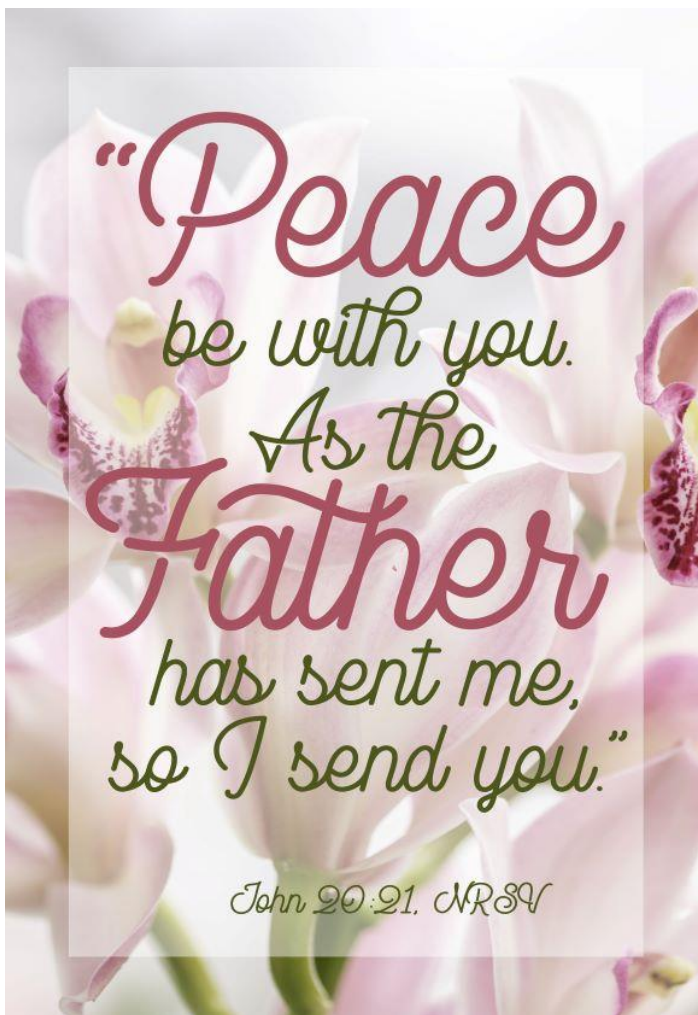




Faith Lutheran Church

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September 29, 2024 + 8:30 am

Notes To Assist Our Worship

Welcome – We are glad you chose to worship here today! We hope you discover the presence of God here and that together we can grow as friends of Christ and one another.

Standing and Sitting – If standing, sitting, and kneeling is too much for you, please remain seated (or standing at the communion rail) during those parts of the service. God is coming to you with His Gospel gifts. Our standing, sitting, and kneeling are simply our responses to God based on our health and ability.

Nursery – Faith Lutheran Church has a staffed nursery available for you to use on Sundays for children age 3 and younger. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in finding the nursery.

Hearing Impaired – Do you have a hearing impairment that makes it difficult to enjoy worship as much as you would like? Faith has a “hearing loop” for those with hearing aids with that feature. We also offer hearing impaired FM receivers for those wishing to use one. Please see one of our sound technicians for assistance.

Notes on Communion – If you need gluten-free wafers, they are located on a stand in front of the baptismal font to be picked up on your way to the communion rail. If you need a non-alcoholic option, white grape juice is in the center of the communion tray.

Communion Distribution – The practice at Faith, after having received communion and the blessing, is that you step back (off the carpet) so that the next group can proceed forward and prepare for receiving communion.

Our Hymnals – *LSB* refers to the *Lutheran Service Book*, which is the burgundy hard covered book in the pew rack. *WOV* refers to *With One Voice*, the smaller blue soft cover book.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

Make Me a Servant arr. Carol Tornquist
(Elizabeth Balentine, piano)

WELCOME

*ENTRANCE HYMN

O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN

LSB 913

*INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Refrain**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

LSB 156

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Gracious and sending God,

**Just as You Sent Your Son into the world, You send us into
the world as Your witnesses. Empower us by Your Spirit to
share Your love, proclaim Your forgiveness, and bear Your
light in a dark world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-39

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up

and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 8:1-11

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit

of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***ALLELUIA VERSE**

LSB 157

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

***HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:19-23

LSB 157

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 20th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

LSB 501

MESSAGE

Pastor Peter

***A CONFESSION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Janice Sullivan**, friend of Lisa Hutchings, hospitalized
- **Ralph**, friend of Glenn Collins, recovery from heart surgery
- **Brendan Mackenzie**, friend of Paula Reitz, congestive heart failure
- **Lou Lovoli**, friend of John & Kay Gerlach and Alan & Noreen Crouse, recovery from extensive cancer surgery
- **Catharine Schmidt**, recovering in the Jewish Home Rehabilitation Center

Thanksgiving:

- **Griffin Blake Lindskoog** (9/16/24), son of John & Sandy Lindskoog, grandson of David & Cathy Lindskoog, great-grandson of Ed Lindskoog

Other:

- **Jr FLY Fall Retreat**, for our teens growing in their faith
- For our **DCE Search Committee** as we continue searching for the DCE that God has in mind for us

Called to Glory:

- **Anita Schultz** (9/22/24), sister of Diann Berndt, aunt of Sharon Mendez and Gretchen Buck

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Compassion Hymn* Gettys, Townend (Vocal Ensemble)

There is an everlasting kindness You lavished on us
When the radiance of heaven came to rescue the lost;
You called the sheep without a shepherd to leave their distress
For Your streams of forgiveness and the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting, You reached out Your hand
As the lame ran to meet You and the dead breathed again;
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow and shared in our tears,
Heard the sigh of the weary, let the children draw near.

Refrain:

What boundless love, what fathomless grace
You have shown us, O God of compassion!
Each day we live, an offering of praise
As we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of calv'ry and gazed on Your face,
At the thorns of oppression and the wounds of disgrace;
For surely You have borne our suffering and carried our grief
As You pardoned the scoffer and showed grace to the thief. *Refrain*

How beautiful the feet that carry this gospel of peace
To the fields of injustice and the valleys of need-
To be the voice of hope and healing, to answer the cries
Of the hungry and helpless with the mercy of Christ. *Refrain*

+SACRAMENT +

***PREFACE**

LSB 160

The Lord be with you.
And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good...evermore praising You and saying:

***SANCTUS**

LSB 161

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

***AGNUS DEI**

LSB 163

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.**

FAITH COMMUNION STATEMENT

Holy Communion is a gift from God and an expression of our unity in the Christian faith. We invite and welcome to the Lord's Table those who joyfully affirm the following:

+ I believe that I am a sinner and I repent of my sins.

+ I believe that in eating this bread and drinking this wine, I am receiving the Lord's true body and blood.

+ I believe that my sins are forgiven in this sacrament and I will strive to amend my life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ I have been baptized.

+ I have been prepared for Holy Communion through instruction.

(For those with dietary restrictions, please see "Notes" on page 1.)

***RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

HOLY SPIRIT, LIGHT DIVINE

LSB 496

O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE

WOV 688

***POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

LSB 922

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Marilyn Thompson

Thank you to our volunteers!

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Acolyte/Crucifer: Maxwell Poromon, **TBA**

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Lay Reader: Jeff Kurzrock

Live Stream: Jason Gerlach, Evan Ford

Sound: Bob Helm

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