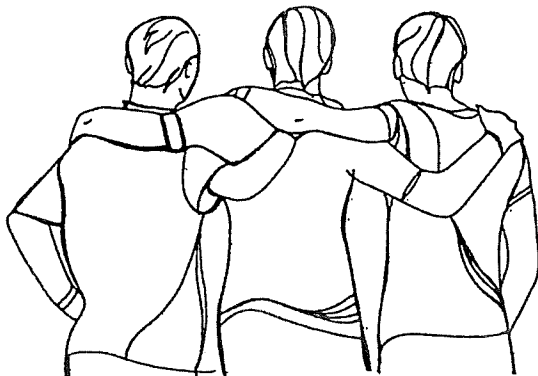


***FAITH LUTHERAN
CHURCH***

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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT
“TO KNOW AND SHARE GOD’S LOVE”
INVITE SOMEONE TO CHURCH!!***

Time after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Worship Time 10:00 am

† Indicates - Please stand if comfortable

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Jim Harder, Sally Berger

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.



Special Music I'm Workin' on a Buildin'

Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Jim Harder, Sally Berger

Chorus:

I'm workin' on a buildin', I'm workin' on a buildin',
I'm workin' on a buildin' for my Lord, for my Lord.
It's a holy ghost buildin', it's a holy ghost buildin',
It's holy ghost buildin' for my Lord, for my Lord.

Verse 1:

If I was a preacher, I tell you what I would do,
I'd keep on prechin' and I'd work on the buildin' too.

Verse 2:

If I was a drunkard, I tell you what I would do,
I'd quit my drinkin' and I'd work on the buildin' too.

Verse 3:

If I was a gambler, I tell you what I would do,
I'd quit my gamblin' and I'd work on the buildin' too.

Verse 4:

If I was a sinner, I tell you what I would do,
I'd quit my sinnin' and I'd work on the buildin' too.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,
O Lord God,

C: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Special Music Anthem: Farther Along

Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Jim Harder, Sally Berger, Art Schad and Shelley Grubb

Tempted and tried we're oft made to wonder, why it should be thus
all the day long, While there are others living about us, never
molested tho' in the wrong. When death has come and taken our
loved ones, it leaves our home so lonely and drear; Then do we
wonder why others prosper, living so wicked year after year.

Chorus:

Farther along we'll know all about it, farther along we'll understand
why; Cheer up my brother, live in the sunshine, We'll understand it
all by and by.

Faithful till death said our loving Master, a few more days to labor
and wait; Toils of the road will then seem as nothing, as we sweep
thru the beautiful gate. When we see Jesus coming in glory, when he
comes from His home in the sky; Then we shall meet Him in that
bright mansion, we'll understand it all by and by.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel;
whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them
warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall
surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from
their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I
will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from
their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die
in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said:
"Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away
because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live,
says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but
that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back
from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40 (*congregation reads the verses in bold*)

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

† **Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

YOUTH MESSAGE

SERMON “Learning to Get Along”

Special Music Because He Lives

Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Jim Harder, Sally Berger

Verse 1:

God sent his son, they called him, Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive; He lived and died to buy my pardon, An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives!

Verse 2:

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, And feel the pride and joy he gives; But greater still the calm assurance; This child can face uncertain days because He lives!

Verse 3:

And then one day, I'll cross that river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; And then, as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know He lives!

† APOSTLES' CREED *(Page 105)*

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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

† THE PRAYERS

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

† SHARING THE PEACE

Offertory

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C: Amen.

P: Let us join together in praying our Lord's Prayer:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P; The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Special Music Down By The Riverside

Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Jim Harder, Sally Berger

Verse 1:

I'm gonna to lay down my heavy load, down by the riverside, Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm gonna lay down my heavy load, down by the riverside, And study war no more.

Chorus:

Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna study war no more . Ain't gonna study war no more, Ain't gonna study war no more, Aint' gonna study war no more.

Verse 2:

I'm gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside, And study war no more.

Verse 3:

I'm gonna put down my sword and shield, down by the riverside Down by the riverside, down by the riverside. I'm gonna put down my sword and shield, down by the riverside And study war no more.

DISMISSAL

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music Postlude: I Saw The Light

Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Jim Harder, Sally Berger

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WELCOME to the worship of the people of God who are Faith Lutheran Church. May you feel the presence of the Lord in our midst and hear His Word spoken to your heart. For more information contact us at faithlutheranmtvernon@gmail.com or check out our website at FLCMTV.org. Our mission at Faith Church is **To Know And Share God's Love**.

FLOWERS on the altar are given by *Jon & Jessica Howard* to the glory of God and in celebration of David's second birthday.

SPECIAL THANKS

We want to give a special thanks to Kevin Mishey, Rick Keaton, Charlie Rice, Sally Berger, Jim Harder, Shelley Grubb, and Art Schad for sharing their talents with us today with their wonderful special music!!

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day holiday.

FALL WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Starting next Sunday, September 13th, we will again start our Fall worship times of 8:00 am and 10:30 am.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please look over the names on the prayer list and let the office know if anyone is better and can be taken off the list, or if someone is missing that you would like to have prayers for. Many times we are asked to list folks and never hear what their condition is later on. Help us make these lists meaningful and prayerful. Thanks.

FAITH WOMEN'S GENERAL MEETING

All women are invited for an evening of good food, good information and just a good time on Wednesday, September 16th 5:30 The menu - main entrees from Burrata's. RSVP with \$12 for the meal to Cheryl Johnson. With checks written to Faith Women or cash. Featured Speaker: Jim McLaughlin -Fraud Awareness. School kits for Lutheran World Relief will be assembled before the meal. There will be a short business meeting, of course, door prizes.

LUTHERAN PERSONAL CARE KITS

It's time to put them together. Join us next Sunday, September 13th, between services to wrap the soap, toothbrush, comb, and nail clippers in a towel and pack them to send to Lutheran World Relief. Someone in the world will have a better day because of you!

MARY MARTHA BIBLE STUDY

Join us for the journey next Tuesday, September 8th, at 1pm in room 210. The Bible study series is "Bold Faith On An Unexpected Journey" and the first session will be, "Encountering God in the Wilderness". The wilderness leader will be Kathy O'Hare, and the provisions will be offered by Kathy Noblit. No hiking shoes required for this journey, just a Bible and your thoughts. Let's go!

SAVE THE DATE

Faith will be hosting the Harvest Dinner again this year on Tuesday, October 13th from 5 - 6:30 pm. This is a sit-down community FREE meal. Watch for sign-up sheets in the next few weeks to help with this meal.

THANK YOU

Dear Faith Family,

There are too few words to say thank you for the retirement event on Sunday. The reception was so lovely, thank you ladies, and it was a joy to see so many and share stories and remembrances.

Your generosity of cards and gifts was overwhelming. I enjoyed reading about all of your thoughts in the cards and letters and I thank you for the beautiful plaque that was presented. I look forward to seeing the other names that will be added in the years to come.

I am grateful to God for allowing me to serve Him in music, and I thank each and every one of you for your support of this ministry.

May God continue to bless Faith Lutheran Church.

Once again, thank you....Becky Keck

REDEDICATION OF NEW SANCTUARY

Join us next Sunday, September 13th, as we rededicate our sanctuary to the mission of the church. At both services on the 13th we will take time to rededicate our sanctuary and celebrate what God has done for our church. Pastor Tim Mentzer, who serves as an Assistant to the Bishop will be joining us in worship and our celebration.

FAITH EVENTS

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<https://www.youtube.com/@FaithLutheranChurchMTVernon>

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2026

Today:	10:00 am	Worship in Stone Garden
	12:00 am	Bell Choir Meet Up, Greet Up
Mon		Office Closed for Holiday
	7:30 pm	AA
Tues	1:00 pm	Mary Martha Bible Study
	3:00 pm	Harvest Meal Planning Meeting
Thurs	9:00 am	SPOT (formerly TOPS)
	7:00 pm	Choir

PLEASE PRAY FOR: MEMBERS: Bob & Kathy Atwell, Jordan & Nico Barnard, Vicki Blubaugh, Joe Curran, Al Dexter, Larry Everhard, Jan Frye, Eileen Hartman, Carolyn Jacquet, Ann Jurkowitz, Kathy Lamb, Betty McDonald, Judy Mustaine, Dan Myers, Kathy Noblit, Stan Park, Fran Smyser.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Allen (friend of Art Schad), Linda, Marie, Linda Beach, Devin Boyer, Nora Burke & family, Purell Butts, Mike C, Ben Cable, Aaron Everhard, Nick Frost, **baby Gabriel (heart surgery, Texas)**, Kayla Gadd, Linda Galyon, Chester Gingerich, Grant, Lon Hamby, Susan Jeffery, John Jones, Eddie and Miranda Jones, Beth Kost, Danny Jurkowitz, Barb, Marv & Rob Keck, Dean & Marilyn Kempton, Debra Kempton, Jerry Kies, Alan (Ann Dice's brother), Dr. William McFarren, Jim Major (friend of Pastor Mark Wildermuth), Scott Mickley, Tina Miller, Donald Morehour, Sue Moreland, Jake Morisi, Anderson O'Briskie, **Philp's family (Washington State house fire)**, Quinton (friend of Alex Jones), Shirley Ramsay, Julie & Brian Ramsey, Bruce Renne, Jan Rice, Sam Robert, Mona Russell and Heather & Danielle, Karen Scott, Wayne Snyder, Gabe & Micah Stauffer, Willow Steiner, an 8 month old with "Spitz" cancer, Martha Stuller, Becky Thomas, Josie Watts, Pam Wolfe, Karen Zedeker, and all others on our hearts and minds.

PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS (in the last three months): Marianna Wolk, Billie Maglott, Esther Gillett, Glenn Dyer, Royce Jordan, Dani Bee, Warren Blair.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Gavin Thomas, Master Sargent Christopher Dominick.

Bold indicates new.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

10:00 am

Ushers Art & Corrine
Lund
Readers Tim Williams
Altar Guild - Jill Park
Tellers - Cheryl Johnson & Karen Greever

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am

10:30 am

Ushers	Kevin & Bette	Stephen Volz
	Mishey	Tim Williams
Reader s	Peg Snow	Holly Fischer
Communion Assist.	Rev. Tim Mentzer	Rev. Tim Mentzer
Acolyte	Melissa Dexter	Connor Driscoll
Altar Guild - Jill Park		
Communion Committee - Cheryl Johnson		
Tellers - Tom Updike & Karen Greever		

SUNDAY MORNINGS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's September and a great time to be a Lutheran

Knowing who we are and knowing God's Word has always been the foundation of the Lutheran faith. "A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in a process of becoming." - Martin Luther

All are invited to keep growing on Sunday Mornings at 9:15.

Children - Mrs. Pat Ferenbaugh

Pastor Cody Middle and High School

*Adults - Leaders and studies and activities will vary.
Watch for them and will include;*

*September 13th Assemble Lutheran Relief
Personal Care Kits;*

*September 20th "Animate" is a Bible discussion
series and will be led by Cheryl Johnson*

November TBD Create/Repair Chrismons

December 6th - Pastor Art Lund Dealing with Grief

Upcoming TBD - Dan Werner Study on Apostles Creed

Suggestions from you are very welcome.

HopeNow Furniture

Bank

EVENT INVITATION

HopeNow Community Night

Saturday, September 12th from 3:00-6:00 PM

Food trucks, live music, 50/50
raffle, and guided warehouse tours

1201 S Main Street, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Join our staff and volunteers for a wonderful night of memories, delicious
food, and community fellowship!

We hope to see you there