



Welcome to
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Heather Brown
August 23, 2026 | 9:00 AM



This service is live-streamed & recorded. ELW – red hymnal. WOV – blue hymnal.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Kathy Biederwolf

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SCHOOL BACKPACK BLESSING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

Responsively

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil***

ELW 512

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

Pastor Heather Brown

SONG OF THE DAY

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

THE PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING SONG

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689 (v. 1, 2, & 4)

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (CONTEMPORARY)

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677

DISMISSAL

**denotes favorite hymn*



SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!

Please fill out our white CONNECT card found at the Welcome Center or back of pew. We have a special gift for you when you place the visitor card in the offering plate or give it to the pastor after worship. We look forward to connecting with you.

WELCOME TO ALL FAMILIES of every age and stage! Children and infants are always welcome in worship. An unstaffed nursery and quiet activity bags are available, and our ushers are happy to help you find them. Kids, youth, and adult education programs will resume in September, but be sure to watch the bulletin for activities for all ages.

HOLY COMMUNION AT FAITH

All are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine. The ushers will direct you forward. Gluten-free wafers are available in the wooden bowl. White grape juice and red wine are available in individual communion cups. **Please place the used communion cups in the basket on the way back to your seat.**

DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please use the white CONNECTION card in the pew or email pastor@faithmarshfield.com.

PRAYER LIST: Please keep the following people in your prayers. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

Cathy Seever's brother, Alan; Dianne Swanson; Darlene Krake's friend, Carol; Darlene Krake; Diane Mueller; Bernie Binning; Susan Trembl's husband, Mark; Dave Herron; Mark Cournoyer's friend, Shirley Dye; Carol Skaden's mother, Ruth; Darlene Wittlinger & Nicole Quarne's daughter/sister, Shelly.

You Are Welcome. No Exceptions.

Faith Lutheran Church affirms you as a child of God, without regard to your age, skin color, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, gender identity, how much you earn, who you love, where you come from, where you are in your faith journey, or what is in your past. You are unique and precious, and we welcome you in Jesus' name.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Justin Polzin at
Youth@FaithMarshfield.com



Sept. 9 | Youth Advisory Meeting | 5:30 PM

FLY Advisors will meet to discuss recent events and upcoming opportunities.

Sept. 13 | FLY Sizzlin' Sunday Pork BBQ | 10:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Kick off the new education year at our **FLY Sizzlin' Pulled Pork BBQ!** Enjoy delicious food, games, and activities for all ages, and watch for more information as we'll be taking pre-orders for our pulled pork (price TBD).

Thank you for supporting our FLY fundraisers and continuing to encourage our youth as they serve, grow, and live out their faith!

EDUCATION & FAMILY MINISTRY

FamilyEd@FaithMarshfield.com



August 23 | GLOW Parent Meeting | Sanctuary | Following Worship

GLOW parents are invited to join us for a brief Parent Meeting following worship. We'll share plans, schedules, and exciting opportunities for the upcoming year. We look forward to partnering with you as we grow together in faith!

August 23 | GLOW Teacher Meeting | Sanctuary | Following Parent Meeting

GLOW teachers are invited to stay following the Parent Meeting for a brief teacher meeting as we prepare for the upcoming education year and share what's ahead.

A Prayer for the New School Year

On behalf of the Education & Family Ministries Team, we pray for all students, teachers, school staff, and families as a new school year

begins. May God bless your first days back, provide wisdom and strength, and remind you that you are never alone. Have a wonderful and blessed school year!

MINISTRY UPDATES

From Green Team

Garden Blessings Table

Do you have extra produce from your garden this summer? Share the abundance! A table will be set up in the Gathering Area where you can place extra fruits and vegetables. If you need fresh produce, please help yourself.

God's Work Our Hands Service Day

From Worship & Music Team

Join Faith Lutheran for a **God's Work Our Hands (GWOH) Service Day** as we partner with **Habitat for Humanity** for a volunteer build!

This is a wonderful opportunity to put our faith into action by serving our community and helping build a home for a local family.

- **What:** Faith Lutheran Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Build
- **When:** Saturday, August 29, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **Where:** 710 East Third Street
- **Who:** Volunteers **16 years and older**

Come ready to lend a hand, work alongside others, and be the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

FLC Women Upcoming Events

From FLC Women

Planning Meeting: A reminder that the Women's Planning Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, at 1:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. Join us as we gather to plan upcoming activities, events, and opportunities for fellowship and service. All women are welcome!

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention

Women are invited to attend the NWSWI Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention on Saturday, September 26. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, worship, learning, and connecting with Women of the ELCA from across our synod.

- **Registration Deadline:** September 15
- **Convention:** Saturday, September 26
- **Who:** Women of the ELCA

Registration Information: Contact Cathy Seevers at (715) 652-2197 for registration details and how to register.

WELCA Chequamegon Conference Retreat:

Save the date Oct. 4th 12PM-3:30 PM St Stephen ELCA in Edgar.

WAYS TO ACCESS THE SUNDAY SERVICE

- 1) Live-streaming on YT, 9 AM Sunday.
- 2) On the Cable Access Channel 989 on
Sundays at 12 Noon,
Monday at 11:30 AM
Friday at 11 AM
- 3) Watch anytime on our YT Channel.
- 4) Watch anytime on our App.

FAITH NUMBERS CORNER

Service Attendance

Last Week Attendance: 100

Average Service Attendance for July

Average Attendance: 85

Average Online Views: 48

Weekly General Giving August 16th, 2026

Actual *(Includes online giving)* \$8,961

Year to July 31st

Total income (includes interest income) \$195,349

Total expenses \$191,387

Net \$3,962

SERVING US TODAY

Welcome: Jan Fink
Greeters: Sally Rakovec
Jerry Verhulst
Ushers: Renee Stafford
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Organ/Piano: Kathy Biederwolf
Acolyte: Alexis Rhodes
Reader: Sue Vick
Comm. Prep: Jean Abel, Sue Vick
Comm. Assist: Sally Rakovec
Coffee Host: Judy Rhodes
Baked Goods: Sandy Aldrich
Sheveney Verhulst

FLC LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabe, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, and Stockbridge-Munsee peoples. Central Wisconsin remains home to Indigenous persons—resilient friends and neighbors—who continue to work, worship, and create better futures for all. As a community rooted in faith and stewardship, we commit to listening, learning, and caring for these sacred lands and waters - in the spirit of healing and hope.

WAYS TO GIVE:

CHURCH: Offering plate will be passed during the worship service.

ONLINE: Go to faithmarshfield.com

and click on **DONATE**.

TEXT: Text **flcmarshfieldgiving** to phone number 1-888-364-4483

MAIL: Mail a check directly to
*Faith Lutheran Church, 207 S. Cherry Ave.,
Marshfield, WI 54449*