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**† ORDER OF SERVICE – WITH HOLY COMMUNION †**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC.....Music Ministry

PRELUDE:.....“Down to the River to Pray” J. Carter

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION .....PASTOR**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**INTROIT..... Responsive Psalm 32:1-7**

**P:** <sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

**C:** whose sin is covered.

**P:** <sup>2</sup>Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

**C:** and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**P:** <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

**C:** through my groaning all day long.

**P:** <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

**C:** my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**P:** <sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,

**C:** and I did not cover my iniquity;

**P:** I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

**C:** and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P:** <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

**C:** surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**P:** <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

**C:** you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**OPENING HYMN....."Come Thou Almighty King" LSB# 905**

1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing; Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword; Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless, And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art, Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen. .**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: . . . . . “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” LSB#803**

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- △ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading: .....Ezekiel 33:7-9 (Leslie Grange)**

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G:** Thanks be to God.

**New Testament Reading: .....Epistle: Romans 13:1-10 (Leslie Grange)**

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G:** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Stand)...“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” LBS# 955

1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.

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### Holy Gospel:.....Matthew 18:1-20 (Leslie Grange)

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax

collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**R** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise be to Thee, Oh Christ

**SERMON HYMN:..... “O Bless the Lord. My Soul LSB#814**

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| 1 | O bless the Lord, my soul!<br>Let all within me join<br>And aid my tongue to bless His name<br>Whose favors are divine.      | 4 | He crowns thy life with love<br>When ransomed from the grave;<br>He that redeemed my soul from hell<br>Hath sov’ reign pow’r to save.  |
| 2 | O bless the Lord, my soul,<br>Nor let His mercies lie<br>Forgotten in unthankfulness<br>And without praises die!             | 5 | He fills the poor with good;<br>He gives the suff’rers rest.<br>The Lord hath judgments for the proud<br>And justice for th’oppressed. |
| 3 | ’Tis He forgives thy sins;<br>’Tis He relieves thy pain;<br>’Tis He that heals thy sicknesses<br>And makes thee young again. | 6 | His wondrous works and ways<br>He made by Moses known,<br>But sent the world His truth and grace<br>By His belovèd Son.                |

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**THE MESSAGE.....Pastor Johnson**

**THE CONFESSION OF FAITH:..... “THE NICENE CREED”**

**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 T of the world to come. Amen.

**THE OFFERING and OFFERTORY: "The Lord's My Shepherd".....**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*P:* Let us pray .....,

*C:* **hear our prayer**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*P:* Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray.

*C:* **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 ORDER OF SERVICE FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE PREFACE:**

*P:* The Lord be with you.

*C:* **And also with you.**

*P:* Lift up your hearts.

*C:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*P:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*C:* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*P:* It is truly good, 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: Holy, holy, holy Lord God all mighty,  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

## The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:.....

### "Amazing Grace" LSB# 744

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| 1 | Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—<br>That saved a wretch like me!<br>I once was lost but now am found,<br>Was blind but now I see!        | 4 | Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail<br>And mortal life shall cease,<br>Amazing grace shall then prevail<br>In heaven's joy and peace.       |
| 2 | The Lord has promised good to me,<br>His Word my hope secures;<br>He will my shield and portion be<br>As long as life endures.             | 5 | When we've been there ten thousand years,<br>Bright shining as the sun,<br>We've no less days to sing God's praise<br>Than when we'd first begun. |
| 3 | Through many dangers, toils, and snares<br>I have already come;<br>His grace has brought me safe thus far,<br>His grace will lead me home. |   |   |

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### "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" LSB# 643

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| 1 | Sent forth by God's blessing,<br>Our true faith confessing,<br>The people of God from His dwelling take leave.<br>The Supper is ended.<br>O now be extended<br>The fruits of this service in all who believe.<br>The seed of His teaching,<br>Receptive souls reaching,<br>Shall blossom in action for God and for all.<br>His grace did invite us,<br>His love shall unite us<br>To work for God's kingdom and answer His call. | 2 | With praise and thanksgiving<br>To God ever-living,<br>The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.<br>Our faith ever sharing,<br>In love ever caring,<br>Embracing His children of each tribe and race.<br>With Your feast You feed us,<br>With Your light now lead us;<br>Unite us as one in this life that we share.<br>Then may all the living<br>With praise and thanksgiving<br>Give honor to Christ and His name that we<br>bear. |
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**“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB# 576**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

***Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.***

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

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3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
Refrain

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

***P:*** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

***G:*** **And his mercy endures forever.**

***P:*** Let us pray

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS:**

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace – according to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all  
peoples, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people of Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the to Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world without end.... Amen!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Jackie Edwards**

**The Blessing.....Pastor Johnson**

***P*** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makes His face shine on you and  
be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give  
you peace.

***G:*** **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN..... “Lead Me, Guide Me” LSB 721**

***Refrain***

***Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.***

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow’r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain

<p>2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,          Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.          I am putting all my trust in Thee.          Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain</p>	<p>3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,          I am blind without Thy light to see.          Lord, always let me Thy servant be.          Lead me, O Lord, lead me. Refrain</p>
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**POSTLUDE:.....“Sortie”**

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**SERMON NOTES RESPONSE:**

**Sermon Text:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sermon Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scripture Used:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How does The Message Help Me:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What will I do Different:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How will I be a witness:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WELCOME: We welcome all to worship today. The Lord is with Us *WELCOME!***

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**General:** Citizens of Kenosha, LCMS, Faith Lutheran

**Sick or Recovering:** Carol Priest, Nathan, Michael & Lori Fiscus, Esther Ellertson, Debby, Terry, Jo & Eric, Cindy Schindler, Liz, Tom Majeranowski, Evelyn, Linda

**Homebound:** Wanda Ostapenko, Betty Skoglund

**Birthdays:** Joseph Putz, Kensley Fiscus, Mitchell Wiberg, Jonathan Gath, Carol Reese, Amanda Hegel, Frederick Volff, John Putz,

**Batismal:** James Tyler Parsons, son of Katie (Swanson) Parsons and Tyler Parsons

**Baptismal Birthdays:** Justin Grange, Sarah Hasley, Susan Jensen, Evelyn Hoyer

**Wedding Anniversary:** Robert & Lynne Manning

**Military Personnel:** Virgino Casas IV, Sonny Prate, Christopher Paul, Justin Sanders

**Missionaries:** Pastor Daniel & Kathy Conrad (daughter Ana) serving in Mexico City, Mexico; Pastor Delwyn & Lenita Campbell (and 3 children) serving in Gary, IN

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**LWML Mite Boxes:** Women of Faith there is still a need to save your mites for proposed grants of Lutheran Women Mission League. **Boxes are available in the Narthex.**

**Committee Leaders:** Pastor Johnson would like to meet with all the Chairs of Committees **Saturday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall**

**Blood Drive:** The Blood Drive will be held **Monday Sept 28, 2020 from 1:30-6:30 pm.** Please sign up online at Versiti website or contact Margie.

**Volunteer Help Desk:** There is presently a volunteer help desk with a computer for those of you who help with various endeavors of Faith Church's ministries.

**Pastor's Office:** Sunday mornings before and after Worship are not good times to visit with your pastor, unless necessary. **Please call the church office for appointments.**

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**Pastor needs your help:** Please share updated sick and shut in member's contact information with pastor.

**Computers & Audio/Video:** Teena Lubomski, Eric Swanson and Bob Hameetman are researching the IT/Computer needs of Faith Lutheran.

**Worship Services:** Beginning September 2020 worship service will be as follows

**Holy Communion Services: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, Celebratory and Holiday services**

**Non-Communion Services: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

## **THIS WEEK AT FAITH:**

**Monday, Sept 7: Office Closed for Labor Day**

**Wednesday, Sept 9: 11:00 baptism of James Tyler Parsons (Katie Swanson)**

**Wednesday, Sept 9 7:00pm Bell Choir Meeting – Sanctuary**

**Wednesday, Sept 9 8:00pm Choir Meeting – Sanctuary**

**Saturday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Committee Chairs Meeting with Pastor- Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Board of Directors Meeting**

**Sunday, Sept 13th 10:00a.m. Non-Communion Worship and Live-Streaming**

**Today's Worship Helpers: .....(Next Week's Helpers)**

Greeters: Allen & Nancy Schmelter, Fredrick Volff (S Brown, D & S Laube)

Ushers: Dorothy Finley, Del Brandau, Buzz Gross, Wayne Schennum (B Ehlert)

Acolytes: David Ehlert

Reader: Leslie Grange (E Mullinax)

Communion Assists: Buzz Gross, Bob Hameetman, Bob Ehlert

Altar Guild: Lori Fiscus, Patti Demmer, Marilyn Janda, Dawn Sullivan



Flowers This Week

**Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by Joe & Rosemarie Pegoraro  
In memory of Ruth Mueller (sister) and Dennis Bukata (brother in law)**



**TEAM WORK  
MAKES THE DREAM WORK**



**“THE LORD BE WITH YOU”**