

ORDER OF WORSHIP: AUGUST 1 • 9AM

Pastor Dale Peterson and Pastor Katie Escalante, *presiding*

Music by Rachel Pletke

Prelude Rachel Pletke

Pastoral Greeting Pastor Katie

Gathering Hymn ELW # 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayer of the Day Pastor Katie

Adapted from "Gentle Us Open" by Pastor Ted Loder
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray together.

Lord of Life and Light, help us not to fall in love with the temptations that separate us from you and each other, **Allow us to watch large-eyed, wide hearted, open handed, and eager minded for you. Help us to dream and hunger and squint and pray for the light of you and life for each other.**

Lord, amidst our white-knuckled, furrow faced busy-ness, **We realize deep within us that your gifts of mercy and light, peace and joy, grace upon grace, can be received only if we are unclenched and open.**

So this is our prayer, Lord: Open us up! **Gentle us open, or: pry, shock, tickle, beguile, knock, amaze, squeeze, us open by any wily way you can.**

Open us to see your glory, **In the coming light of each new day. In the faces around us. In love that brings big smiles and truth filled tears.**

Open us to share the gifts you have given us. **With those that need them most.**

Open us, Lord of miracles of the ordinary, **So that we might be amazed by the Gospel and see You in our stories and see ourselves in Your stories. AMEN.**

Children's Message Shannon Anderson

Pulpit Hymn ELW #860 "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

First Reading ACTS 20:7-12 Pastor Dale

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, 'Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him.' Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading MARK 2:1-12 Pastor Dale

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for

them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to Jesus a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, 'Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up and take your mat and walk"? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins'—he said to the paralytic— 'I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.' And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon

"GOSPEL STORIES; WHERE AM I? WHERE IS GOD? NOW WHAT?" Pastor Dale

Hymn of the Day ELW # 798 "Will You Come and Follow Me?"

Prayers of the People Pastor Katie

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Katie

Offering Rachel Pletke

Offertory Prayer Pastor Katie

The Great Thanksgiving Pastor Katie

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Katie

Communion Distribution

Communion Song ELW #779 "Amazing Grace"

Communion Blessing Pastor Katie

Sending Out Prayer Pastor Katie

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths yet untrudden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction Pastor Katie

Sending Hymn ELW #677 "This Little light of Mine"

Dismissal Pastor Katie

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inclusive Grace. Contagious Love.

Welcome

Welcome! We are glad you are here. Our vision at Faith is to be a dynamic worshiping community where all are growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ, one another, and those beyond our walls. We strive to welcome all people by practicing inclusive grace and sharing contagious love.



Summer Worship: Sundays at 9am. Join us at Faith or enjoy our live-stream or videos. We will have communion the first & third Sundays of the month. Connections Cafe will follow worship.

Thanks for joining us! And thank you to Rachel Pletke for the wonderful music!

Looking ahead...

Registration for Faith Formation (SPARK, BYG & IGNITE) will be open starting August 2nd.

Starting Sunday, September 12th we will have worship at 8:30am & 10am, and beginning Wednesday, September 22nd we will have Prime Time worship at 6:07pm.

Rally Day & the SPARK Carnival are September 12th! Join us for food trucks, fun and music by Billy & Angie!

The Connection Fair is September 19th!

Our author visit with Dr. Jacqueline Bussie ("Love Without Limits") is Sunday September 26th. Do you have questions you'd like Dr. Bussie to answer? Send them to Shelly at hilgersshelly@gmail.com

Monday August 2 6pm: Rutz Lake Cemetary Mtg - Steiner	Thursday, August 5 8am: Men's Text Study - Virtual
Tuesday, August 3 10am: Staff Meeting - Steiner	9:30am: Moms Connect - Steiner Hall
6:15pm: Worship & Music Ministry - Virtual	Friday, August 6
7pm: AA/Alanon	7pm: AA/Alanon
7pm: Property & Maintenance - Virtual	Sunday, August 8
Wednesday, August 4	9am: Worship
9am: Knit & Natter - Steiner	
7pm: Call Committee Meeting-Fireside	



Have a great week!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - EVENTS, HAPPENINGS, ETC.

Faith Formation August 2

It is hard to believe it is time to start thinking about fall and back to school, but it is! Sign-up/registration for SPARK, BYG, and IGNITE will be on our site August 2nd. For more information about times, cost, etc. please visit our website. Also, we are looking for adult volunteers to help be group leaders!

Faith Fun Night! (Rescheduled!!) August 18

Join us at Faith from 6:30-7:30pm for bikes, bubbles and bars! You can bring some wheels (bikes, scooters, etc), blow some bubbles (we will have them here) or enjoy some bars (feel free to bring your favorites to share!)

SAGES Music Man at Chanhassen Dinner Theater September 22

Luncheon at 11 a.m. and show at 1 p.m. Optional tour available at 10 a.m. Special pricing at \$65 - includes dinner, show & fee/taxes. Sign up in the church lobby. Payment by Aug 15 to Christine Roehler.

Celebrating Pastor Dale's Footprint on Faith: Photos & Memories

If you have a favorite Pastor Dale memory or anecdote, please share those using the link on our site. We are making a Celebration Book.

Waconia Food Shelf

The Food Shelf is expanding their delivery program and is looking for volunteer drivers. Deliveries are at 5pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Currently takes about an hour, and it works best if each vehicle has 2 people to coordinate everything. Starting Wednesday, 8/18. If you are interested, contact Chuck Bies at 763-226-0122 or chuckbies@gmail.com

Small Groups

We will be putting together the fall programs & offerings guide, so last call for any new small groups, etc! Let us know if there is something you want to see in the book this year!

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