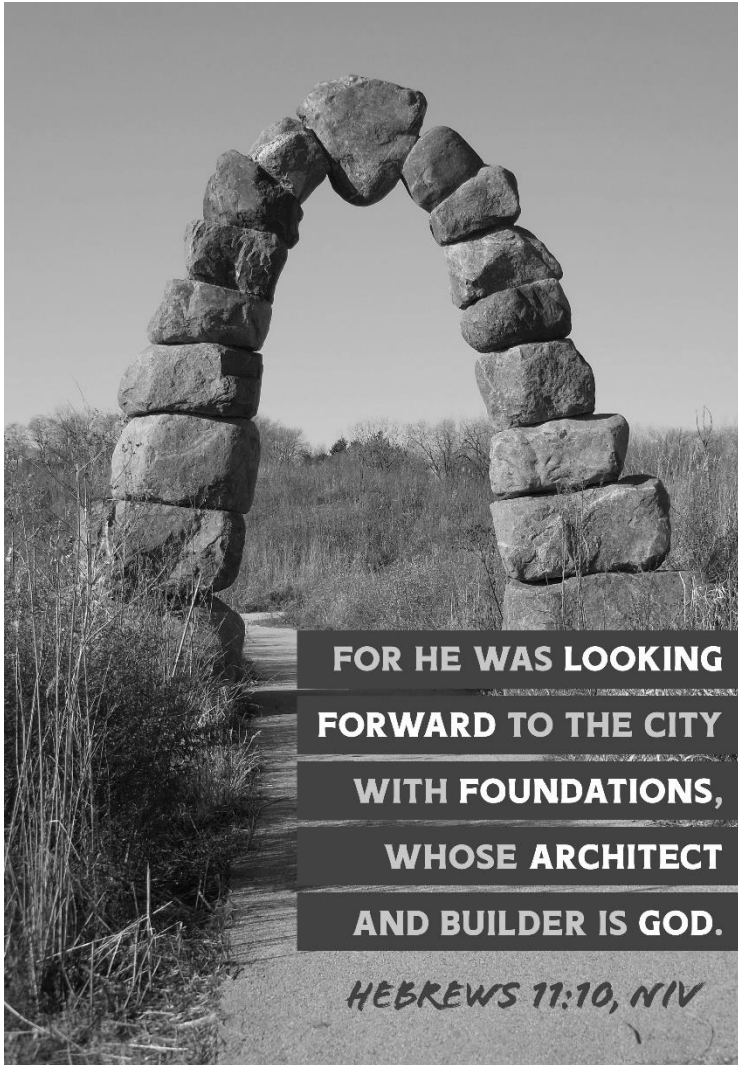




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**FOR HE WAS LOOKING
FORWARD TO THE CITY
WITH FOUNDATIONS,
WHOSE ARCHITECT
AND BUILDER IS GOD.**

HEBREWS 11:10, NIV

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 + 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 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.

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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025 + 8:30 am

PRELUDE

Jesus, Lead Thou On

Paul Manz

WELCOME

***OPENING HYMN**

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST *LSB 733*

***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.

KYRIELSB 152*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISEGLORY TO GOD**LSB 154*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAYLSB 156*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

Gracious God, You led Abraham by faith and You cause Your Kingdom to grow like seed in the field. Teach us to trust that You provide for every step of our journey, so that we may walk forward in confidence and hope, until You bring us to the city You have prepared; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 16:1-30

16 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the Lord said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you

has in his tent.”¹⁷ And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less.¹⁸ But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat.¹⁹ And Moses said to them, “Let no one leave any of it over till the morning.”²⁰ But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them.²¹ Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.²² On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers each. And when all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses,²³ he said to them, “This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Tomorrow is a day of solemn rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord; bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over lay aside to be kept till the morning.’”²⁴ So they laid it aside till the morning, as Moses commanded them, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it.²⁵ Moses said, “Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath to the Lord; today you will not find it in the field.”²⁶ Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, which is a Sabbath, there will be none.”²⁷ On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.²⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commandments and my laws?”²⁹ See! The Lord has given you the Sabbath; therefore on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Remain each of you in his place; let no one go out of his place on the seventh day.”³⁰ So the people rested on the seventh day.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having

acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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**

Mark 4:26-32

LSB 157

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

JESUS, LEAD THOU ON

LSB 718

***APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*

Bradbury/Gilmore

(Quartet: Wendy Melenbacker, Karen Nitschke, Meredith Tindall,
Renate Tindall)

He leadeth me: oh, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, wheree'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me.
His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
(*Refrain*)

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. (*Refrain*)

And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. (*Refrain*)

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Sick/Hospitalized:

- **Kent Walter**, brother-in-law of Donna Kaser, undergoing diagnostics

Called to Glory:

- **Christopher Congilaro** (9/7/25), son of former FCCNS employee Bonnie Millen

***THE 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.

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN* *LSB 921*

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *On What Has Now Been Sown* Jan Bender

Thank you to our volunteers!

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Acolyte/Crucifer: **TBA**

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Live Stream: Jason Gerlach

Sound: Bob Helm

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