



# Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members  
and visitors in Jesus' name!  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

September 11, 2022, 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.



The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

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 11  
by Fran Perkins in memory of  
her husband Jim Perkins



Thank You for Serving Today:

**Presiding Ministers:**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen (is in NYC for 9/11 Observances)  
Rev. Larry Wright

**Lector:**

8 a.m. Ron Walter | 10:15 a.m. Deborah Dornemann

**Cantor:**

Hannah Boyd

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

**Videography:**

Lars Olsen, Andrea & Sergio Gamboa

**Substitute Organist:**

Robert Woody

**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:** ADAGIO IN A MINOR

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

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.**

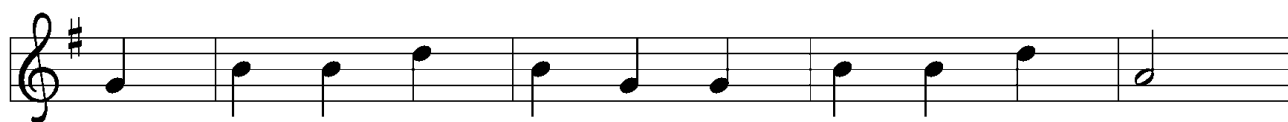
# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

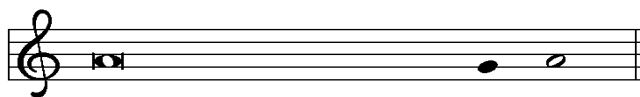
## **GREETING**

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.



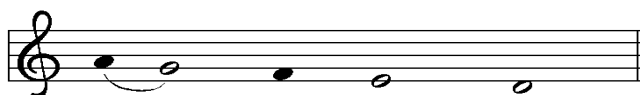
Lord, have mer - cy.



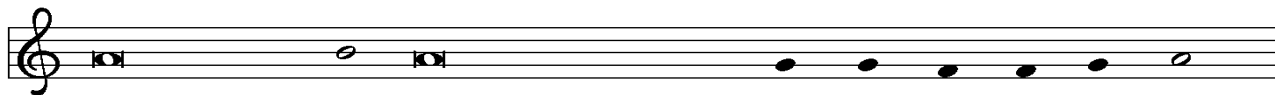
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

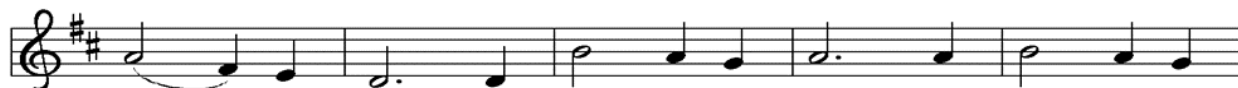


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*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.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

WE SIT

## **FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-14**

A READING FROM EXODUS

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " <sup>14</sup>And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**



## Refrain: Psalm 51:1



Psalm 51:1

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## PSALM: 51:1-10

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

2Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.

3For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

4Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.

## Refrain

Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

10 Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.

## Refrain

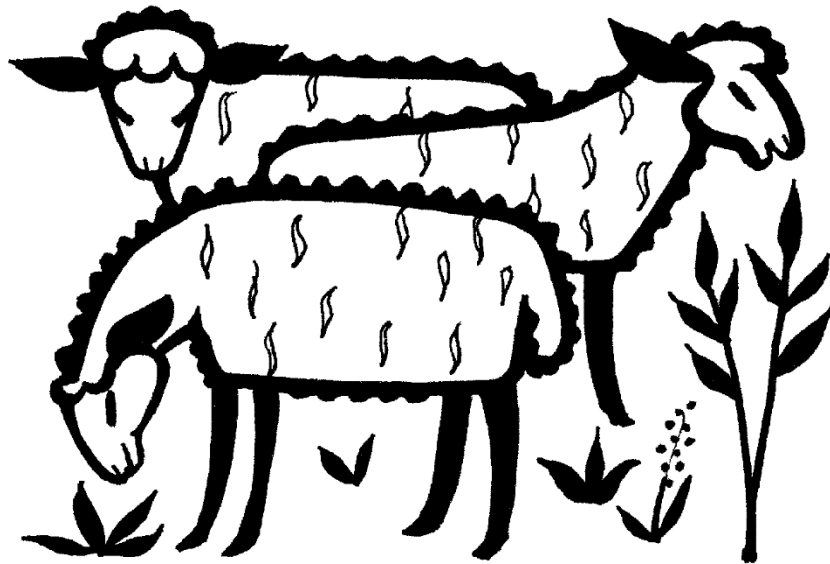
## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A Reading from Timothy

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

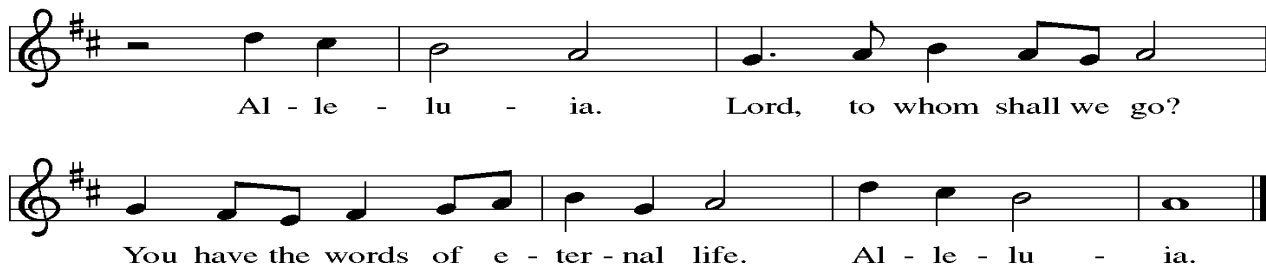
Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**



## WE STAND

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

### LUKE 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it; he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.  
<sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

## WE SIT

### SERMON

Rev. Larry Wright

# WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

SAVIOR LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

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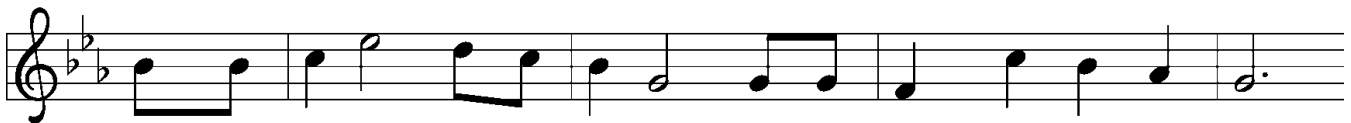
## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847

Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**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.** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Continue to walk with and heal all those who were touched by the horrors of 9/11. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. We especially pray for an end of the war in Ukraine. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious, or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need especially those who are on our prayer list and those we name before you silently or aloud. [PAUSE] God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community especially SPARCC, that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. 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.

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 SOLO**

**This Is My Song**

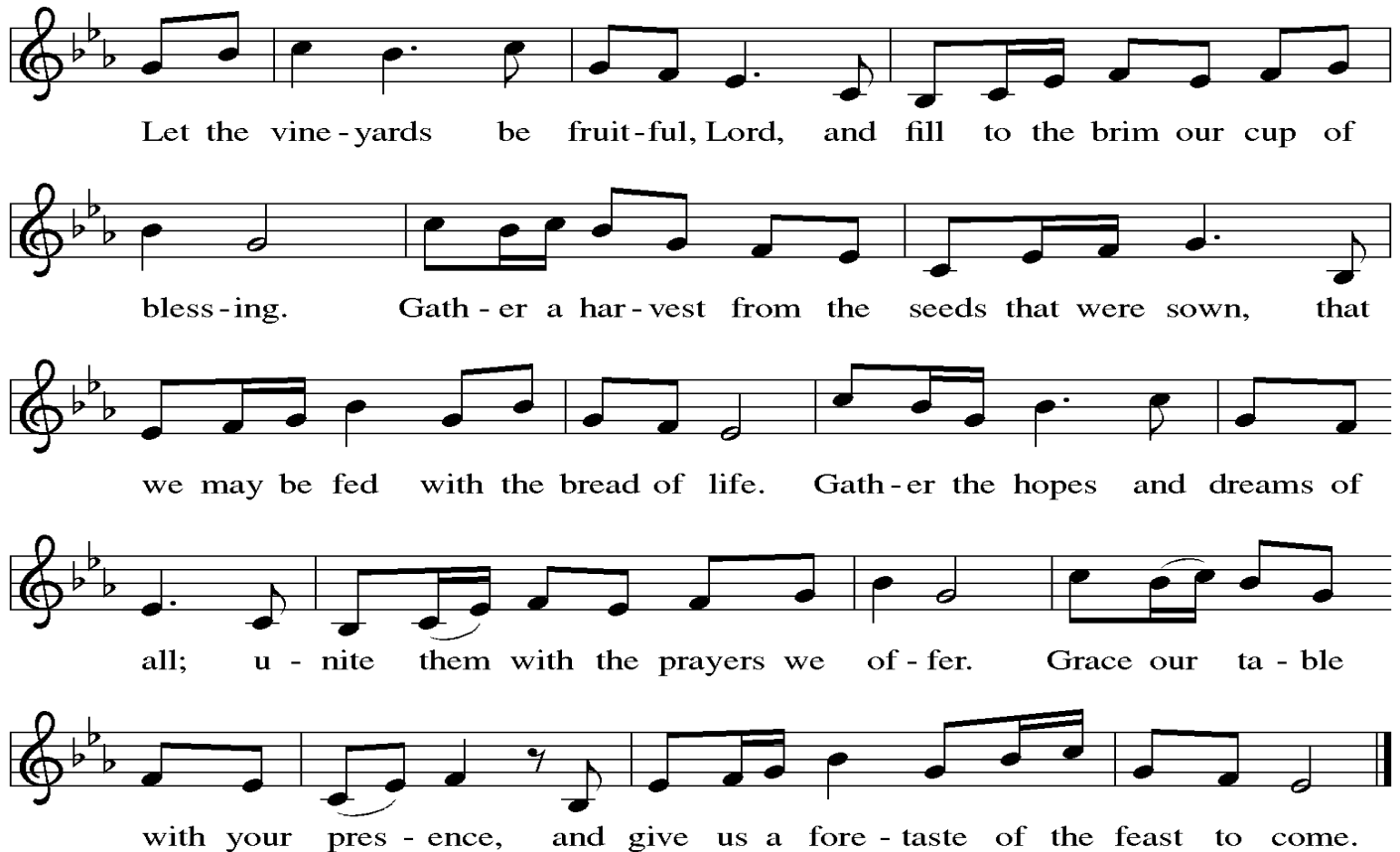
*Soloist Hannah Boyd*

*The offering will be collected at this time. Online giving is also available at [www.faihlutheransrq.com](http://www.faihlutheransrq.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.*



## 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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes, with slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

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

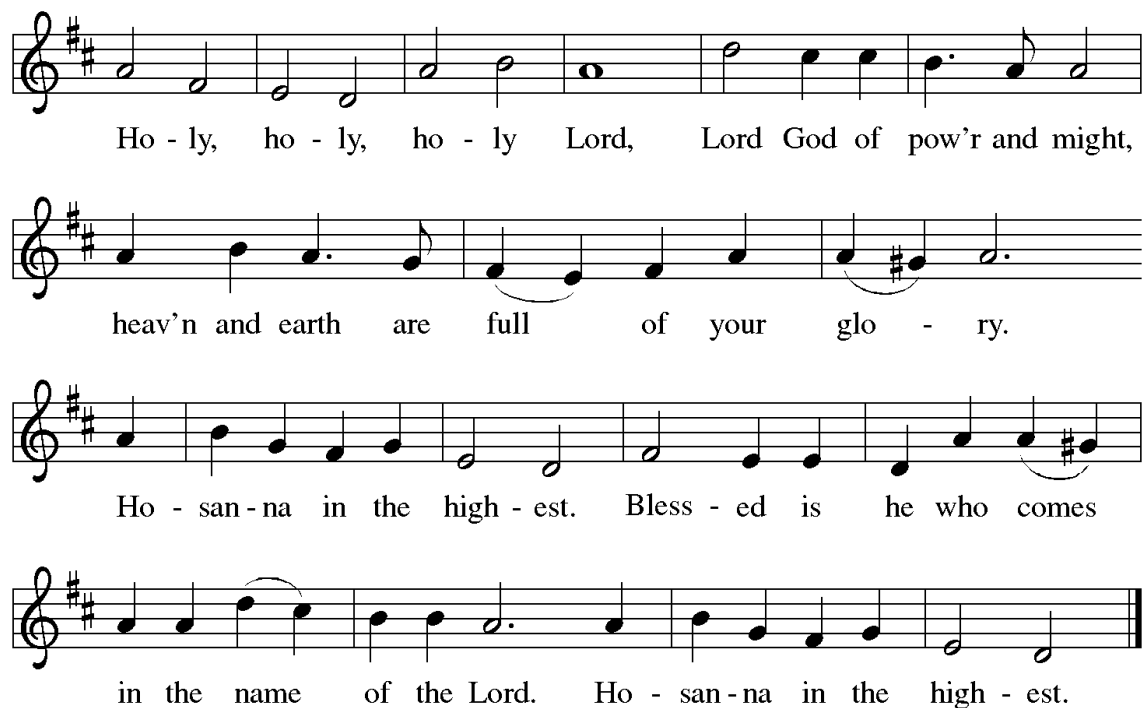
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### **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 abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**SENDING SONG**

**AMAZING GRACE**

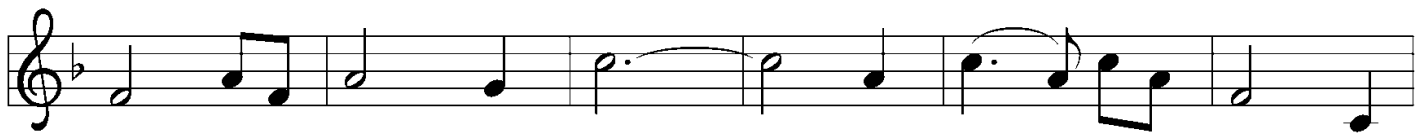
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## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835



## **DISMISSAL**

**D:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE:**

PSALM XIX

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

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## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Worship Services:

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM\*

In-Person & \*Live-Streamed at

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### Next Sunday, September 18, 2022

#### The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

##### Amos 8:4-7

Warnings to those who trample on  
the needy and poor

##### Psalm 113

The Lord lifts up the poor from the  
ashes

##### 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*One God, one mediator—Christ  
Jesus—who gave himself for all  
people*

##### Luke 16:1-13

A shrewd manager: faithful in little,  
faithful in much; serving God/wealth

### This Week at Faith:

#### Monday, September 12

#### Tuesday, September 13

10:00 a.m. Men of Faith in Chapel

~~11:00 a.m.~~ Property Committee  
Meeting (Postponed – TBD)

#### Wednesday, September 14

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

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group in  
Chapel

#### Thursday, September 15

1:00 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter

5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

6:00 p.m. Jazzercise

#### Friday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

#### Saturdays, September 17

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

#### Sunday, September 18

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.**

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*Today, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
is “God’s Work Our Hands” Sunday*



We are collecting items for blessing bags. It's not too late to contribute!

Please donate travel size shampoos, soaps, deodorants, razors, women's hygiene items, as well as small snacks. Drop items off at the church today.

Blessing bags are going to Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) of Sarasota.

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## ***Adult Forum – Christian Education starts this Sunday, September 11th!***



We start with the **Life and Ministry of the Messiah** "That the World May Know" video series. We will meet in the conference room between the two morning worship services from 9:10 – 9:50am.

Pack your bags! We're going on a journey with Ray Vander Laan, a Biblical scholar. A quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the Faith Lessons Digital series is an adventure in biblical learning. You will discover why Jesus turned the world upside down with his compelling call to follow Him. The insights you gain will transform your reading of the Gospels and inspire a deeper faith commitment.

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### ***Calling all Men of Faith!***



Please join us on Tuesday 9/13 for another session exciting study of the shortest books of the bible!

Don't let their size fool you, these short books pack a serious spiritual punch! Join us at 10 am in the Chapel. No prior bible study experience necessary! Consider inviting a friend or two as well!

***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.**

*Mary Circle meets September 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m.*



***On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 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.***

*Please help to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.*



Please be aware the ladies need your help! It is time to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. Please consider donating any of the following item by placing them in the bin at the church in the narthex.

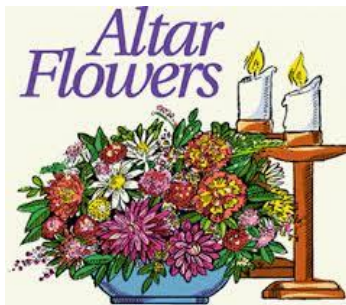
**It is not too late to bring in school supplies!**

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 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!**

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*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 18 for one vase or September 25 for two vases.**

**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.**

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## ***Exciting News about our new Readers Club – starting in October -***



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!**

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## ***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.

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***A Family that Prays together stays together!***



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! Just click on the link! 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.

Faith Lutheran Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting: **Meeting ID: 871 4720 3661, Passcode: 041291**

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## *Faith's Food Pantry Update*



We are excited to announce that there was a historic meeting with All Faiths Food Bank. We are currently taking next steps in completing our application and will start observing food pantry operations at other sites to understand the process more thoroughly.

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!

Our preliminary goal is to open a pantry that would distribute food one day a week. At this time, we believe that our distribution may be on Thursdays from 5-6:30 pm. We would need volunteers to receive food in the morning and sort it and other volunteers to bag food items for distribution and volunteers to 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!

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.

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## ***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.

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## ***Service Opportunity!***



**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!**

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## 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](mailto:officeadmin@faithlutheransrq.com). Please send updates when prayers are answered.