

faith

Worship, News & Notes

September 19, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to the many servants who have worked and volunteered to make this service possible.

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17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 19, 2021

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Today's Readers

8:30 – Patti Larzelere

11:00 – Laura Hornbacher

Psalm for the Day – Psalm 54

Prayer Request Cards

are available through the Elder as you enter the sanctuary

NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!-Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399 Direct TV—channel 37 Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

Communion Policy Statement

St. Paul writes, "**Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of this bread and drink of this cup.**" The Sacrament of Holy Communion is for those who have been instructed in the Christian faith and have a proper understanding of the meaning of Holy Communion as taught at Faith Lutheran, a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We believe that in this Sacrament Jesus gives His real body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and in receiving this gift we promise to love God and others. A great way to prepare for the Supper is by reviewing Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" on pp. 329ff in the hymnal. If you have not been instructed in this understanding of Holy Communion, please consult with the pastor before communing. **All children and adults who have not yet been instructed are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing, simply crossing their arms on their chest.** Gluten-free wafers and nonalcoholic wine are also available. Please contact an elder if you have further questions.

Call to Worship - Announcements - Sharing of the Peace

You are encouraged to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Stand

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit: Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the LORD;

C trust in him, and he will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C and your justice as the noonday.

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: **C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, the second staff for the second line, and the third staff for the third line. The lyrics are: **P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 54

A ¹O God, save me, by your name,

C and vindicate me by your might.

A ²O God, hear my prayer;

C give ear to the words of my mouth.

A ³For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men seek my life;

C they do not set God before themselves.

A ⁴Behold, God is my helper;

C **the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

A ⁵He will return the evil to my enemies;

C **in your faithfulness put an end to them.**

A ⁶With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;

C **I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

A ⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble,

C **and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.**

Epistle: James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

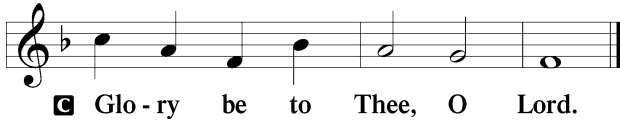
¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30–37**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Nicene Creed**

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

730 What Is the World to Me

Sermon

Offering

We should give to God in a spirit of joyfulness.

" . . . God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

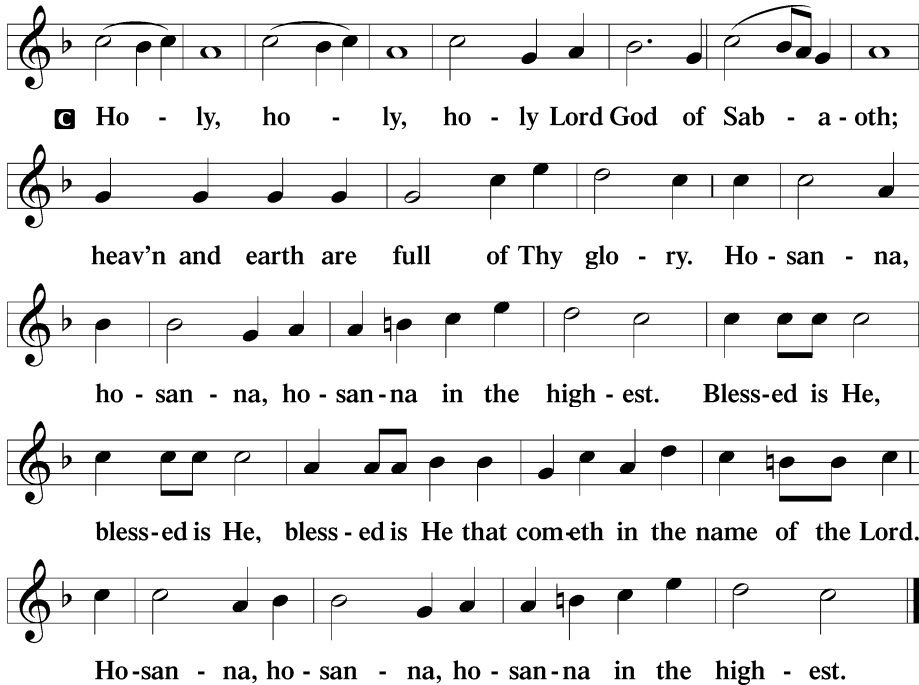
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

971 There Is a Redeemer



1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;



Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.
Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
There I'll serve my King for-ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain

Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv-ing us Your Son,

And leav - ing Your Spir-it Till the work on earth is done.

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547 The Lamb

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

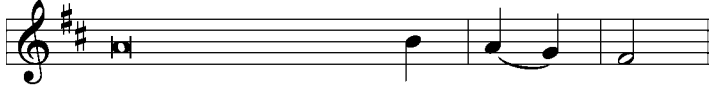
a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



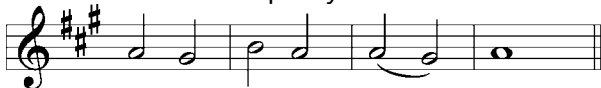
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

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Why Trust the Bible? - Christians stake their beliefs, worship practices, even their lives on the words of this thousands of years old collection of anthologies and letters. But why? There are lots of other ancient texts; what makes this one stand out? This fall in Sunday morning Bible study we will be taking a look at what the Bible is (and isn't) and why we believe "This is the Word of the Lord." **Join us from 9:45-10:45 in the Sanctuary.**

Ladies Wednesday Bible Study – “MARK” – Come join us for this laid-back Bible Study - no homework – no reading (if you choose) – just friends searching the scriptures together. **Wednesdays from 9:30 – 11:00am.**

The Altar Guild will be having a meeting on **Thursday, Sep 30 at 7pm** in the coffee room. All Altar Guild volunteers, please plan to attend. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild, you are very welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. Thank you!

The Noisy Offering will be collected **next Sunday, September 26**. Please place your donations in the bread pans as they are passed through the pews. These gifts are given to Community Sharing to purchase food for those in need in our local community. Thank you for giving to those in need!

Birthdays

19 Debbie Tino	22 Melinda Trainer
21 Sherry Hanovich	24 Bob Pierce
22 Mike Bockelman	25 Connie Heger
22 Sherri Steigerwalt	25 Stan Nelson

Anniversaries

Mike & Sandi Bockelman	9-21-1963
Bill & Theresa Erfourth	9-22-1973
Nathan & Kathy Eriksen	9-23-1989
Gary & Katie Tino	9-25-1954



Disaster response - The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is already assessing how to address the needs of impacted communities after Hurricane Ida, the Haitian earthquake & now more destructive weather. You can find out how to donate or volunteer at

<https://www.lcms-lert.org/>

Stephen Ministry - Pray for Coping Skills – Daily we face challenges, some more difficult to manage than others. But God gives us the strength to cope with challenges. For this we can pray daily for the blessing of coping skills and to strengthen them. Some people though are overwhelmed by them, so consuming that they are unable to deal with normal decision making. Hundreds of Stephen Ministers in the Metro Detroit area provide distinctively Christian Caring to those that have lost the ability to cope. While praying for the weak you can pray for those Stephen Ministers. You can also pray for our Stephen Ministry at Faith, for those who serve and for those who are contemplating becoming a Stephen Minister. Coping – thank God he gives us the ability to cope.



During communion we do have available non-alcoholic Sacrament (white grape juice) in center of tray.
Large Print Services are available. Ask Elder on duty.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Sunday	Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study and Confirmation Class	9:45am
	Board of Christian Education	12:00pm
Tuesday	AA	12:00pm
	AA & ALANON	8:00pm
	Women's Bible Study	9:30am
Thursday	Voter's Meeting	7:00pm



Please Remember in Your Prayers—Larry & Connie House, Jean Donley, Lori Flores, Dolores Arndt, Steve Hargis, Doris Maxwell, Vince Rhodes, John Dickson, Mike Stanley, Sandy Searcy, John Zabik, Dennis Goers, Carl Grunwald, Dean & Arti Ayers.

As well as our family, friends & neighbors—John Carlton, Vic

Quigley, Kevin & Amanda Burger, Cynthia Turner, Marvin Petsch, Madeline McGrath, Laurie Karaska, Tim Nolan, Rev. Rich Tino, Gregg Steigerwalt, Margie Erfourth, Doug Storts, Trevor Young, Erik Currado, John Allmacher, Linda Klein, Pat Hanish, Marilyn Pleiness, Rev. Jon Reusch, Krista Valko, Rick Prueter, Jan Oleszczak, Julie Campbell, Mike Kethman, David Doe, Lisa Grunwald, Sue Moore, Pam Jaeger, Susan Barrons, Bill Brese (friend of Joe & Linda Hadley – bone cancer), **Ann Bond** (wife of Dan Brown's friend - cancer), **Sloan Peterson** (great-granddaughter of Carl & Kathy Lemke), **Ted Kempffer** (Jennie's husband), **Christian Ozog** (18 yr old son of Paula Robinson's co-worker – massive stroke), **Aleen, Jackie, George, MaryAnn, Harley & Niklas** (nephew of Frank & Connie Redman).

Our Heartfelt Christian Sympathy to Tom & Gwili McDonnell at the passing of **Virginia McDonnell**. Virginia's memorial service will be held in Grand Blanc on **Sept 25** led by Pastor Moyer. Information will be sent via email as soon as we receive it.

Our Sympathy also to the family of Tom Gonzalez. Tom & his wife Helga attended here for a while and were/are members at St. Mark. Some may remember them from Cedar Crest.

Please keep these families in your prayers as their loved ones enter into the Lord's care.

	<u>Thru July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings	\$143,954.10	\$25,822.00	\$169,776.10
Expenses	\$147,542.37	\$19,075.08	\$166,617.45
Surplus/Deficit (-)	(-\$ 3,588.27)	\$ 6,746.92	\$ 3,158.65
Budgeted Offerings/Exps.	\$138,126.00	\$23,021.00	\$161,147.00
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Last Sunday	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 5,230.00	-(\$ 2,550.00)

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