



**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 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 Cindy Holley in honor of Michelle and Sarah's birthdays.

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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 | Thu. 9/5 | 9:30am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 11:30am | Lunch/Presentation | Fri. 9/6 | 7:00pm | Concert in the Park |
| Tue. 9/10 | 9:30am | WCS | Sun 9/8 | 9:15am | Sunday School |
| Wed. 9/11 | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | 10:30am | Worship |
| | | | | 1:00pm | SCCYouth@Taylors |

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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

Today special presentation will be held after a pot-luck lunch so that we might learn about Kids for Hunger, a project our Council has recommended that we participate in as a part of the God's Work, Our Hands initiative from the ELCA.

SCC youth will have their annual swimming and planning party at Taylors beginning at 1pm on Sunday September 15, 2013.

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:
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

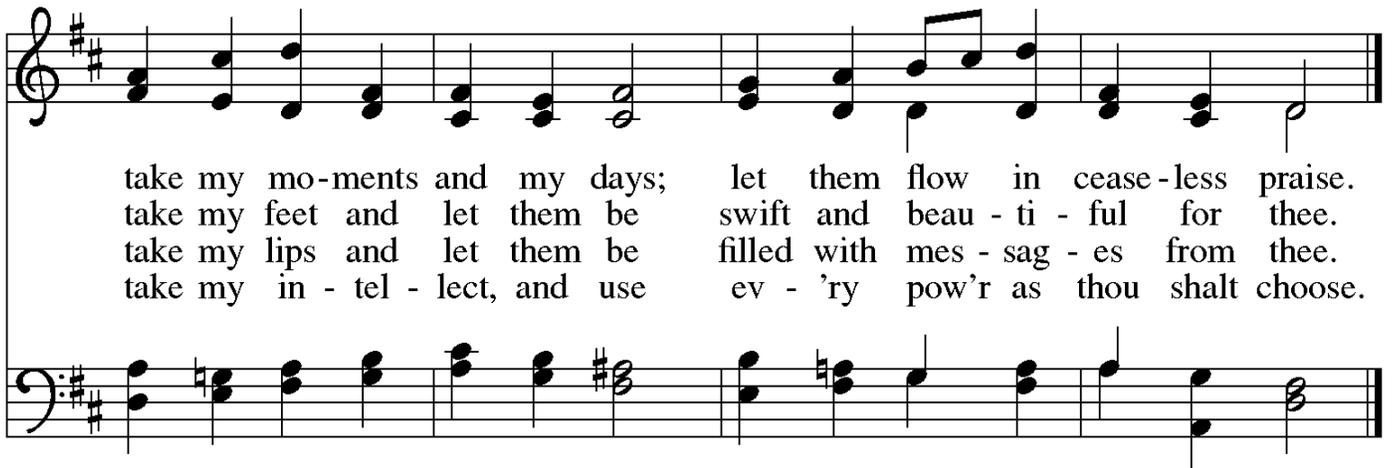
God of overflowing grace,
we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you
in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.
By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Take My Life, That I May Be* (ELW 583)



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

GREETING

Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

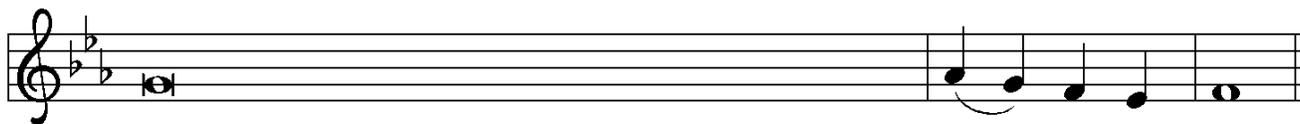
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



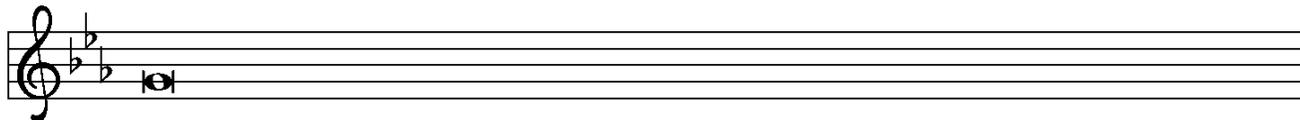
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



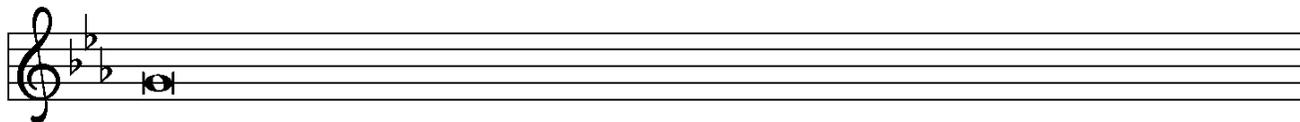
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



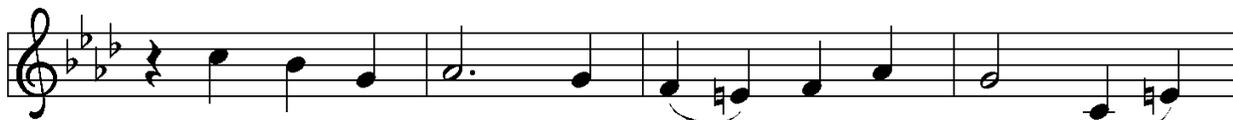
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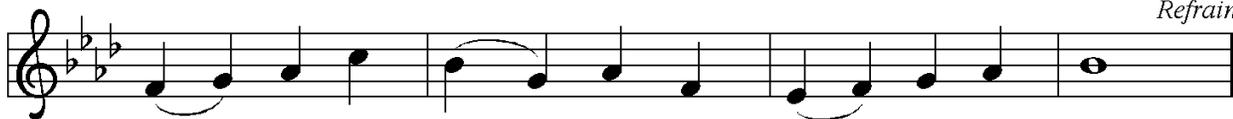
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.....Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

The Psalm for the day is sung.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹do not wither;
everything they ¹do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so ¹with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ¹of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way ¹of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ¹be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: Philemon 1:1–21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God
⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the
Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective
when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed
received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts
of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you
to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love —
and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ
Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I
have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you,
but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him,
that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so
that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment
for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in
order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that
you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a
slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you,
both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25–33

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Listen to the story Jesus tells the crowds that are following him about the cost of discipleship.

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, Speak to Us, That We* (ELW 676)

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy and faithful God, teach your church to walk in ways of trust and
obedience. Plant your presence among us, that the life you intend for us
may flourish. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Strengthen fruit-bearing trees and plants, as harvests are gathered. Increase
yields, and encourage just distribution of food throughout the world. Hear
us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant that all who are imprisoned or enslaved would know the freedom
that you alone can give. Sustain them, that they would each one day know
a safe and joyful homecoming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gather together all people who feel removed from you because of illness, crisis, or fear *especially* Patti Smith Anne Steaban, John Taylor, Beth Wright, Dennis Yellina, Megan Bartram, Liz Booker, William Cox, Betty Decker, Gwen Doering, Dorissa Falk, Sally Gettlefinger, Linda Henry, Fran Heuton, Ronnie Heuton, Don Kruer, Vicky Kasserman, Phil Lakes, Shelly Marshall, Dick Martin, Dodie McEuen, Jennifer Mitchell, Alyssa Paro, Richard Peter, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Douglas Sagstetter, Karen Sackstader, Ken Walker.. Deliver them to a place of healing, and embrace them with your unfailing mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bless Sunday school teachers and students, Bible study participants, and all teaching ministries. Let your life-giving word be freely shared among all who hunger for it. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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 Denni Yellina with a birthday this week. Be present at empty tables, filling the hungry and the lonely with hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Living God, refresh our hearts through the witness of the saints. Build us up as one community in Christ, and lead us to the good that comes from following you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O Holy One, we entrust all for whom we pray, confident in your abundant and abiding mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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...Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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,

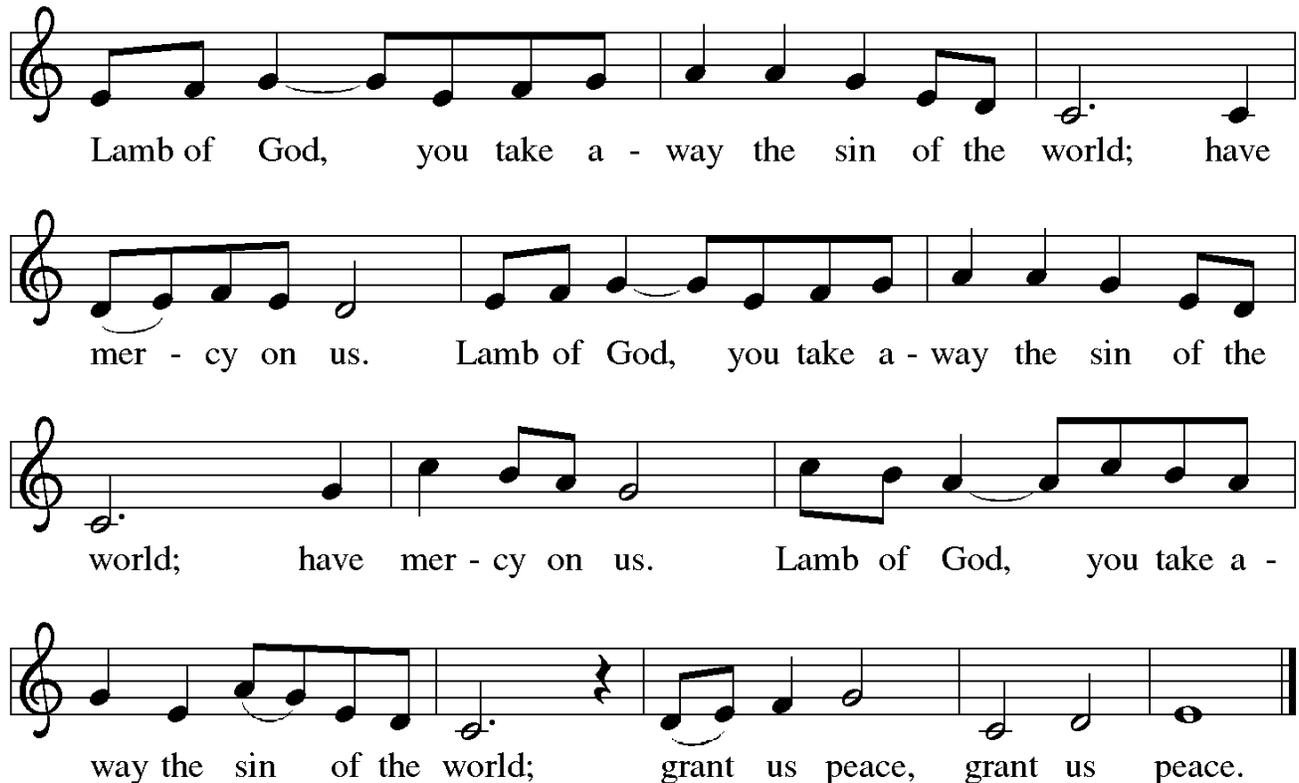
and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Take hold of the life that really is life. Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION



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.

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:

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **AMEN**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister offers the following prayer:

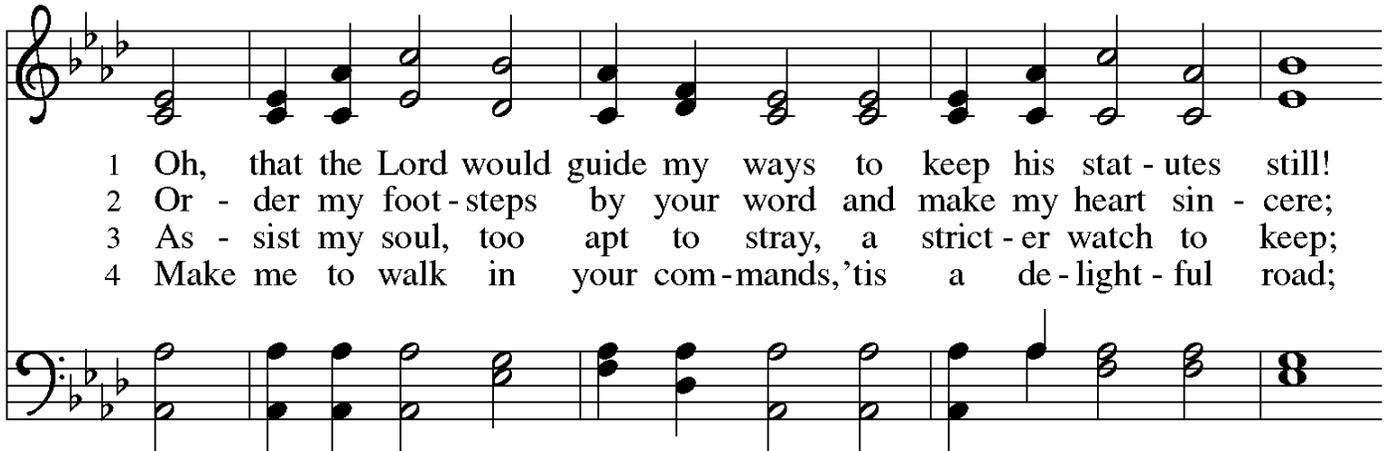
Let us pray....We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG: *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide* (ELW 772)



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Members

Patti Smith, recovering from foot surgery

Anne Steaban, recovering from heart attack

John Taylor, health concerns
Beth Wright, recovering from thyroid surgery
Dennis Yellina, brain cancer

Family & Friends

Megan Bartram, health issues
Liz Booker, breast cancer treatments
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
Fran Heuton, health issues
Ronnie Heuton, bladder cancer
Vicky Kasserman, bone marrow cancer
Don Kruer, health issues
Phil Lakes, recovering from stroke and heart condition
Shelly Marshall, breast cancer surgery
Dick Martin, recovering from surgery
Dodie McEuen, recovering from a fall
Jennifer Mitchell, breast cancer
Alyssa Paro, treatment for breast cancer
Richard Peter, health issues
J C Richardson, health concerns
Angela Rutledge, heart attack
Douglas Sagstetter, Hodgkins lymphoma
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 Don Smith, Windsor Ridge

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
Eric Hall Foundation

This Week at Faith

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| Current Offering | \$2,920.00 | Worship attendance | 59 |
| Other Offering | 994.00 | Nursery attendance | 1 |
| Total Offering | \$3,894.00 | Total attendance | 60 |

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 | Kate Blough |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Sandy Neathamer |
| Acolyte | |
| Altar Guild | Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Brent/Bev Haire |
| Ushers | Scott/Veronica Rife |
| Audio | Dennis Gardner |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Pot-Luck and Program |
| Financial Assistant | |
| Ambassador | Jim/Barb Rife |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pastor | Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Tom Hayes |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Cindy Holley |
| Acolyte | |
| Altar Guild | Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Brent/Bev Haire |
| Ushers | Scott/Veronica Rife |
| Audio | Dennis Gardner |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Mike/Donna Baugh |
| Financial Assistant | |
| Ambassador | Virginia Klemens |

Scripture Readings for next week: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-19 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10