

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 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  
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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:**

|                  |         |                    |           |         |                      |
|------------------|---------|--------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:15am  | Sunday School      | Thu. 8/22 | 10:00am | Bible Study          |
|                  | 10:30am | Worship            | Fri. 8/23 | 7:00pm  | Concerts in the Park |
| <b>Mon. 8/19</b> | 10:00am | Quilters           | Sun. 8/25 | 9:15am  | Sunday School        |
|                  | 6:00pm  | Girl Scout Leaders |           | 10:30am | Worship              |
| <b>Tue. 8/20</b> | 5:30pm  | OWLS meeting       |           |         |                      |

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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 is on vacation returning Wednesday, August 21, 2013 Please contact Pr. Robyn Kistemaker at [rkistemaker@gmail.com](mailto: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: *Faith of Our Fathers* (ELW 812)**

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

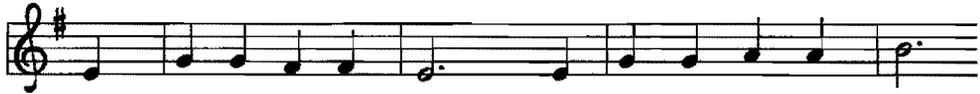
when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

## 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.... O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23–29**

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 82**

*The Psalm for the day is spoken.*

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**<sup>6</sup>Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

**<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"**

**<sup>8</sup>Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2**

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:49–56**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>49</sup>I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

<sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast* (ELW 517)**

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

**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.*

Almighty Father, send the fire of your word to cleanse and refine your church, and shine the light of the gospel to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, bring your cooling and refreshing breath into the world's parched places; protect the very young and the old, the earth's fragile habitats, and all that is vulnerable to the heat. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, all the nations belong to you; give justice to the weak and the orphan, and rescue the needy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, keep safe all those in the paths of destructive wind or water; heal those afflicted by poor living conditions; be near to all who are suffering *especially* Don Smith, Anne Steaban, Dennis Yellina, Margie Barr, Megan Bartram, William Cox, Betty Decker, Gwen Doering, Dorissa Falk, Sally Gettlefinger, 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.**

Faithful God, lead our congregation through times of strife and division; tend and nourish the vine of our faith that we may bear much fruit. 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 Darrell and Julie Rayborn with an anniversary this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, fulfill your promise to those who have run with perseverance the race, and at the last join us with that great cloud of witnesses before your everlasting throne. 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.**

## **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.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on 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: *Lead On, O King Eternal!* (ELW 805)**

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **Members**

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

Anne Steaban, recovering from heart attack

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

Sally Gettlefinger, health issues

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

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

Eric Hall Foundation

### **This Week at Faith**

|                  |            |                    |    |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|----|
| Current Offering | \$3,231.00 | Worship attendance | 67 |
| Other Offering   | 80.00      | Nursery attendance | 1  |
| Total Offering   | \$3,311.00 | 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**

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Worship Leader</b>      | <b>Bev. Haire</b>       |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Tom Hayes</b>        |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>    |
| <b>Children's Church</b>   | <b>Kate Blough</b>      |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             | <b>Aliyah Vogler</b>    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | <b>Veronica Rife</b>    |
| <b>Greeters</b>            | <b>Tom/Kathy Hayes</b>  |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | <b>Lyle/Peg Gernand</b> |
| <b>Audio</b>               | <b>Rick Barr</b>        |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>Lisa Peter</b>       |
| <b>Social</b>              |                         |
| <b>Financial Assistant</b> |                         |
| <b>Ambassador</b>          |                         |

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>              | <b>Scott Meier</b>         |
| <b>Assistant</b>           | <b>Veronica Rife</b>       |
| <b>Organist</b>            | <b>Barb Brewster</b>       |
| <b>Children's Church</b>   | <b>Cindy Holley</b>        |
| <b>Acolyte</b>             |                            |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>         | <b>Veronica Rife</b>       |
| <b>Greeters</b>            |                            |
| <b>Ushers</b>              | <b>Lyle/Peg Gernand</b>    |
| <b>Audio</b>               | <b>Rick Barr</b>           |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | <b>Lisa Peter</b>          |
| <b>Social</b>              | <b>Scott/Veronica Rife</b> |
| <b>Financial Assistant</b> |                            |
| <b>Ambassador</b>          | <b>Jim/Barbara Rife</b>    |

**Scripture Readings for next week: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13: 10-17**