



**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 22, 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:

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| Today | 9:15am | Sunday School | Thu. 9/26 | 9:30am | WCS |
| | 10:30am | Worship | | 1:00pm | Bible Study |
| | 3:30pm | Girl Scouts | Sat. 9/28 | 11:00am | WELCA Tea |
| Mon. 9/23 | 10:30am | Worship@Good Sam | Sun 9/29 | 9:15am | Sunday School |
| Tue. 9/24 | 9:15am | WCS | | 10:30am | Worship |
| Wed. 9/25 | 7:00pm | Confirmation | | | |

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Announcements

Contemporary style worship next week, September 29. Please plan on joining us as we worship our Lord in a different way.

See the last pages of the bulletin for other important announcements

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

It's Friday, but Sunday's Coming

**Nothing's sacred, the days are cheap
Truth is thin on the ground
Still our prophets are crucified
Nobody believes in stumblin'
It's Friday, but Sunday is comin'**

**Someone's saying a prayer tonight
For hungry mouths to be filled
Someone kneels in the dark somewhere
Darkness is already crumblin'
Yeah, it's Friday, but Sunday comes.**

**Chorus: Sunday! Hallelujah!
It's not so far, it's not so far away (Repeat)**

**Broken promises, weary hearts
But one promise remains
Crucified he will come again
It's Friday but Sunday is comin'
Yeah it's Friday but Sunday is comin' Chorus.**

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 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....God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.\

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 113

The Psalm for the day is spoken.

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations,
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1–7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1–13

Listen as Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

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

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground firm through the fiercest drought
and storm**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease**

My Comforter, my all in all here in the love of Christ, I stand.

**In Christ alone—who took on flesh fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to
save.**

**‘Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ, I live.**

There on the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again.

**And as he stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny**

**No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ, I'll stand.**

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, who gives all good things, open our mouths and loose our tongues to praise you for all of your ways. Let our witness lead others to your goodness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your provision for every living creature that makes preparations for the cold season ahead. Preserve life in plants and animals, that they may blossom again after winter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Fill the leaders of our nations with your truth. Direct their decision making, and guide them to ensure a peaceable life for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Make yourself known among people in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer with illness, hopelessness, and fear *especially* Jim Falkenstine, Patti Smith, Anne Steaban, John Taylor, Beth Wright, Dennis Yellina, Ron Barr, Megan Bartram, Liz Booker, William Cox, Betty Decker, Gwen Doering, Dorissa Falk, Sally Gettelfinger, Fred Horlander, Linda Henry, Fran Heuton, Ronnie Heuton, 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. Surround them with comfort, and restore them to life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage and inspire ethical business practices. By your Holy Spirit, move employers to pay fair wages. Let your justice permeate economic systems, that none may suffer want. 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 Judy Bartram, Barbara Rife, Whitney Hayes and Scott Rife with birthdays 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, giving thanks for the saints, whose lives point toward Christ, we pray you lead us in faithful living, until the day when heaven and earth are united before him. 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 Made to Worship

Before the day, before the night, before the world revolved around the sun

God on high stepped down into time and wrote the story of His love for everyone

He has filled our hearts with wonder, so that we always remember

**Chorus: You and I were made to worship
 You and I are called to love
 You and I are forgiven and free
 When you and I embrace surrender
 When you and I choose to believe
 The you and I will see, who we were meant to be**

**All we are, and all we have is all a gift from God that we receive
Brought to life we open up our eyes to see the majesty and glory of the
King.**

**He has filled our hearts with wonder, so that we always remember
Chorus**

**Even the rocks cry out, even the heavens shout at the sound of His
holy name**

So let every voice sing out, let every knee bow down.

He is worthy of all our praise. Chorus.

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 Gettelfinger, 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

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

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 | \$3,074.00 | Worship attendance | 57 |
| Other Offering | 35.00 | Nursery attendance | 3 |
| Total Offering | \$3,109.00 | 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 | Veronica Rife |
| Organist | |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte | |
| Altar Guild | Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Bev and Brent Haire |
| Ushers | Scott/Veronica Rife |
| Audio | Dennis Gardner |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
| Social | Rick/Terri Barr |
| Financial Assistant | Kate Blough |
| Ambassador | Scott Rife |

SERVING NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

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|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pastor | Scott Meier |
| Assistant | Bev Haire |
| Organist | Barb Brewster |
| Children's Church | Kate Blough |
| Acolyte | Aliyah Vogler |
| Altar Guild | Jane Lakes |
| Greeters | Jim/Nancy Vogt |
| Ushers | Scott/Veronica Rife |
| Audio | Dennis Gardner |
| Nursery | Lisa Peter |
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Scripture Readings for next week: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31