



# Faith Lutheran Church

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

September 18, 2022, 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.



As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need. 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 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  
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

**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:** FUGUE ON "ST. ANNE", PART 1 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.**

## O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

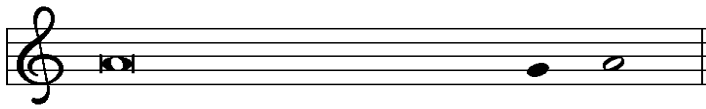
## GREETING

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.



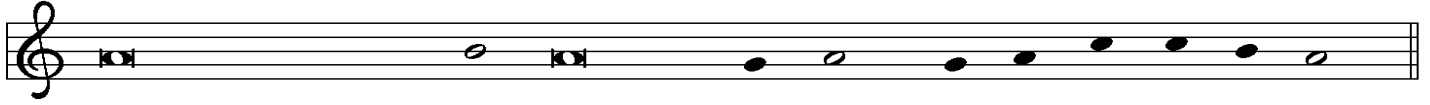
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



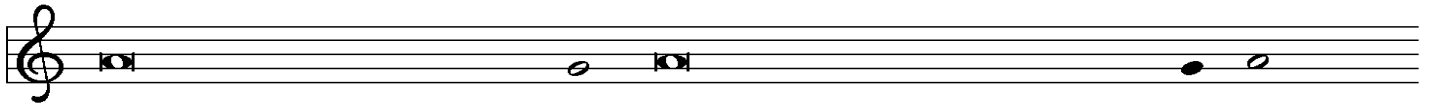
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



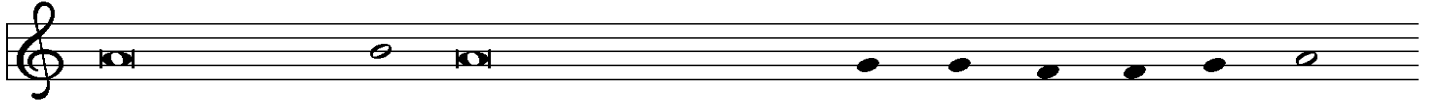
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

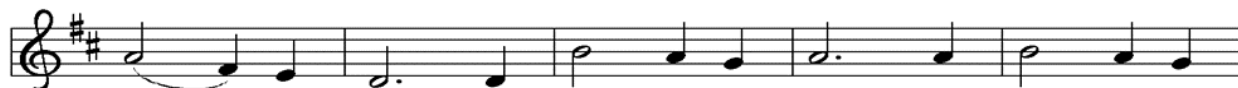


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*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.

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 8:4-7**

A READING FROM AMOS

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

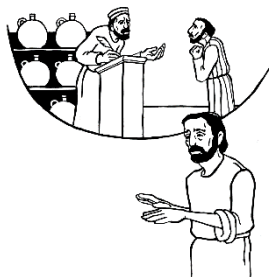
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

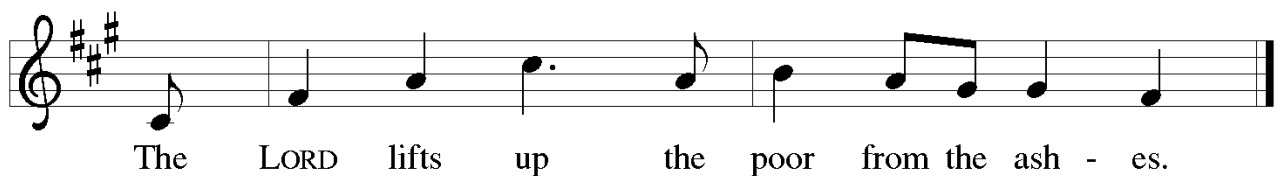
Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Refrain: Psalm 113**







Psalm 113:7

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## PSALM: 113

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;  
praise the name | of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
let the name of the | LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;  
God's glory a- | bove the heavens. R**

<sup>5</sup>Who is like the | LORD our God,  
who sits en- | throned on high,

<sup>6</sup>**but stoops | to behold  
the heavens | and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust  
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup>**enthroning them | with the rulers,  
with the rulers | of the people.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! **R**

## Refrain



## SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

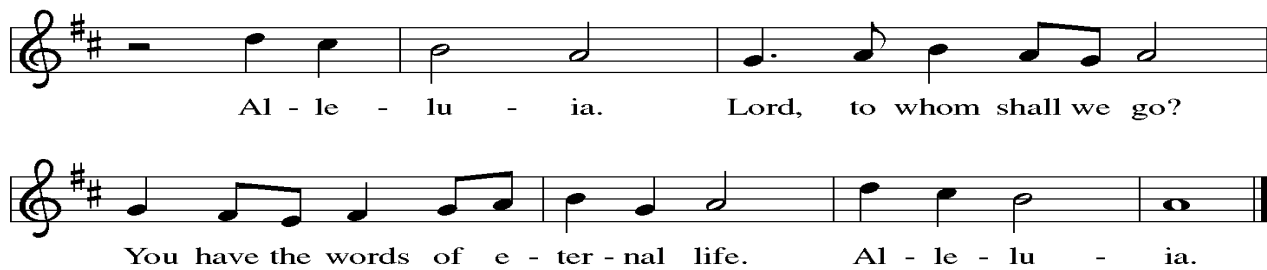
A READING FROM TIMOTHY

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,  
and thanksgivings be made for everyone,  
<sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet  
and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.  
<sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,  
<sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.  
<sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and  
humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,  
<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time.  
<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth,  
I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.  
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 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.

<sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you?

Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

<sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

<sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

<sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

<sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

<sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'

<sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

<sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

<sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

<sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?

<sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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


WE SIT

**SERMON**

Rev. Eric Olaf Olsen

WE STAND

## Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

**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

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

## 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

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.

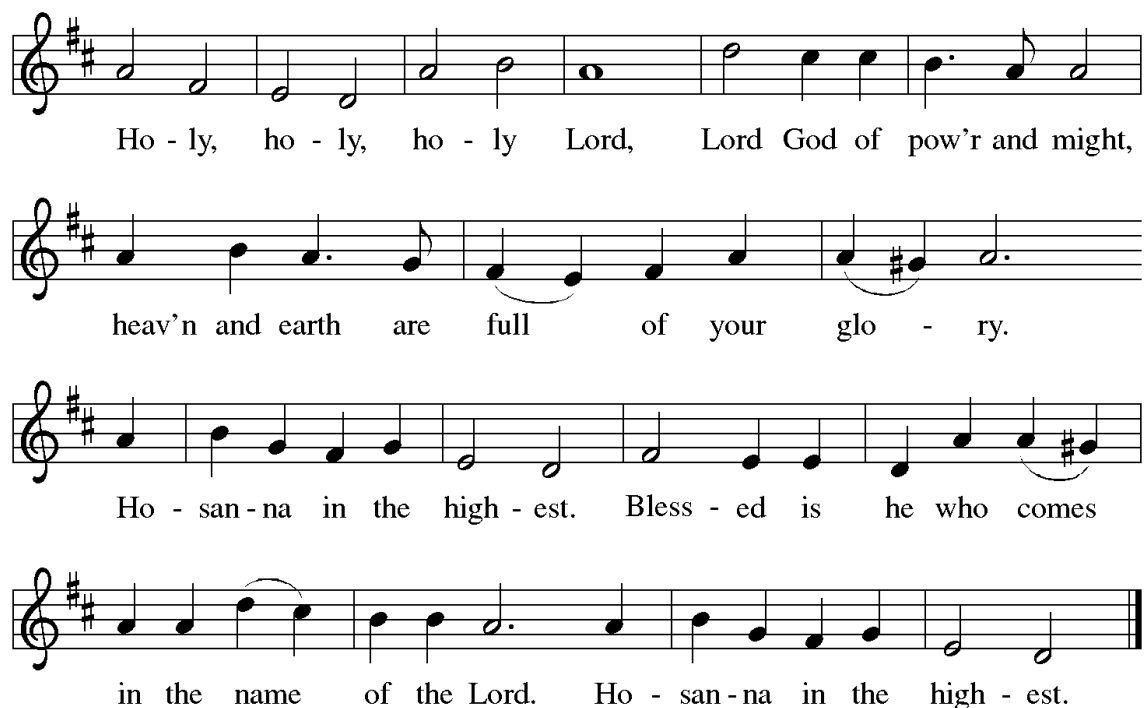
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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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**



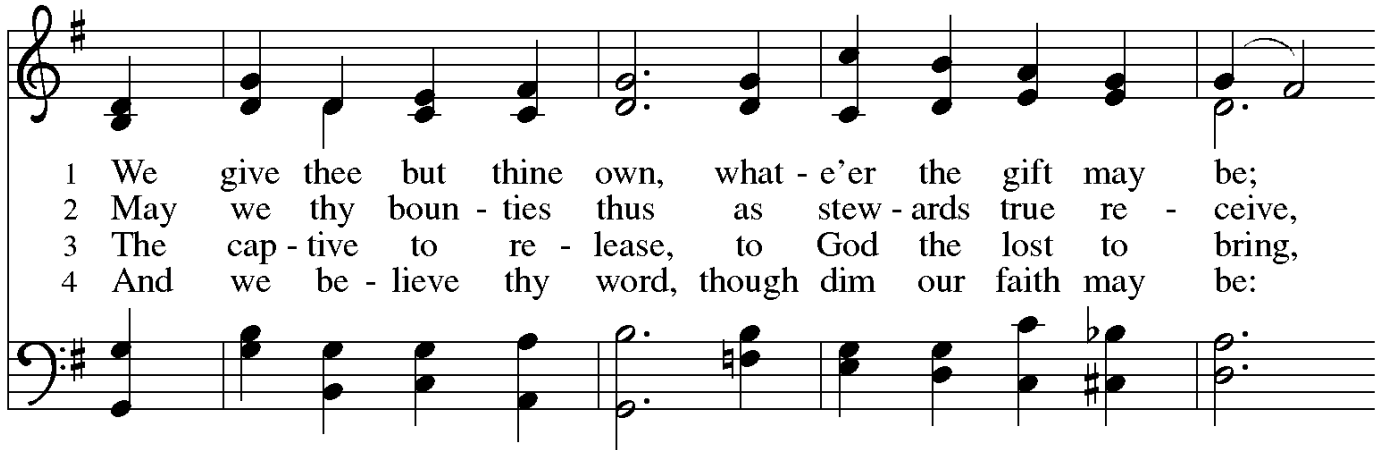
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# We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

## DISMISSAL

**D:** Go in peace. with Christ beside you.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** FUGUE ON “ST. ANNE”, PART 3 JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

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## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Worship Services:**

Sundays at 8AM & 10:15AM\*

In-Person & \*Live-Streamed at

[www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service](http://www.faithlutheransrq.com/live-service)

Sunday, September 11, Online views: 31

Sunday, September 11, Attendance: 79

**Next Sunday, September 25, 2022**

### **The 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Amos 6:1a,4-7**

Warnings to those who are comfortable or wealthy

#### **Psalms 146**

The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed

#### **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Eager to be rich or eager to pursue richness of God's justice?

#### **Luke 16:19-31**

Story of poor Lazarus and the wealthy man

### **This Week at Faith:**

#### **Monday, September 19**

#### **Tuesday, September 20**

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

#### **Wednesday, September 21**

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

1:00 p.m. Bereavement Group in Chapel

#### **Thursday, September 22**

1:00 p.m. Stitch 'n Chatter

6:00 p.m. Jazzercise

#### **Friday, September 23**

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

#### **Saturdays, September 24**

8:30 a.m. Jazzercise

#### **Sunday, September 25**

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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### *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](mailto:pastor@faithlutheransrq.com) or call the church office!

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## *Mary's Circle*



On Tuesday, September 20<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.

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## 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.

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## Food for the Poor

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

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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.



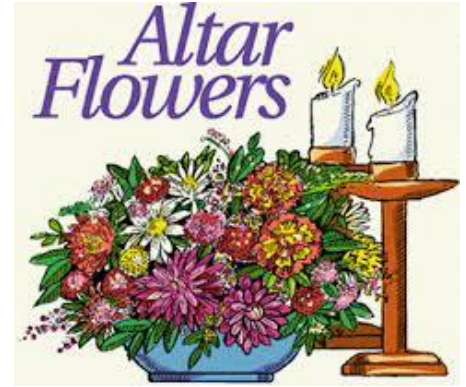
## Social Media Feedback – Email Office Admin



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.**

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## *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!**

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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.





## 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.

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

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