



Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name!
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

September 25, 2022, 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.



Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Welcome to worship at Faith Lutheran Church!

Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and all others.

All the baptized are invited to the celebration of Holy Communion, trusting that Christ is present in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sin and the strengthening of our faith.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
on September 18
by Kathleen Denning in memory of
her husband Gordon Denning



Thank You for Serving Today:

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector:

8 a.m. Mark Nelson | 10:15 a.m. Jim Winemiller

Director of Music / Organist:
Cantor:

David V Patrick
Tom Tryon

Greeting & Ushering:

Thomas & Amanda Bright, Jerry Cooper, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Alf Kirkeeng, Gail Lidinsky, Judy Millard, Scott Rice & Joan Searles, Dave Wardach

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Altar Guild:

Carole Inkrott, Judy Millard, Janet Phillips, and Steve & Peggy Ragan

Congregation Council:

Ann Greenwood (President), Scott Rice (Vice President), Peggy Ragan (Secretary), Amanda Bright, Sandra Brinker, Eloise Dettmer, Grace Kaarre, Gail Lidinsky, Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen, Joan Searles, and Anita Wooton, Janet Peterson, Congregation Treasurer

Faith Lutheran Staff:

Cate Teague (Office Administrator)

Noted throughout the service: P: Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

Faith has a T-Coil enabled hearing loop for those whose hearing aid(s) are also enabled NOTE: This service is being live-streamed. While we try to avoid filming congregants, it may happen at time.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING GILBERT MARTIN

WE STAND

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, 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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

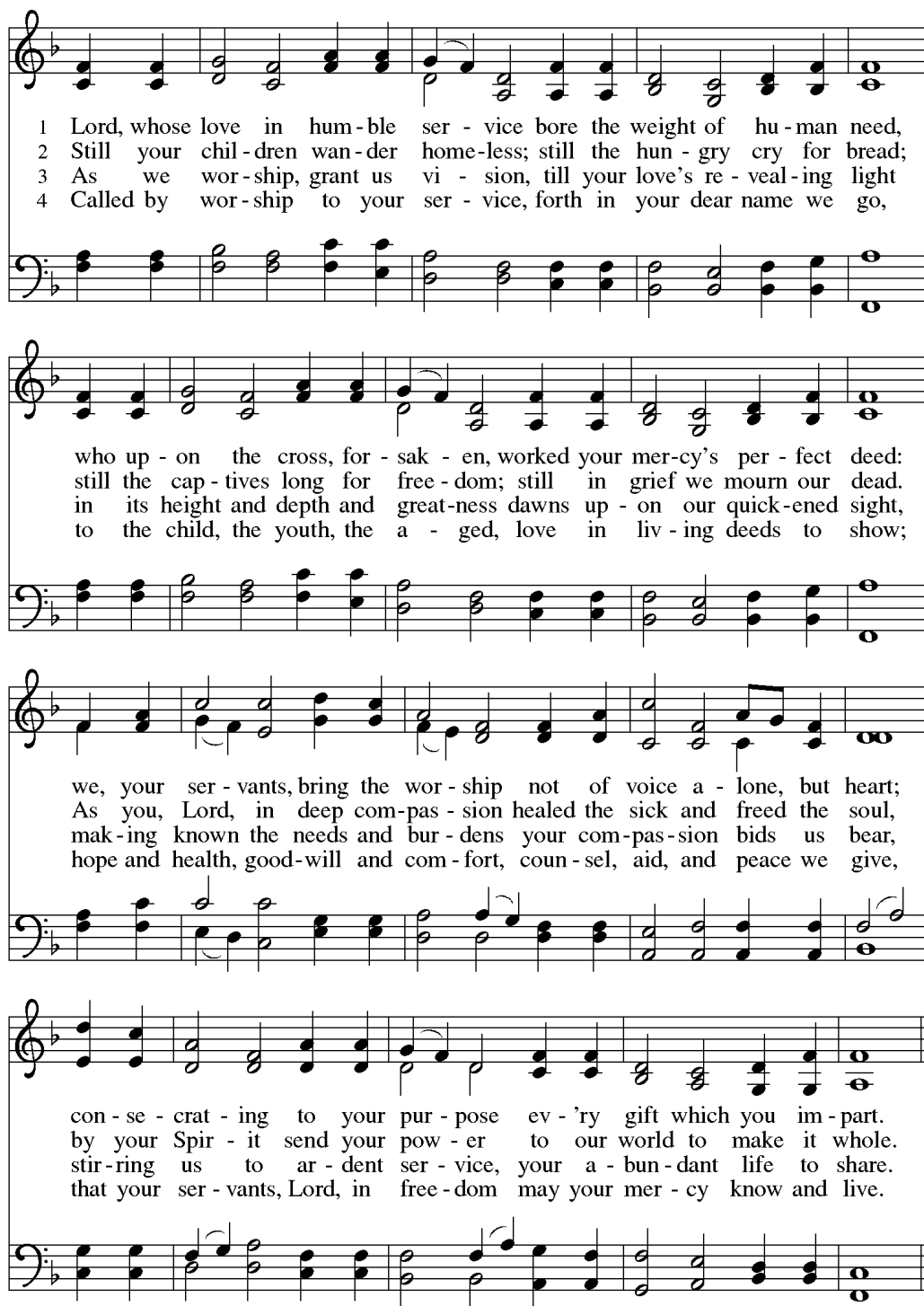
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 ☩ 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.

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985

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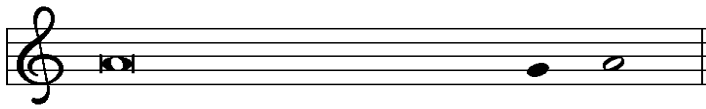
GREETING

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.



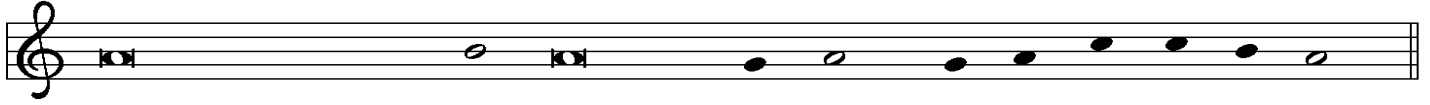
Kyrie (next page)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



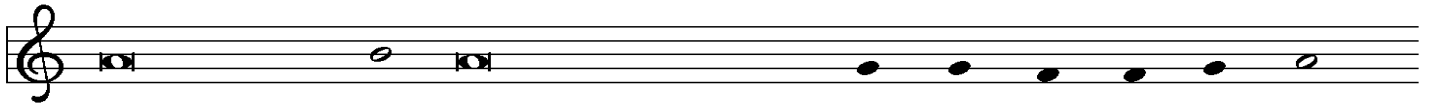
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

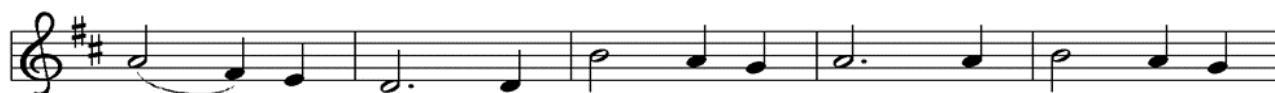


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

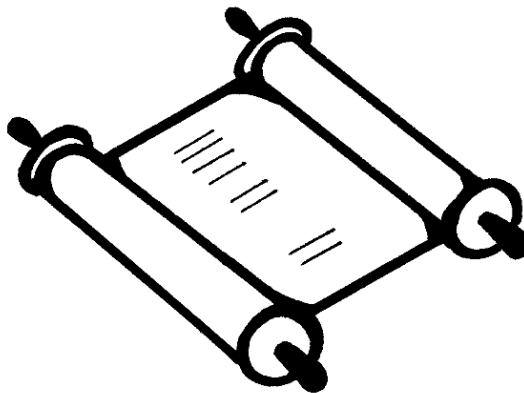
FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A READING FROM AMOS

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God



Refrain: Psalm 146



SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

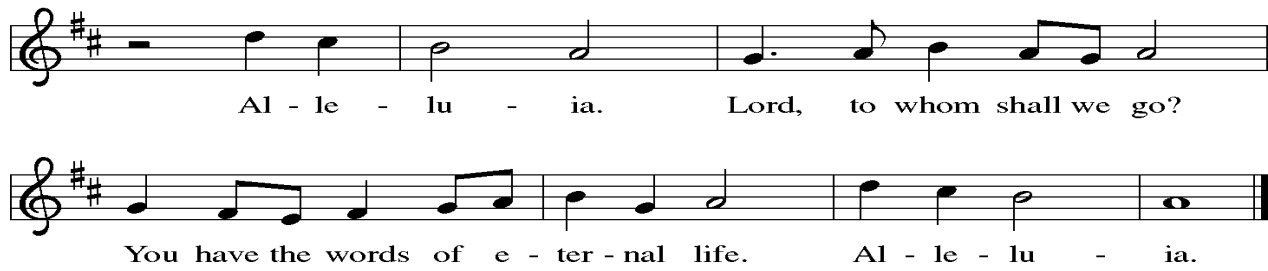
- ⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;
⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it;
⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.
⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.
¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.
¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.
¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.
¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you
¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.
¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.
¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.
¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,
¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

WE STAND

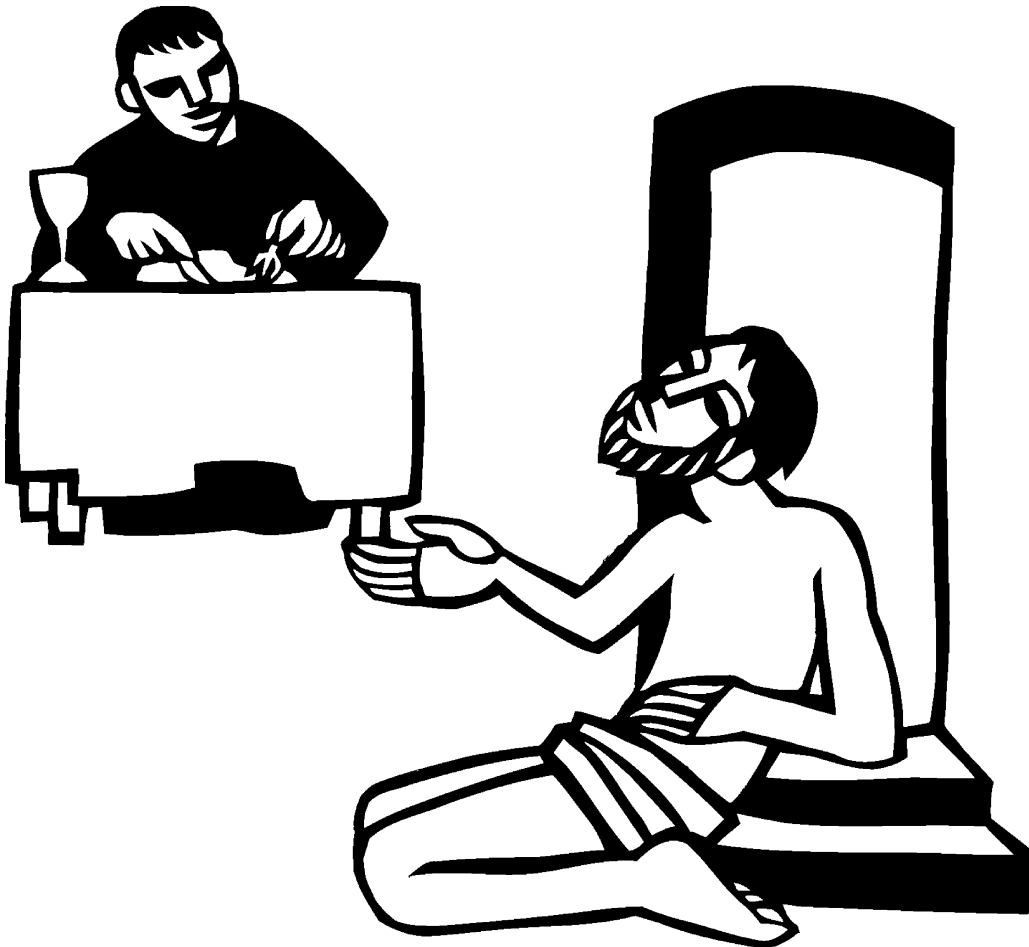
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**



LUKE 16:19-31

[Jesus said:]

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.

²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—

²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’

²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’

³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’

³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

WE SIT

SERMON

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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P. Let us together confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

WE SIT

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P. God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Healer of all creation, bless all who suffer in mind, body and spirit especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you silently or aloud...

[PAUSE] God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders (especially Dag Hammarskjöld) and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (especially All Faiths Food Bank, and Lutheran Services of Florida). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P. Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

WE STAND FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

PEACE (*feel free to greet your neighbor with a word of peace*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also, with you.

WE SIT

OFFERTORY DUET

THE PEACE OF GOD
Hannah Boyd and Tom Tyron

DOUGLAS E WAGNER

The offering will be collected at this time. Online giving is also available at www.faithlutheransrq.com. We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support to Faith Lutheran's ministries. The offering plates are brought forward, and the congregation stands and sings.

WE STAND

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

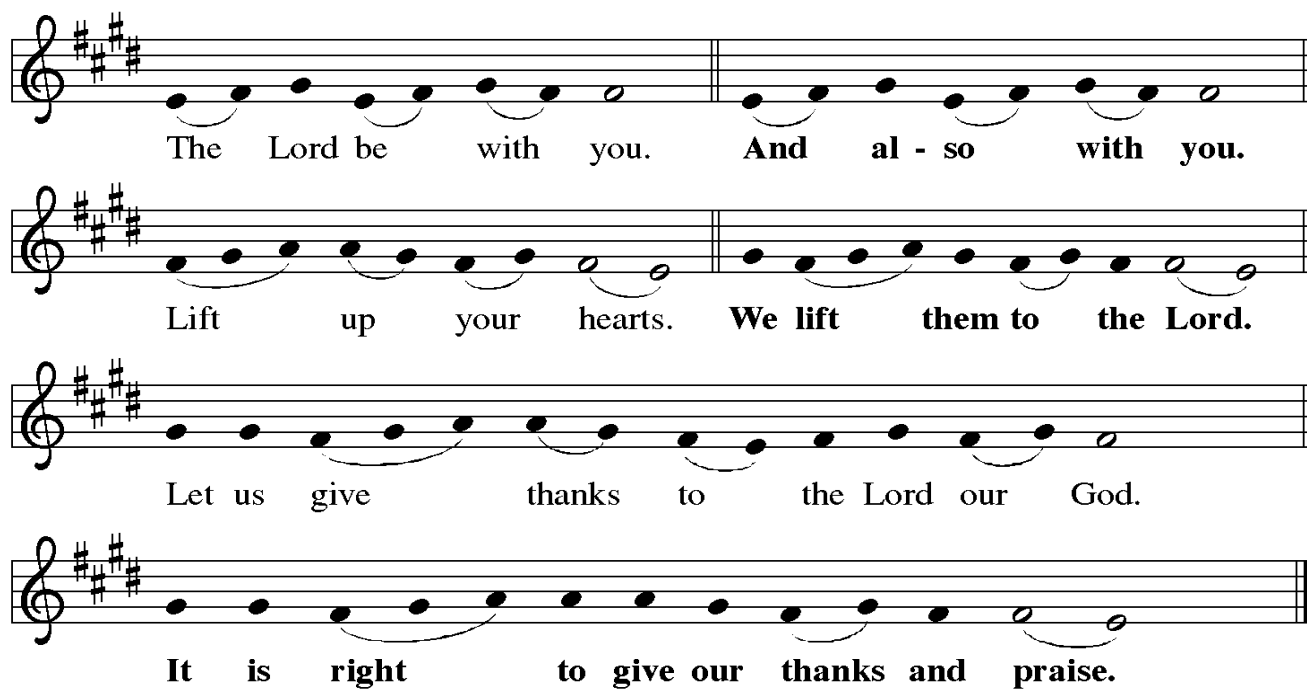
P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE (NEXT PAGE)



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al-mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resur-rec - tion

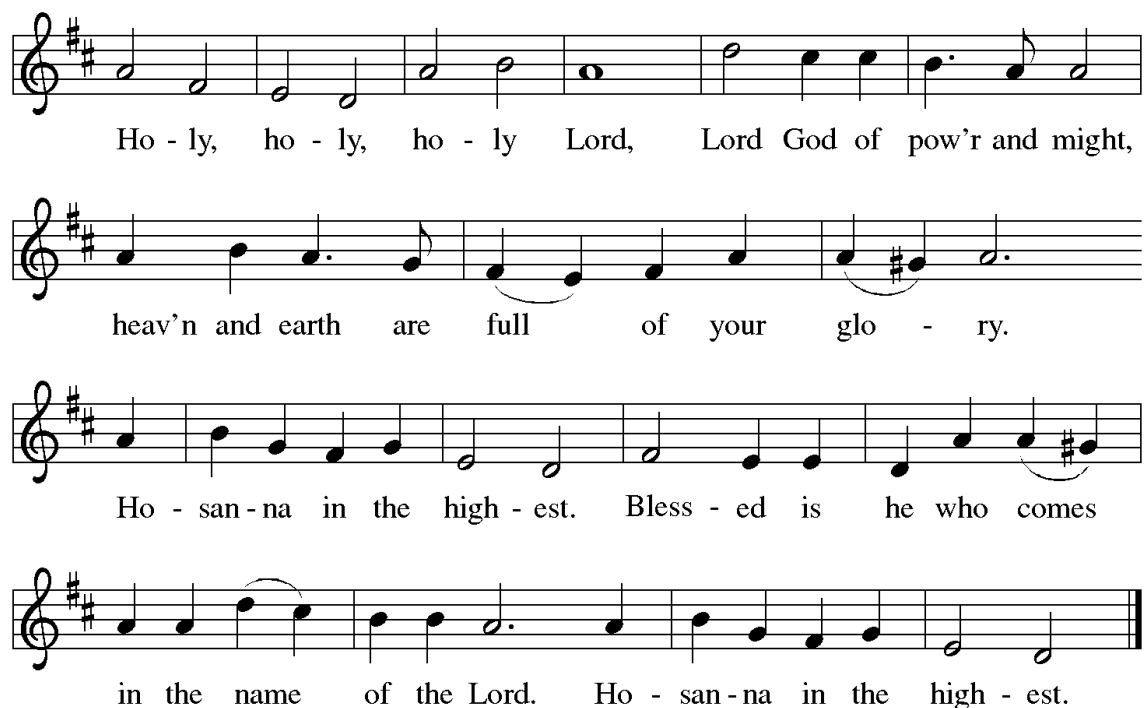
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.

And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
the promise to Israel,
the rescue from Egypt,
the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets;
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants

of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



PLEASE STAND

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen



SENDING SONG

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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DISMISSAL

D: Go in peace. with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE:

TE DEUM

MARC ANTOINE CHARPENTIER

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Worship Services:

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM*

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Sunday, September 18, Online views: 46

Sunday, September 18, Attendance: 101

Next: Sunday, October 2, 2022

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Wicked surround the righteous; wait
for the Lord

Psalms 37:1-9

Commit your way to the Lord; put
your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Guard the treasure entrusted to you:
faith and love in Christ

Luke 17:5-10

Faith the size of a mustard seed

This Week at Faith:

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

10:00 a.m. Men of Faith at Skilletts

Wednesday, September 28

11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Chapel
and Zoom Meeting

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group
in Chapel

Thursday, September 29

9:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast

1:00 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter

6:00 p.m. Jazzercise

Friday, September 30

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Saturday, October 1

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Sunday, October 2

8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Worship

9:10 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Adult Forum

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are so glad you have joined us for worship. **Please let us know you visited by filling out a Visitor Card**, located on the table near the entrance. Kindly give the card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

Let Us Pray

P: Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund needs your help!



Our pastor is in the unique position of being able to speak to members of the congregation or the community about specific needs and aid they might require. This fund provides him the means to help financially when necessary.

Please note that this fund is nearly depleted. Please consider a donation so vulnerable Members of our Community can continue to receive emergency assistance.

Calling all Men of Faith!



Join us for a hearty breakfast, prayer, and fellowship at Skillet's, 8635 S. Tamiami Trail this Tuesday, September 20th at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome! Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Eric at pastor@faithlutheransrq.com or call the church office!

Mary's Circle



On Tuesday, September 20th at 12:00 p.m. the women of Mary's Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall with a brown bag lunch followed by a homemade dessert and coffee.

Our program for the day will be a time for sharing. Please bring a photo of yourself from any time in your past and share a story with all about what was happening in your life at that time. This will give us an opportunity to learn new things about everyone and share happy memories. All are Welcome.

Meet the New Office Administrator

Cate Teague began working at Faith on Tuesday, September 6. She is originally from Houston, Texas and moved to Sarasota in October of 2014.



She loves the community so much that she very recently convinced her older sister Judi to sell the house and move here too, along with cats Pepper and Bashful. They are currently sharing a small one-bedroom apartment and are looking to rent a house. *[Realtors/landlords with an available property are welcome to reach out.]*

Cate is a kid at heart, loves amusement parks, and has season passes to Disney World and Universal. She will talk your ears off about Marvel, Star Wars, Harry Potter,

Game of Thrones / House of Dragons, or any other similar fandom.

All are welcome to stop by during office hours to meet the new office administrator.

She graciously accepts any/all feedback, suggestions, tips, advice, prayers, well wishes... Just be prepared to tell her what hats you wear, i.e., what roles you hold and ways you serve the church.

Food for the Poor

On September 25th, Pastor Bruce Potteiger from Food for the Poor will be our guest preacher. We encourage you to consider becoming a supporter of this vital ministry.



Donate School Supplies



Mary Circle is still collecting supplies to complete school kits for Lutheran World Relief. We especially need: **70-page spiral notebooks, blue or black pens (not gel), rulers, crayons, 2 ½ inch erasers, and blunt edge scissors.** If you would prefer us to do the shopping, then just donate cash or check in the offering plate earmarked for LWR.

A special thanks to Thrivent who provided us with an action grant of \$ 250.00 to purchase the bags to hold all the supplies!

Would you consider hosting Coffee Hour?

One of the joys we experience at Faith Lutheran church is the beautiful fellowship and caring that we share together. If you would like to help us enjoy that time together as we enjoy Coffee Hour, please sign up to help with goodies on Sunday! They can be homemade, or store bought, and do not need to entail a lot of work. Or better yet, grab one or two other members and share in bringing items together for one Sunday! Cleanup is easy too! There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, on the Greeting Table.



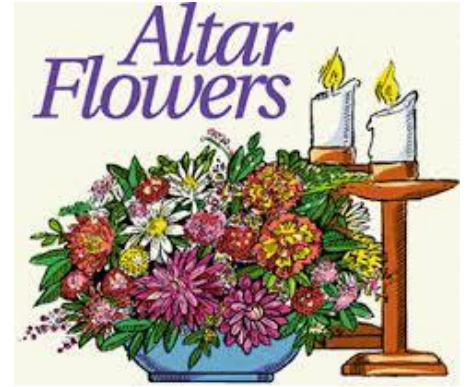
Social Media Feedback – Email Office Admin



What would you like to see on our social media accounts? Brief videos (by pastor and/or volunteers), photos, upcoming events, announcements, birthdays, anniversaries, prayer lists, etc. Which apps would you like us to use? Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, etc.

WAYS TO GIVE

Please consider donating Altar Flowers in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, or just to glorify God. The price for one vase is \$ 30 and \$ 60 for two vases. The next available Sunday is **September 25.**



Did you know that you can take your flowers home or donate them to a place of your choice after the second service on Sunday? Please indicate your wish either on the flower donation board in the Fellowship Hall, or on our webpage.

Exciting News about our new Readers Club



Please join our Readers Club in October! Kathleen Schilio spearheads this effort, but she needs your help. A planning meeting will soon be announced, so we can choose the books we read together. This is a good way to grow and learn as we share and listen to each other's insights.

Please join! All are welcome!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Faith's Bereavement Group meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the prayer chapel. All are welcome. If you or a friend can use some help bearing the burden of grief this group is for you! There is strength in community! Help spread the word of hope.



Let's Pray!

Looking for a time to pray with members of our Faith family? Join us on **Wednesday, at 11:00 am** in the chapel. We will pray for ourselves, our loved ones, those in need, our church community, the larger community that we serve, our nation and the world. We will conclude our time with Holy Communion.



Come and bring your concerns and your desire to connect with our loving heavenly Father!

If you cannot attend in person, we invite you cordially to join us via Zoom Meeting.

Now you can join our weekly prayer meeting from anywhere via zoom! Please note that we conclude each meeting with Holy Communion so if you need the sacrament brought to your house, please let us know or take consecrated elements home with you on Sunday if you are in town. Join Zoom Meeting: **Meeting ID: 871 4720 3661, Passcode: 041291**



Love. Grow. Serve.

Would you consider serving as an Usher, a Lector or as a Communion assistant? It is a wonderful way to serve and to feed your faith! No experience necessary! If you are interested in serving, please call Joan Searles, Worship Committee Chairperson at **(941)921-9896** or call the church office. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration!**

Faith's Food Pantry Update



We are currently taking next steps to begin food pantry operations in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank. Our preliminary goal is to open a pantry that would distribute food one day a week, which may be on Thursdays from 5-6:30 pm.

We have filled out all the necessary applications and Pastor took his Florida Food Handler's Course and passed! We need to paint the room and acquire new shelves and then we are good to go! We would need volunteers to receive food in the morning and sort it; bag food items for distribution; and greet clients, check them in, and register them in the system, if needed. This is a wonderful way for Faith to serve and love our neighbor! Let us know how you would like to help!

In the meantime, we are still collecting food for All Faiths. Bring in any nonperishables, that can be gifted to others who may need them. There is a large barrel, in the narthex, just waiting for your items.

Celebration of Life

Please help us celebrate a life well lived. Our beloved sister, Karla Howell went to be with God at the end of August. Karla loved Faith and all its members. She regularly volunteered in the office, was chair of the new members committee, served on the council, taught Sunday School and was a member of Mary Circle. Karla was a gentle soul who always went the extra mile to help others and seek out visitors as they came to church.



So, let's have a celebration! Come and join us on **Sunday, October 2 after the 10:15 service** for a luncheon in Karla's memory. People will be invited to share their memories of Karla with those present. Mary Circle is organizing this event. If you would like to contribute some deviled eggs or desserts, please email Janet Petersen at luvstitches55@gmail.com.



Prayer List



Please remember in your prayers this week:

Jeff & Nancy Arntsen
Kevin Beard, friend of Jim Winemiller
Tommy Bright
Charles Budreau
Jane Burgfield
Dee Burlingame
Michael O. Cannon –
Father of Kay Cannon
Joan Cotton
Eloise Dettmer
Megan Fairlie
Elizabeth Farmer
Andrea Gamboa
Elaine Graham
Jon Hale
Alyssa Hansen (Lisa Olsen's cousin)
Jeff Hansen, nephew of Joan Searles
Yolanda Hansen (Lisa Olsen's
grandmother)
Kevin Hooks, son-in-law of Anita and Jon
Wooton
Mary Janice Holt

Jesus & Rita Jimenez
Howard King, friend of the Powrie's and
others in the church
Paul & Debby Maresch
Kathryn McLaughlin
Judi Melander
Ed Miller
Kristin Mohammed
Doris Anne Prieur-Lucia
Fritz Rappold
Gabriel Rockwell
Dick Sanks
Rev. John Spittal
Dieter Smirnow
Cathy Stubenvoll
Michelle Terrell, niece of Kay Cannon
Craig Thomsen
Colette Thornbloom
Evie Webb
Marlene Wiest
Jon Wooton

Jeremiah 29:12 "Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you."

Contact the church office if:

- You or someone you know would like a **communion visit, hospital, or home visit, or to be contacted.**
- You know of someone who would appreciate **receiving a card in the mail.**
- You would like to **serve as a Eucharistic Minister.** To add someone to the Prayer List, please send an email with the individual's name to officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com. Please send updates when prayers are answered.

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