



**The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 11 , 2013**

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FAITHFUL LUTHERANS SENT BY CHRIST TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN

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The flowers on the altar are given today to the glory of God by Fred and Tami Czerwonka in honor of their anniversary and Don and Vivian Smith's anniversary

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WELCOME!

All are welcome at Faith Lutheran Church today as we continue our journey of faith. Join with us as we offer our praises to God. There is a nursery available for those who need it.

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Events/Activities This Week around Faith:

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| Today | 9:15am | Sunday School | Wed. 8/14 | NEWSLETTER ART. DUE |
| | 10:30am | Worship | Fri. 8/16 | 7:00pm Concert in Park |
| Mon. 8/12 | 6:00pm | Church Council | Sun. 8/18 | 9:15am Sunday School |
| Tue. 8/13 | 7:00pm | Theol. On Tap | | 10:30am Worship |

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Announcements

If you are looking for a way to contribute to those who are suffering in Moore, OK from the deadly F-5 tornado, you may send your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300 or using a credit card over the phone at 1-800-638-3522. Because LDR is a part of the ELCA, all overhead costs are covered by our Synod's benevolence giving. Therefore, 100% of your contribution goes directly to respond to those victims who are suffering. If you would like to contribute to the 11 Lutheran families that were wiped out by the storm, the church address is Trinity Lutheran Church, 5701 S. May Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73119 Pastor Roger Bruns.

Remember to sign up to bake or help sell for the Friday Concerts in the Park. The OWLS can really use your help. Thanks

Pastor will be on vacation beginning Wednesday, August 14 – 21, 2013 Please contact Pr. Robyn Kistemaker at rkistemaker@gmail.com for any pastoral concerns.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead,
showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Just and gracious God,
we come to you for healing and life.
Our sins hurt others and diminish us;
we confess them to you.
Our lives bear the scars of sin;
we bring these also to you.
Show us your mercy, O God.
Bind up our wounds,
forgive us our sins,
and free us to love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The apostle Paul assures us:

"When we were dead in our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ,
nailing the record of our sins to the cross."
Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven."
Be at peace, and tell everyone
how much God has done for you. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (ELW 759)

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 -

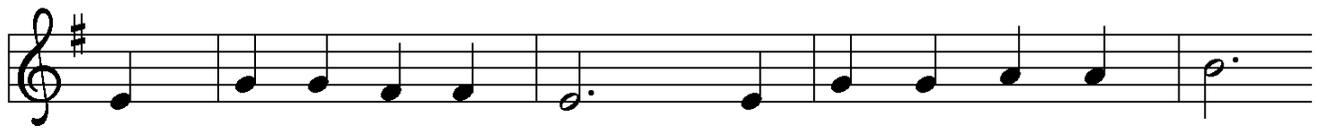
guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

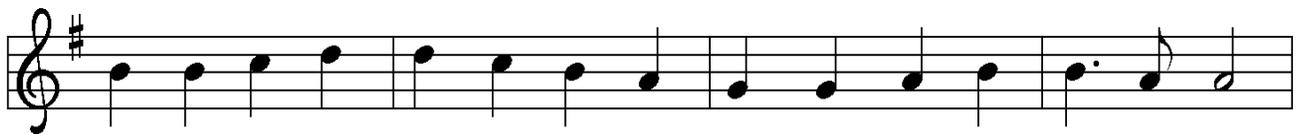


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

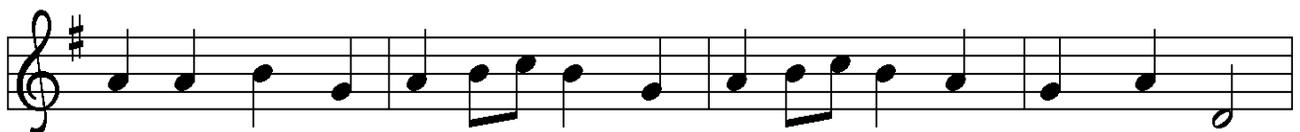
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12–22

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹²Happy is the nation whose God¹ is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to¹ be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks¹ down from heaven,
and sees all¹ humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly en-¹ throned and watches
all who dwell¹ on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions¹ all their hearts
and observes¹ all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size¹ of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by¹ their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain¹ hope for victory;
despite its great strength it¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
¹⁹**to deliver their | lives from death,**
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.
²⁰Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,
our helper | and our shield.
²¹**Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,**
for in your holy name we | put our trust.
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

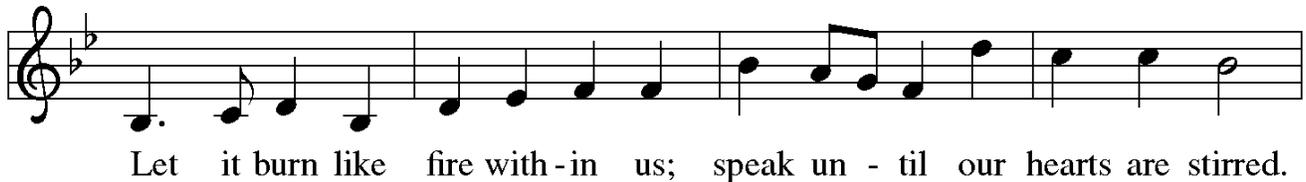
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32–40

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Have No Fear, Little Flock* (ELW 764)

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;
have no fear, little flock,
for the Father has chosen
to give you the kingdom;
have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;
have good cheer, little flock,
for the Father will keep you
in his love forever;
have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;
praise the Lord high above,
for he stoops down to heal you,
uplift and restore you;
praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;
thankful hearts raise to God,
for he stays close beside you,
in all things works with you;
thankful hearts raise to God!

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Gracious and loving God, invigorate the varied ministries in your church and encourage new avenues of praying and proclaiming, nurturing and teaching the good news to all in need of receiving it. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish the vital web that connects all of creation, and open in us occasions for reflection and rejuvenation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Intercede where justice and peace are lacking, and raise up wise leaders who will regard the needs of all people. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Assure the restless and those seeking answers; relieve the suffering of all who need healing or resolution *especially* Megan Holman, Don Smith, Fred and Anne Steaban, John Taylor, Beth Wright, Dennis Yellina, Margie Barr, Megan Bartram, William Cox, Betty Decker, Gwen Doering, Dorissa Falk, Linda Henry, Vicky Kasserman, Phil Lakes, Shelly Marshall, Dick Martin, Dodie McEuen, Alyssa Paro, Richard Peter, Sharon Raque, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Karen Sackstader, Ken Walker. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Accompany all who travel and are far from home; help us to welcome the visitors among us and learn from what they have to offer. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers of your faithful people, either silent or spoken aloud.

Be present at celebration tables, increasing the joy of those who gather for birthdays, weddings, and parties especially Fred and Tami Czerwonka and Jim and Barbara Rife with anniversaries this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Draw us to the heavenly city prepared for those who have trusted in your promises *especially Clare, Abbess of San Damiano*, and grant us the assurance of all that we hope for. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of

the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** *The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*
The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

The assisting minister offers the following prayer

Let us pray... God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the Feast.

COMMUNION



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

All are invited to come to the table. If you do not wish to receive the elements, please fold your arms across your chest and pastor will offer a blessing to you. Distribution of communion is by intinction. As the ushers direct you to the front, receive the bread from the pastor. DO NOT EAT IT. Take the bread to the silver chalice for wine or the ceramic chalice for grape juice and dip it in then eat the dipped bread. Return to your pew via the side aisles for prayer and meditation. After all have communed the pastor says the following:

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

Let us pray...O God, as a mother comforts her child,so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

SENDING SONG: *Jesus, Still Lead On* (ELW 624)

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Megan Holman, health issues

Don Smith, recovering from fractures suffered from a fall at home

Anne Steaban, recovering from heart attack

John Taylor, recovering from back surgery

Beth Wright, health issues

Dennis Yellina, brain cancer

Family & Friends

Margie Barr, recovering from hip surgery

Megan Bartram, health issues

William "Happy" Cox, treatment for hepatitis C

Betty Decker, health issues

Gwen Doering, stage 4 cancer chemo treatment

Doriss Falk, undergoing tests

Linda Henry, pancreatic cancer treatment and surgery

Vicky Kasserman, bone marrow cancer

Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition

Shelly Marshall, breast cancer surgery

Dick Martin, recovering from surgery

Dotie McEuen, recovering from a fall

Jennifer Mitchell, breast cancer

Alyssa Paro, treatment for breast cancer

Richard Peter, health issues

Sharon Raque, staph infection

J C Richardson, health concerns

Angela Rutledge, heart attack

Karen Sackstader, health concerns

Ken Walker, cancer of the tongue

*Please note, we reset the Family & Friends portion of prayer concerns each month, please let us know of anyone you would like to remain on or be placed on the list.

Shut-in

Edwina Andregg, Autumn Woods

Walter Clive, at home

Norma Boehme, Westminster Village

Ken Steward, Westminster Village

Dorothy Clerici, Lincoln Hills Health Center

Service agencies/programs/special needs

CLM

Eric Hall Foundation

Members of Faith who have lost jobs and are seeking employment

Lapsed members and visitors seeking a church home

Members of our Armed Forces at home and abroad

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$3,366.00 | Worship attendance | 67 |
| Other Offering | 50.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$3,416.00 | Total attendance | 68 |

We need \$3,596 in current each week to continue the missions of our church. How did we do last week? Thanks to all who worship, work, give, and pray at Faith in thanks to God for God's blessings.

SERVING THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Aliyah Vogler |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Sandra Neathammer |
| Acolyte | |
| Altar Guild | Veronica Rife |
| Greeters | |
| Ushers | Lyle/Peg Gernand |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
| Financial Assistant | |
| Ambassador | |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Pastor | Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Tom Hayes |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Judy Bartram |
| Acolyte | Aliyah Vogler |
| Altar Guild | Veronica Rife |
| Greeters | Tom/Kathy Hayes |
| Ushers | Lyle/Peg Gernand |
| Audio | Rick Barr |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | |
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Scripture Readings for next week: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56