



**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 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 Christa Hodge in memory of her mother and her aunt.

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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. 9/19 | 9:30am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 1:00pm | SCC Youth | Fri. 9/20 | 7:00pm | Concert in the Park |
| Mon. 9/16 | 10:00am | Quilters | Sun 9/22 | 9:15am | Sunday School |
| Tue. 9/17 | 9:15am | WCS | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Wed. 9/18 | 10:00am | WELCA | | 3:30pm | Girl Scouts |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | | |

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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

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

The WELCA circle will meet at the home of Donna Baugh instead of at the Church on Wednesday.

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: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)



1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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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

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 DAY

Let us pray....O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7–14

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I

will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1–10

The Psalm for the day is spoken.

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–10

The gospel is announced.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Listen as Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.

The gospel concludes:

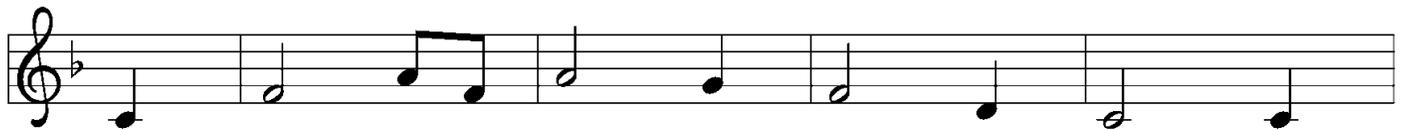
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON *Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet* (ELW 779)



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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 God of reconciliation, pour out your mercy upon us when we stray to ways of sin and disobedience. Turn us back to you, and fulfill your righteous covenant. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Shower the earth with abundant water, especially where there is drought and clean drinking water is scarce. Refresh all people with flowing rivers and springs. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Send your Spirit of forgiveness and renewal to all families, communities, and nations. Reconcile us to one another, as you have graciously reconciled us to you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Seek out those who struggle on their own with illness and despair *especially*: Jim Falkenstine, Patti Smith, Anne Steaban, John Taylor, Beth Wright, Dennis Yellina, Megan Bartram, Liz Booker, William Cox, Betty Decker, Gwen Doering, Dorissa Falk, Sally Gettlefinger, Fred Horlander, Linda Henry, Fran Heuton, Ronnie Heuton, Don Kruer, Chris, Kinnett, Kathy Kinnett, Phil Lakes, Shelly Marshall, Dick Martin, Dodie McEuen, Jennifer Mitchell, Alyssa Paro, Richard Peter, J C Richardson, Angela Rutledge, Douglas Sagstetter, Karen Sackstader, Theresa Sizen, Ken Walker. Join yourself to them, bear their burdens, and lift them up to find hope and strength in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
Accompany refugees, displaced persons, and all who wander without

homes. Shelter them from all enemies. Give them stability through others sent to serve them. 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 Kristina Peter, Fred Steaban and Karen Veselus with birthdays and Fred and Anne Steaban with an anniversary 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, your mercy transforms us. Speak to us through the lives of Vicky Kasserman and all the saints, and use our lives to proclaim the healing power of your salvation. 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.

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 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, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people;
he stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.
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 away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us your 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

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

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

Jim Falkenstein, surgery

Patti Smith, recovering from foot surgery

Anne Steaban, recovering from colon cancer surgery

John Taylor, health concerns

Beth Wright, recovering from thyroid treatments

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
Fred Horlander, recovering from heart bypass surgery
Chris Kinnett, recovering from heart bypass surgery
Kathy Kinnett, broken toe
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
Theresa Sizen, health issues, asthma
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 Rehab
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 | \$2,627.73 | Worship attendance | 72 |
| Other Offering | 195.00 | Nursery attendance | 2 |
| Total Offering | \$2,822.73 | Total attendance | 74 |

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 | Tom Hayes |
| Organist | |
| 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 | Kate Blough |
| Ambassador | Virginia Klemens |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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| Pastor | Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Veronica Rife |
| Organist | |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte | |
| Altar Guild | Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Sarah Rife/Braxton |
| Ushers | Scott/Veronica Rife |
| Audio | Dennis Gardner |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Rick/Terri Barr |
| Financial Assistant | Kate Blough |
| Ambassador | Scott Riffe |

Scripture Readings for next week: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.