

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fort Valley, VA

The mission of Faith Lutheran Church is to declare the gospel of Jesus Christ through witnessing and administering the word and sacraments and by providing a Christian environment to the members of this congregation and the people of Fort Valley

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, WOV: *With One Voice*

Prelude and Announcements

Quiet time *Silence is kept for reflection. When leader invites you please stand*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *All may make the sign of the cross.*

In the name of the father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and 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**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Song – ELW 825 *Please stand* You Servants of God

Greeting and Kyrie ELW Page 138

Canticle of Praise ELW Page 139

The Prayer of the Day *Be seated* ELW Page 142

Children’s Sermon Pam Kitner

(Children’s Church, Tammy Bussineau)

The First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96 ELW Psalms 94-96

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 ELW Page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? *Please be seated after the reading*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Sermon Pam Kitner

The Hymn – ELW 705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Apostles Creed ELW Page 105

Prayers of Intercession P: Hear us oh God **C: Your mercy is great**

Peace ELW Page 143

Offering ELW Page 144

Special Music (Choir)

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW Hymn 186

The Lord’s Prayer ELW Page 145

Benediction: Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heav’nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Blessing

Hymn – ELW 580 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

Sending P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

Worship Participants

Presiding: Pam Kitner, SAM Lesson Reader: Peggy Plauger
Sermon: Pam Kitner Acolyte: William Dooley
Cantor: Malissa Mantz Organist: Marilyn McCord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Spooky Spaghetti dinner this Friday 4:30-6:30 to raise funds for Warren to attend the 2027 National Youth Gathering. Bring donations for the Youth bake sale Sat, Oct 24.
- **The FLC council will meet today following the worship service.
- **All women of the church invited to ELCA Women’s Gathering at Caroline Lutheran camp Sat, Oct 24 from 2-4. See the announcement on the bulletin board to register.
- **We will have communion next Sunday with Pastor Robin. Wear RED for Reformation!
- ** More than 100 countries receive shoeboxes for boys and girls "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations." Matthew 28:19. Our shoebox deadline is 11-15-2026.
- **SAMPam will have office hours M & TH from 10-2 this week.
- **Preschool Enrollment still available. Please call Charlie at 540-335-4568, email misc@charlesaschmann.com (Preschool 540-933-6963, flpreschool@yahoo.com)
- ** Check out the church website for current updates, events and online donations at www.faithlutheran-fortvalley.com.
- **Join scripture study with SAMPam on Tue nights at 7pm via zoom.

Offering needed to meet the budget - \$1015.79

10-11-‘26 Offering \$617 Noisy \$23.92 10-4-‘26 Offering \$1693 Noisy \$38.92

Attendance – 39 Attendance – 23 (+ 4 online)

Organ Fund \$150.00