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Greeting/Announcements  
Hymn ... “God Has Spoken by His Prophets” (*tune: 288*) ... 238 Green  
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Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God, you called your servant Abraham to follow your will and gave him faith to trust your promises through years of waiting for their fulfillment. Grant us also the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, that we may cling, in life and in death, to the great and gracious promises you have made to us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-5  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-16a

Faith Seeds ..... Faith Lutheran Puppets  
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:  
**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel: **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel: John 8:31-40

Response after the Gospel: **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon .. “God’s PROMISE, Abraham’s Faith” .. Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn ..... “How Firm a Foundation” ..... 507 Green

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he**

**rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering/Special Music ..... Austin Willhite

Installation of Austin Willhite as the Director of Music and Worship

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

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Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... “Jesus, Still Lead On” ..... 341 Green

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### **“What Does This Mean?”**

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme:  
John 8:31-40

- † Why is it such good news the God justifies us by faith alone?
- † Why is it so hard for people to rely on faith alone to justify us?
- † How does the account of Abraham in Genesis serve as an example of faith?
- † How does Abraham also serve as a cautionary tale for the life of faith?

*Faith Apparel has arrived. Pick it up at Library Square today or in the office anytime next week.*

### Important Notes!

- \*If you or anyone in your home feels at all unwell, please stay home and watch one of the broadcasts.
- \*If you are anxious about gathering at the church, feel free to stay home for now.
- \*In light of current health guidelines, we encourage you to print and bring your own copy of the bulletin to cut down on the contact passing them out entails. The bulletins can be found weekly on our Facebook page and website.
- \*We ask family/household groups to maintain social distance when in the church and the park.
- \*According to state guidelines, wearing a face mask indoors is now mandated, with some exceptions.
- \*More information is available on Faith's Facebook page or in the church office.
- ~ **Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored Gary and Mary Biekle in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 3.
- ~ **Jeremiah Bible Study:** This Bible study will resume tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith Center.
- ~ **Faith Groups** begin next week. If you have not connected to a group yet, please contact Marsha at 587-2093 and she will be happy to plug you into one that will work with your schedule. You can join in person or online.
- ~ **You are Invited:** The Augustana District of LCMC is honored to invite members of Faith Lutheran to attend, at no charge, part of the (delayed) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary District Celebration being held here on Saturday, September 26, 2020, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. After an opening worship service, the keynote speaker, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice G. Barry Anderson, formerly a member of Faith, will speak on "Religious Liberty: What It Is and Why We Need It," with a time to ask questions following. There will also be an update from the Augustana District, presentation of its Distinguished Service Award and an opportunity to hear from the new national LCMC Service Coordinator, Mike Bradley. Faith Lutheran has been instrumental in forming and sustaining the AD, and the District Council would be honored to have Faith's members join in this event. Space is limited to the first 75 people who respond. Please contact the church office to reserve your spot today.
- ~ **Thank you:** Dodie Fenske would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who remembered her birthday with cards and well wishes.

## Faith Lutheran Church ~ LCMC Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN September 13, 2020 ~ 8:00 a.m. First Word Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Season Color: Green



