radiation treatments.

Please include in your prayers **JIM BORNEMANN'S FAMILY**, who mourn his passing. Jim passed away Friday morning, August 22, 2025.

Please e-mail prayer requests to: timjo@centurylink.net



**If you are sick or injured, please contact
Pastor or one of the Elders, so that we
may visit and/or pray for you.**