



Faith Lutheran Church

**We warmly greet members
and visitors in Jesus' name!
17th Sunday after Pentecost**

October 2, 2022, 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.



A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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 October 2
by Denise & Alf Kirkeeng in honor of
anniversary of Amy & Brandon and
Denise & Alf



Thank You for Serving Today:

Presiding Ministers:

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen
Rev. Larry Wright

Lector:

8 a.m. Mark Nelson | 10:15 a.m. Lauren Wardock

Director of Music / Organist: David V Patrick

Cantor: Tom Tryon

Vocal Quartet: Kiran Kimbell, Hannah Boyd, Tom Tryon, Chris Hird

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

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Faith Lutheran Staff:

Cate Teague (Office Administrator)

Noted throughout the service: P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

PSALM 23

EMMA LOU DIEMER

WE STAND

OPENING LITURGY

We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence of confession and self-examination)

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore,
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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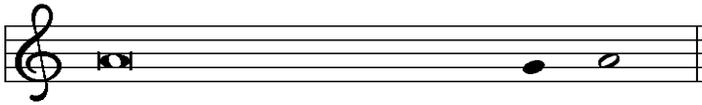
GREETING

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.**



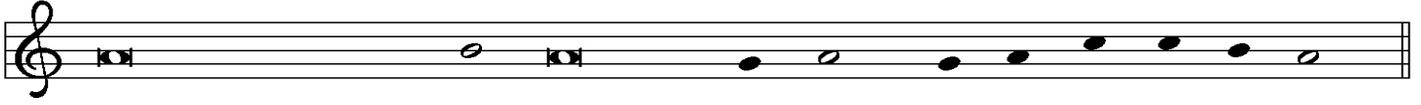
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



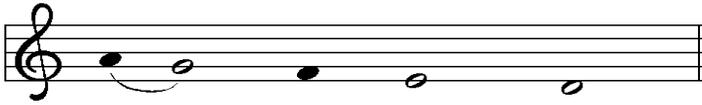
Lord, have mer - cy.



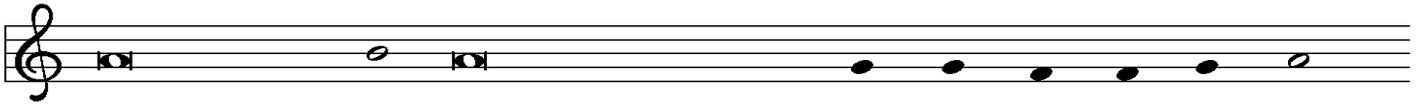
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

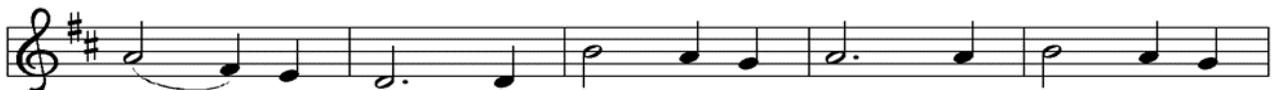


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

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.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SIT

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

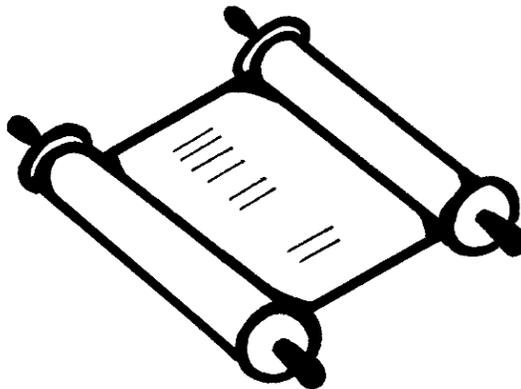
⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God



Refrain: Psalm 37:5



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

Psalm 37:5

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PSALM: 37:1-9

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

¹ Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.

³ Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.

Refrain

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶ The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in
evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(whenever several children are present)

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

A READING FROM SECOND TIMOTHY

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands;

⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God,

⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,

¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

WE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'?"

⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'?"

⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?"

¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

WE STAND

HYMN OF THE DAY

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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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. As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (rostered and lay leaders may be named). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (especially): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (especially). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (especially). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

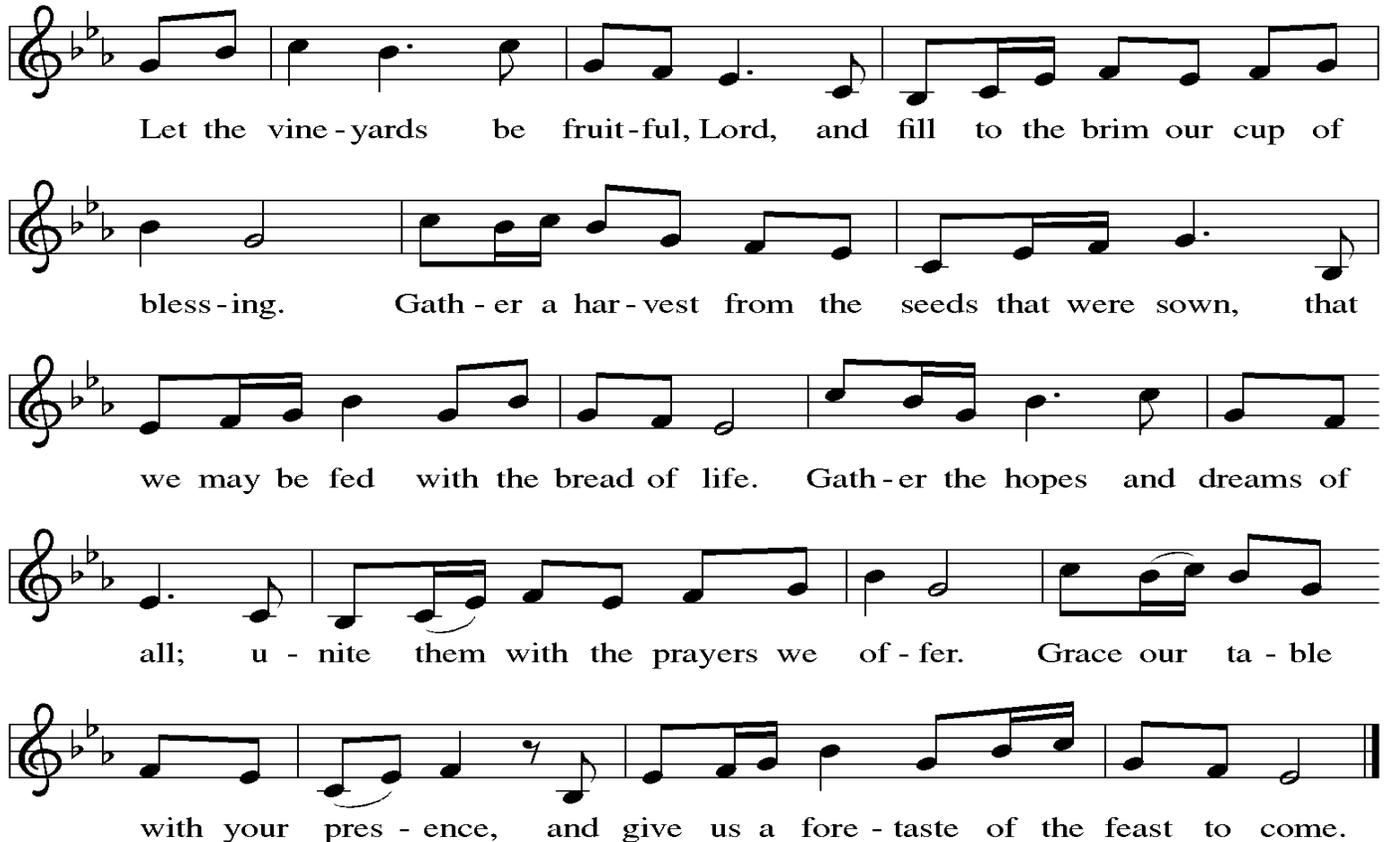
TEMPLE/HAYES

Vocal Quartet

The offering will be collected at this time. Online giving is also available at 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.

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.

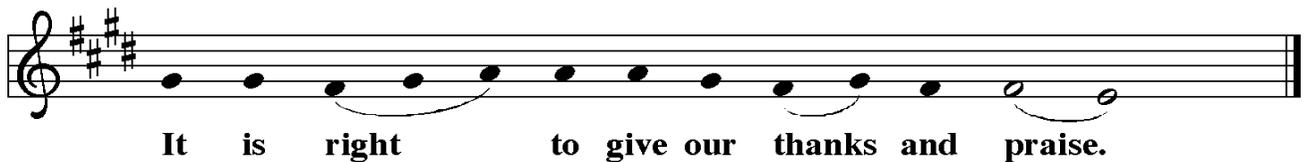
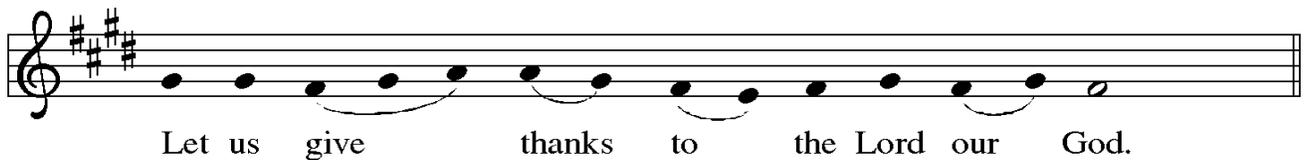
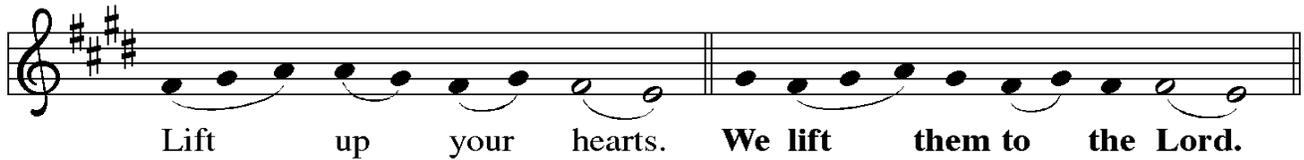
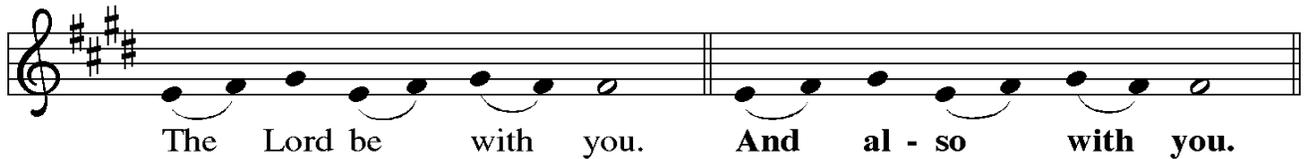
C: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

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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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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

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



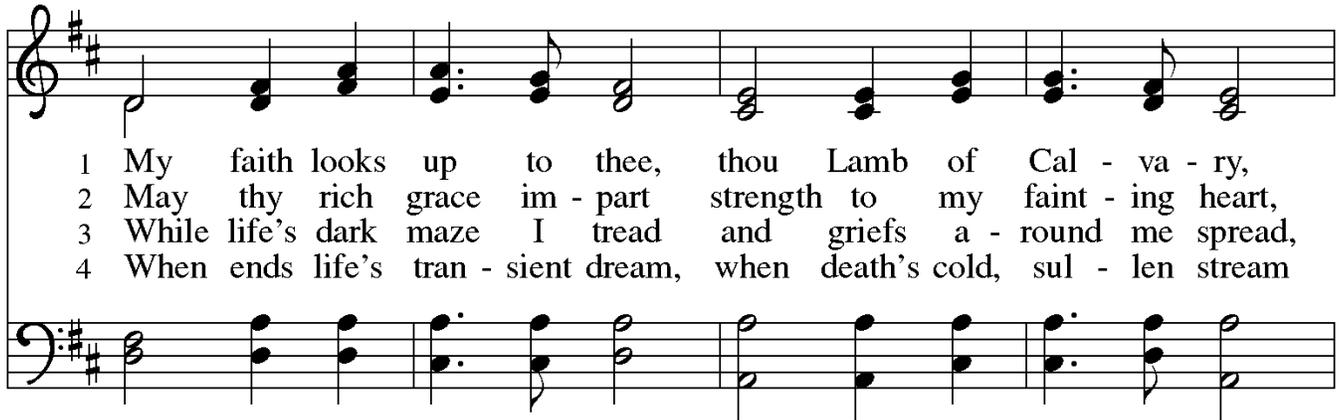
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MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

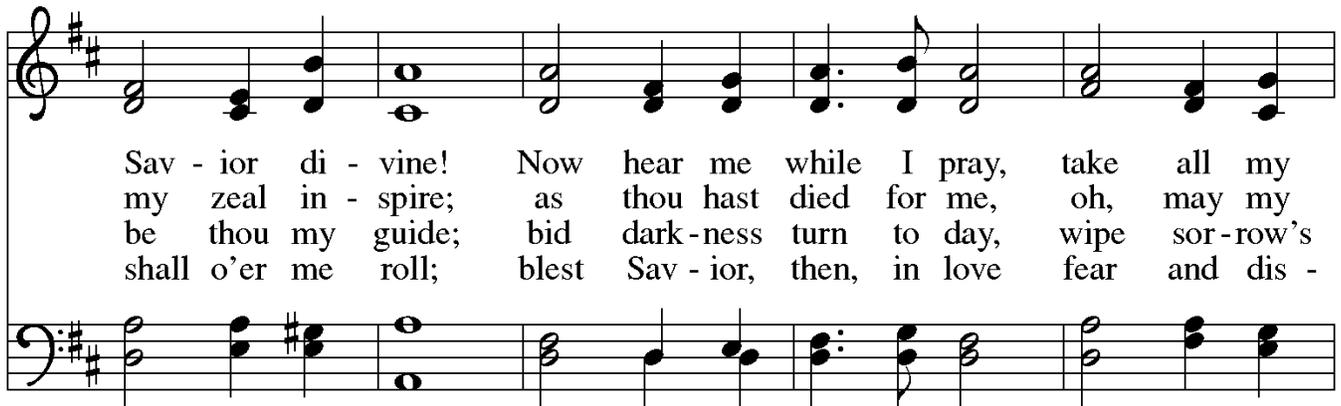
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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887
Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

DISMISSAL

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE:

RONDEAU

JEAN JOSEPH MOURET

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Sunday, September 25, Online views: 32

Sunday, September 25, Attendance: 85

Next: Sunday, October 9, 2022

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15C

Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed.

Psalm 111

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.

2 Timothy 2:8-15

If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ.

Luke 17:11-19

One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God.

This Week at Faith:

Monday, October 3

Tuesday, October 4

9:30 a.m. Ladies of Faith in
Conference Room

10 a.m. Men of Faith in Chapel

Wednesday, October 5

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

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group
in Chapel

Thursday, October 6

1:00 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter

6:00 p.m. Jazzercise

Friday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Saturday, October 8

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

Sunday, October 9

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.

COME SING WITH US!

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for our Voices of Faith kickoff Rehearsal and Reception in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Activity Center. All are welcome!

Regular Rehearsals will take place on one Wednesday evening per month during season. We will also gather on Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the Choir Room beginning Sunday, October 23, 2022. The Choir will return to Worship leadership on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2022.



Whether you are seasonal or full time; experienced singer or novice; soloist or shower-singer; church member or visitor you are welcome to join the Voices of Faith Choir. We have a place for you!

Fellowship After Service



One of the joys we experience at Faith Lutheran church is the beautiful fellowship and caring that we share together. We need **YOUR HELP** to enjoy that time together. Please sign up to share goodies on Sunday! They can be homemade, or store bought, and do not need to entail a lot of work.

We want to include sugar-free and gluten-free options for those who cannot indulge in those ingredients. Some suggestions are: yogurt cups, fresh fruit, breakfast casseroles, sausage rolls, pinwheels, gelatin cups & ready to enjoy packaged boiled eggs. If we each contribute at least one item a month, then we can enjoy some tasty treats together.

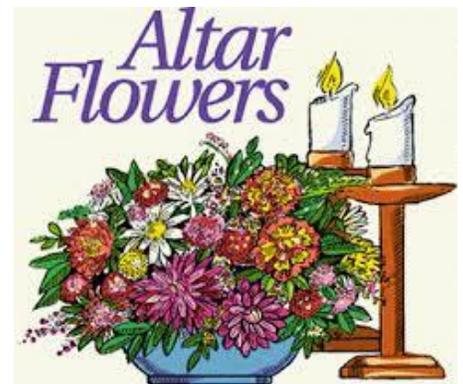
Cleanup is easy too! We can all pick up our own leftovers to take home or save in the refrigerator or dispose of any that won't keep in the garbage bins.

There is a **NEW sign-up sheet** in the Narthex, on the Greeting Table.

WAYS TO GIVE

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

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.



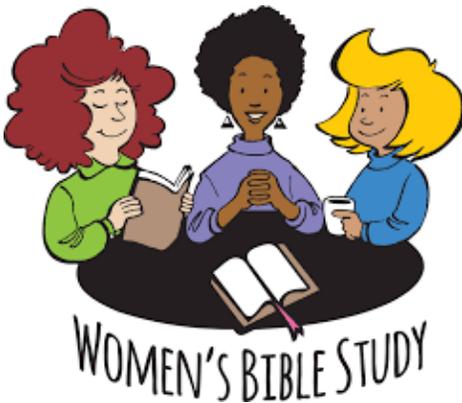
Pastor's Discretionary Fund needs your help!



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.

G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture)



Ladies of Faith please join the G.I.F.T.S. (Growing In Faith Through Scripture) Bible study which will resume on Tuesday, October 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. All are welcome. Our study will be "Be Still and Know" by Deb Burma. We will unpack the promises found in Psalm 46 and fulfilled in Christ. We will examine stormy situations and see how Jesus met various women in the midst of their turmoil. Books will be provided, just bring your Bible and a joy in your heart to be in God's Word.

If you have any questions, please call Gwen Schell 402-613-1285 and she will joyfully answer your concerns.

Readers Club Update



Readers Club will start in late October! Flyers will be available on the table in the Narthex beginning in October.

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.



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.

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**

Ushers, Lectors, and Communion help needed

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 email jesearles@yahoo.com or call the church office. **Thank you for your prayerful consideration!**



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Faith's Food Pantry



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.

Calling all Men of Faith!



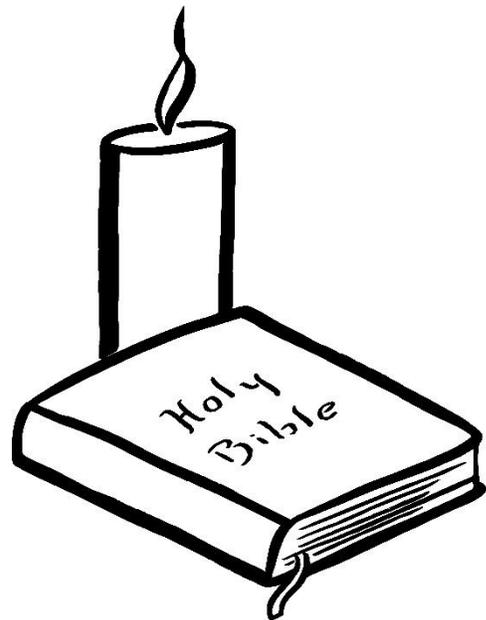
Please join us on Tuesday 10/4 for another session exciting study of the shortest books of the bible!

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!

Adult Bible Study with Pastor Larry

“LIGHT OF THE WORLD”
A Beginners Guide to Advent

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences will once again provide us with a Participant's Study Book* and four DVD mini lectures. Our first four sessions will delve into Matthew and Luke's accounts of the beginning of Christian experience the story of the birth of Jesus. The last two sessions will include a study of hymnody, with special references to favorite hymns of the season, and the stories behind them.



Do the differing birth stories from Matthew and Luke contradict each other? What does one make of Herod's slaughtering of innocent children? How is Advent-Christmas tide more than just a children's holiday? Are Matthew and Luke totally interested in historical accuracy? Or are they interested in telling us about the connection of the good news of Jesus both to the story of Israel and to the gentile world?

Pastor Larry will lead this Six-Week study beginning Wednesday, October 12th and concluding the 16th of November. Each session is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT: In order to know how many books to order, please call the church office (941-924-4664) and inform Cate of your intention to join the study. In order for books to be available by Sunday, Oct. 9th, our cut-off date will be Oct. 4th.

We will meet in a second-floor classroom in the Community Center. Donuts and breakfast beverages will be available. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!** (* Our Mission Endowment Fund makes these materials available free of cost. Blessed are we who receive.)

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!

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.

Come and join us on today, **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.



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
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.**
- You have an addition 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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OUR VISION

To be an ELCA Lutheran Church that displays the true, unending love of Christ. To promote peace, social justice, and grace throughout all we do.

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